



13 April 2020

Good afternoon Junior Years families

Happy Easter to you all. A warm welcome back to all the students and families for Term 2! We hope you are all keeping well, and if your family has been adversely affected by the current situation, we pray a blessing on your family, that God will grant you wisdom and favour as you navigate the immediate steps for your/your family's future.

Being the season that brings us hope, I have attached a gem from Ps Darcie Frost (Elim Church) on Communion. - AN ACT OF PERFECT LOVE. "IT IS FINISHED." - signifying death of sin, NOT death of Him! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnqv38Vp7Hk>

We have continued to receive incredible photos, videos and reports on Seesaw of the amazing learning that is happening at home. We are so proud of the resourcefulness of all our students and thankful to you for facilitating this new way of learning. Parents, the staff would like to honour you for all you are doing at home during these challenging times.

Here are a few bits of info that will assist with understanding what this coming week will look like.

Meeting together online as GC JYs community

Our first JYs online gathering is the worship assembly this Wednesday at 9.30am. Details below. We will keep in touch with you as to when the next assembly is going to be. We are hoping to have the next worship assembly on the 20th and our usual Friday assembly on the 24th of April to reconnect with our families and share some of the learning that is happening at home. Please remember to come into all online gatherings with your devices muted.

Worship Assembly – this Wednesday (15th) at 9.30am (Google Meet)

On Wednesday, 15th April at 9:30am, Miss Coffey will be hosting our first online worship assembly for GCJY Y1-6.

We will require you to have access to Google Meet in order to join us. The Google Meet Streaming Link:

bit.ly/elimgcjyassemblystream

We look forward to seeing everyone online to reconnect with you and to praise and worship our God together! *(Miss Thorne-Worship Team Co-ordinator)*

ECCO – Elim Christian College Online

A website has been set up to access online learning for Junior Years students. You will need to copy this link and paste into your browser. Mrs Vermeulen will send through the link on Tuesday afternoon via Seesaw.

We understand that classes are using Seesaw and Google Classrooms. For Years 3-6, links have been provided on ECCO for you to access Google Classrooms. For Y1-2, hard copies

of the workbook were provided before lockdown commenced. However, if you were unable to pick up a hard copy, this has been saved on the ECCO website for you to download. For all classes, ECCO may direct you to work to be done on Seesaw and Google Classrooms as well.

Please note that we will be providing a timetable for you when the online learning programme kicks in on the 15th of April. The timetable aims to create a balanced day for our students. It has been wonderful to see the variety in initiative over the past few days around how the days are being organised. However, we do understand that these are unusual times, and we encourage all our parents to gauge what will work best for their children on any specific day, that you decide how much can be accomplished in a day and the nature of activities that would best suit any given day.

Availability of/Accessibility to staff online

Ms Rees and Ms Mudhan will be available every day from 2.30-3pm for parents to contact us via Zoom. Parents, we would like to support you as best as we can. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to talk to us, especially around the task you have of facilitating learning at home. We appreciate all that you are doing. If you are unable to connect at this time, please flick us an email and we can decide on another time together.

<https://bit.ly/34wusIO>

Meeting ID: 355 222 163 Password: 025027

Pastoral Care Teachers - your children will meet online with their Pastoral Care Teachers every morning at 9am. It is important that this daily face-to-face meeting happens as the connection with their teachers and classmates will help our students gain focus for the work set up for that day.

If you are unable to connect for some reason, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher via Seesaw or email (first.name.last.name@elim.school.nz)

Looking after our wellbeing

Looking after our wellbeing is essential right now. The current situation has drastically changed the way we work, socialise, travel, access healthcare, exercise, shop and live. Below is the link to the Mental Health Foundation website with a few healthy tips to help us get through. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/top-tips-to-get-through/>

As teachers at Elim Christian College, we want to be a part of the answer and help alleviate any anxiety around your child's learning. Please feel free to contact us if you are unsure about anything that has been planned as part of online learning.

We look forward to meeting with / seeing you online.

We sincerely pray that our LORD will continue to bless you (and your families) and keep you; may the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace during these challenging times.

Nga mihi nui

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