

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Kia Ora everyone

As we work our way through Term 2, our plans for development of the 'middle years' part of the Golflands Campus will become more and more evident. It's an amazing work in progress. Currently the proprietors have applied for consents to commence building one of the two blocks. A number of staff have had some input into the design. Please pray for a smooth application process. Work also continues on the second block, as well as concept plans for the Botany Campus (Y11-13). The proprietors have been blessed by the sale of two parcels of land. We appreciate all the prayers that have gone up during the sale process. It is just too hard to even suggest timeframes for the building projects but we will keep you informed.

This past Saturday the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team met to review progress on the 2017 annual plan and to consider what implications the building projects will have on our operations. This was such a great morning as literally 'one team' prayed, reflected, shared and took 4 hours to focus on our amazing school. What a privilege for staff and parents to work unitedly for the glory of God as we seek to provide the absolute best for our students and their families.

BOT Chairman Chris Bethwaite shared Psalm 40:5 *"O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them."* This really sums up the Elim journey of which we all have a part to play.

I would like to ask you as our parent community to pray for the Senior Leadership Team of our school. These are stunning people who presented to the BOT with significant knowledge, skill and passion on Saturday. I am in awe of what they do and who they are as people. I'm convinced, as the convenor of this group, that the enemy would like nothing better than to challenge the unity of this team – to divide and conquer. They are God-appointed shepherds and gatekeepers during this exciting yet demanding season of development. Please pray the power of God over them daily.

Host Families Wanted

Our International students are requiring wonderful Christian homes. Have you ever considered hosting an International Student for Elim Christian College?

We are looking for families to become Homestay providers to our International Students. There are opportunities for short term students and long term students.

Families need to be available and willing to spend time with their students. English needs to be the first language spoken at home. Families are reimbursed \$260 per week.

If you would like more information and are interested in becoming a homestay family please contact Aileen King our Homestay Coordinator at email homestay@elim.school.nz



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL



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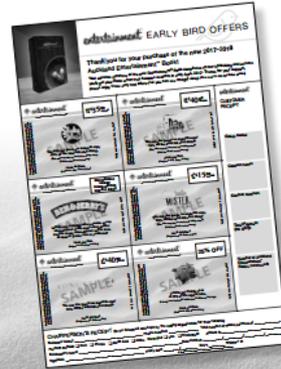
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SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

Welcome to the second term! This will be a busy time as academic programmes grow in demands, internal assessment focus and many exciting co-curricular events taking place!

Our congratulations to Miss Ashleigh Payne (Art Department) who got married over the holidays and is now Mrs Booyesen! We welcome back Mrs Katrina Bungard (also Art Department) part-time for this term as she completes her Masters Degree.

Our senior and junior prefects marched with Mr Burton in our local **ANZAC Parade at Stockade Hill, Howick** on the 25 April. This was a formal and moving ceremony with the laying of a wreath by our head prefects, Vivian Xu and Joshua Bagg.

Thank you to all students on the Senior and Junior Campus for their support of our **mufti day and sausage sizzle** this week. This fundraiser was the initiative of our head and deputy head prefects, who are working with leaders from our neighbouring colleges in the East Auckland Schools group, to raise funds for three children charities including Starship. This partnership is a wonderful opportunity for our students to **“reach, serve and influence”!**

A special thank you to Mrs Joanna Emery and the Intermediate Department for their very informative **Maths Whanau Evening** held on Tuesday. The Intermediate team were joined by Mr Luke Rutland (HOD Mathematics Y9-13) who also shared regarding the progression of maths concepts in the secondary years.

Y13 Geography students enjoyed their field trip to Muriwai on Wednesday – a good day of sunshine to be out collecting data and preparing for their current internal achievement standard.

On Friday, we will be hosting a group of international students from Hong Kong, which we are looking forward to.

This week, a number of Y12 students are away for the week at BMAC (Blue Mountain Adventure Centre) – an exciting week of outdoor fun and challenges and extensive opportunities for rich team-building and personal growth!



Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Senior Campus

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A big THANK YOU for your support of the sausage sizzle and mufti day this week. Our senior and junior prefects recognised the need to raise funds for Kidz First and promptly responded. It is always pleasing to see students actively at work in serving our community in this way, and Ms Rees and Miss Potter do a remarkable job of organising and supervising this.

We certainly felt like winter had arrived early last week with a taste of its bitter chill. The mornings being definitely crisper leads me to mention some concerns. A few of our students are dropped off much earlier than is advised and usually have to brave the weather before staff arrive. While in some cases this cannot be helped due to circumstances, we ask that parents consider other options especially during the wet months.

Our winter uniform means that our students are appropriately dressed or at least have another layer in their bags. According to the Student Handbook, *all items of school uniform may be worn summer or winter as appropriate to the weather conditions. The school scarf is the only scarf permitted to be worn in Terms 2 and 3 for winter uniform. No T-shirts or undergarments must show around the neck or below blouses or shirts.* A special mention of shoes needs to be made too:

- *Black polishable, lace-up shoes with no trim of any colour. No sneakers or canvas shoes.*
- *Black sandals of any style with back strap. (No trim of any other colour).*
- *Jandals and high heels are not allowed*

An inter-house basketball competition starts next week. Mr Castledine is working with some of our Junior Leaders to manage these games. We have been planning for this to happen for a while and we are really excited that this is beginning. Please come along to watch a game if you become aware when your child is playing.

This week is both Road Safety week and Sign Language Week. Mrs Groenewald has a focus around road safety for each day in the week so please support our children to participate in this. There is a Giant Walk on Friday at 8.15am starting from Bob Charles Reserve. Please come along for this short walk to school to show support of the road safety education initiatives taken by our Travelwise team.

A reminder that assembly is at 1pm on Friday. The Year 5's are planning a special Mothers' Day assembly which will be followed by High Tea in the hall. We had a great turn out last year and we are expecting the same this year. We are really looking forward to seeing as many mums attend as possible. ***Proverbs 31: 28*** *Her children arise and call her blessed.*

Please continue to check for notices on our website to remain updated on all the events at both campuses. The website <http://www.elim.school.nz/> is your first port of call for all current information.

Nga mihi nui
Neetha Mudhan (Ms)
Assistant Head of the Junior Campus



Junior
Campus

Happy
Mothers
day

Junior
Campus

Her children arise and called her blessed

Proverbs 31:28

Our ARISE parents, staff and students at
ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE JUNIOR CAMPUS
invite you to a

**SPECIAL
MOTHERS' DAY
ASSEMBLY
Friday 12th May**

Assembly: 1pm - 1.45pm

High Tea: After assembly in the hall

**Celebrating the special women in our lives
and thanking them for all that they do for us!**

Road Safety Week: 8 - 14 May 2017

Road Safety Week 2017 will take place 8 - 14 May, and will coincide with the 4th UN Global Road Safety Week and the theme is *Save lives #SlowDown*

These are the days and what you need to wear/bring:

Monday, 8 May 2017	Tuesday, 9 May 2017	Wednesday, 10 May 2017	Thursday, 11 May 2017	Friday, 12 May 2017
Be Bright, Be Seen – make sure drivers see you on the road (over your uniform) 	Feet First – wear your trainers for a healthy walk. 	Wheels day – bring your helmet and your wheels for a great day! 	Road User day – poster and dress-up. 	Giant Walk – everyone welcome! It's really COOL to walk to school! 

Competitions – due Thursday, 11 May 2017 at 3pm:

Year 0 - 2:

Create: Create a poster to remind drivers to slow down around schools – hand it in to Mrs Groenewald by Thursday, 11 May 2017 3pm. The winner will be announced on Friday, during assembly!

Year 3 - 6:

Create: Make a 30 second advert about pedestrian safety or reducing car usage and e-mail it to Mrs Groenewald by Thursday, 11 May 2017 3pm. The winner will be announced on Friday, during assembly!

Monday 8 May - Be Bright Be Seen

Wear your loudest brightest clothes over your uniform so you are easily recognised by drivers in the “Be Bright Be Seen’ day.

Tuesday 9 May – Feet First

Step out in your trainers for Feet First day. Walking keeps you fit and eases congestion around our school.

Wednesday 10 May - Whacky Wednesday

Get out all your wheels and your helmet and bring them on Whacky Wednesday.

Thursday 11 May - Road User day

Create a Road Safety poster about slowing down to save lives. Bring your poster and dress up as any road user – could be an athlete, cyclist or a driver. Be creative in your ideas and design.



Friday 12 May - Giant Walk

Parents and students are all welcome, please come in big numbers!!! Meeting at 8:15am at Bob Charles Reserve (reserve on Golflands Drive). **The class with the most students will win a prize**



CALENDAR

TERM 2: 1 MAY 2017—7 JULY 2017

MAY

Week 2	8	9	10	11	12
Senior Campus	⇒ BMAC	⇒ BMAC	⇒ BMAC	⇒ BMAC	⇒ BMAC
Junior Campus				⇒ Y5/6 Chess Tournament	⇒ Mother's Day Assembly and High Tea
Week 3	15	16	17	18	19
Senior Campus	⇒	⇒	⇒ Y10-13 Te Kura Trip	⇒ DOE Bronze	⇒ DOE Bronze ⇒ World Vision Assembly <hr/> 20 Elim's Got Talent
Junior Campus	⇒ Science Week	⇒ Science Week	⇒ Science Week	⇒ Science Week	⇒ Science Week
Week 4	22	23	24	25	26
Senior Campus	⇒ Cultural Week	⇒ Cultural Week ⇒ ICAS DT ⇒ ACS Netball	⇒ Cultural Week ⇒ ACS Netball ⇒ SEZ Soccer ⇒ Y8 Tree Adventures	⇒ Cultural Week ⇒ \$2 Mufti Day	⇒ Cultural Week
Junior Campus		⇒ 7pm-9pm Reading Curriculum Evening			

Term 3: 24 July 2017—29 September

Term 4: 16 October 2017—14 December 2017