

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

29 September 2017

Term 3 - Week 10

From the Principal

Kia Ora everyone

Term 3 has come to an end. Ten weeks jam-packed with great learning activities and opportunities. My thanks to our community of families for your superb support once again. Thanks to our wonderful staff for their expertise and dedication relentlessly applied and given throughout the past ten weeks. Well done students of all ages for your contributions and involvement in the life of your school. This past week has seen the Golflands Campus explode with reading, reading, reading - so good to see! On Thursday morning at our Botany Campus, 20 Prefect applicants delivered their 1 minute speeches to a Y7-13 assembly. This was such a good assembly with 20 wonderful role models honouring God and outlining their vision for next year.

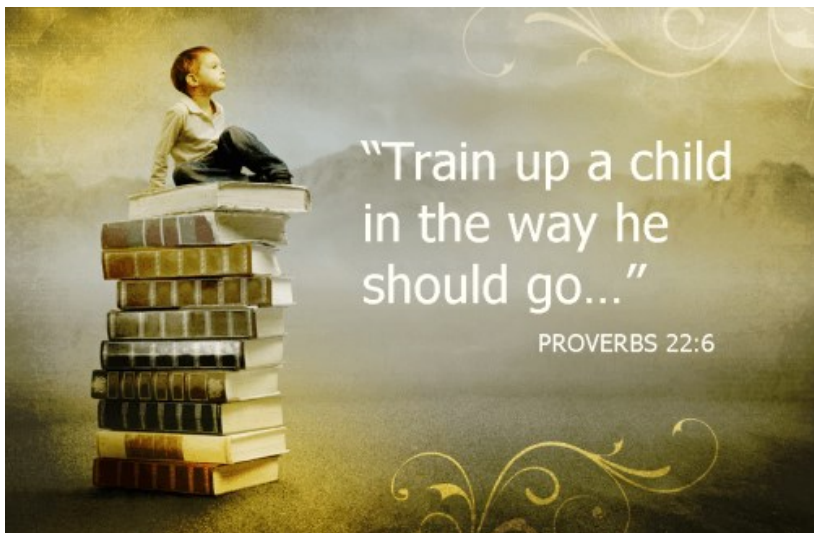
At the time of writing this we are about to hold our only full school assembly for this term and it will be filled with talent, celebration of achievement, culture and worship. The best way to finish a term.

God bless for the next two weeks and take some time to refresh the lives of others. "*He who refreshes others is himself refreshed*".

Farewells

We farewell and say thank you to Mr Richard Tai and Mr Ackermann. Mr Tai has been with us this term relieving for Mrs Bailey who returns next term and Mr Ackermann has been with us at Golflands Campus for the past 2 years. God bless you gentlemen in the years ahead.

Mrs Janelle Palmer will be teaching for half the week and Mrs de Jong will increase her hours in Y5.



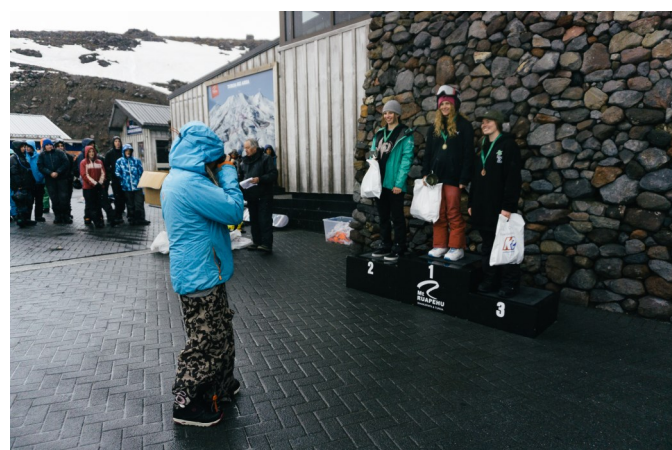
Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

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Elim Christian College girls snowboarding team are once again #1 in the North Island!

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Hamilton Christian School Sports Exchange

On Monday we had a sports exchange with Hamilton Christian School. The 1st XI senior football team had a fun day away in Hamilton, playing a friendly against Hamilton Christian School. Elim 4 - HCS 2. And the Elim Senior Netball team, had a great time playing their senior girls netball team which we hosted here at the Botany Campus. Elim 35 – HCS 45.



Celebrating Significant Sporting Achievement

Recently Matthew Palmer achieved 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th in the final placings for the NZ secondary schools champs. Since then Matthew has now qualified to swim in the NZ short course champs in six events next week. It is so difficult to qualify for this event as there are top swimmers from all of NZ attending. Matt is the only one who has qualified for Manurewa. He received a letter from Counties Manukau congratulating him on qualifying. They are proud of him and so are we here at school.



Our **Elim Snowboarding team** have had a highly successful week at the **Secondary School North Island Championships!** A very big thank you to Mr Tody Granat and Mr Amos Ling for their organisation and input over many months of practice at Snowplanet.

An insight into the excitement and challenges of the competition was provided by Mr Ling:

"We've had an amazing time away at the North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Champs. Both the boys and girls did exceptionally well with many producing their personal bests."

Our overall results across 3 events:

- Slopestyle - Elim qualified 4 out of 10 finalists - Adele Benns, Charlotte Mimilo, Baylin Klein Ovink, Aleisha Bain
- Boardercross - Podium Finish - 3rd (Aleisha Bain)
- Giant Slalom - Podium Finishes - 1st (Aleisha Bain), 2nd (Baylin Klein Ovink)

I am pleased to report that it is official, Elim Christian College are back in 2017 as **defending champions of #1 GIRLS SNOWBOARDING TEAM in the North Island!** A huge congratulations to head coach Mr Tody Granat and the team!"

Our Girls' team have been invited to also participate in the **Secondary Schools South Island Championships** which take place next week at Cardrona, Queenstown!



We had a very exciting **Open morning in the Y7 Galaxy** on Wednesday. Students shared their research and discoveries about Endangered Animals with visiting parents/teachers – this was the culmination of a project-based learning sequence covering numerous aspects of the curriculum. A highly collaborative and inspirational process providing an example of the immense opportunities and deep learning that we can pursue as our Middle School develops!

Y8 students enjoyed their **Work Experience Day** this week as they took the opportunity to have a day in various workplaces around Auckland.

Our **Y13 Christian Living classes** had the fantastic opportunity this week to hear **Dr Luke Barnes** talk on **"Fine Tuning"** (an argument for the existence of God from a Physics viewpoint). The goal was to expose students to high level apologetics, giving them the confidence to face challenges to their faith once they leave school. This is something that we are passionate about as we equip our students for their future!

More information can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=100UWSMUZAU&app=desktop>



Term 3 ended today with our **Full School Assembly**, which is always a special time of bringing our junior and senior students together as we worship, celebrate and share. This will be followed later in the day with our very exciting and long anticipated **House Olympics** hosted by our **senior PE students!** Much preparation and rehearsing has gone into making this a time of sporting fun and house competition. Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for your ongoing support this term. Wishing all our students and families a blessed holiday break (or study break as in the case of our senior students!).

Kind regards

Mrs Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Botany Campus



Thursday 2 November 2017:	Y11-13 Prize Giving
Friday 3 November 2017:	Y11-13 Final Day
Thursday 9 November 2017:	NCEA Exams Begin
Thursday 16 November 2017:	Y9/10 Examinations
Friday 17 November 2017:	Y9/10 Examinations
Saturday 2 December 2017:	Y13 Graduation Dinner

Always DO YOUR BEST.
What you plant now,
you will harvest later.

Dear Parents / Caregivers



We could not have asked for a better finish to the term than with our biennial book week. Mrs Galbraith, Golflands Campus librarian, organised a comprehensive roster of activities that held students' interest for the four days. Mr Burton, our admin staff Mrs Snary and Mrs Aicken, Elim Church youth pastor Darcie Frost, amongst others, engaged students with reading to them during the lunch breaks. Over \$5000 in book sales was made. What a feat! The book character parade was weighted with effort and creativity as it was fairly obvious that parents and students had spent considerable time in designing the outfits. As usual, our staff got behind this as well and revelled in having an excuse to dress up! I have included a photo of our incredible Year 0/1 team who got into character totally with Mrs Wishy Washy.

As the holiday begins, it is a good time to take stock of uniform and stationery in preparation for the new term. Naming your items of clothing certainly helps when the collection in the office of lost, misplaced or forgotten items starts to build up. Please take a few minutes these holidays to make sure that the labelling has been done as per guidelines.

Thank you to all the Road Patrol parents who weekly give up their time to help supervise the crossing. I tend to express my gratitude around this time each term merely as a reminder to the rest of us of this special group of parents and students who serve the school community. Their effort is greatly appreciated by those of us who use the crossing.

Early next term, you will be receiving Term 4's permission letters. Our Term 4 focus is **SUSTAINABILITY** - Looking to the Future. Classroom programmes have been tailored to address this concept. The Tread Lightly caravan will be visiting to introduce important areas that students can explore with their teachers in class. **Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

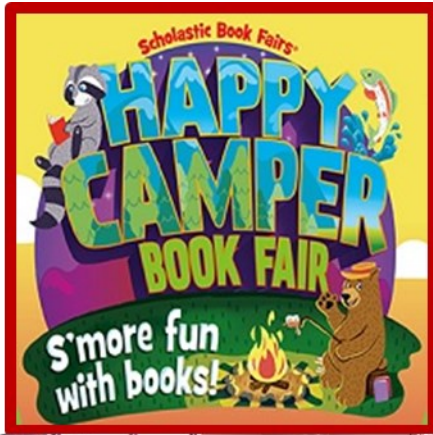
As this is a shorter but no less busier term, there will be a few significant dates to be aware of. One of the strengths of our parent community is their presence at these events/activities, and our admin staff tend to help facilitate this with an early notification. I, myself, am looking forward to Grandparents Day which is quietly being organised by Mrs Bartlem and Mrs Gray. Please mark these dates on your calendars when they become available.

I want to thank the staff at the Golflands Campus for another incredible term, for their time in planning and organising for their students. We are truly blessed with who chooses to work at our school; our staff's commitment and faith in God is a blessing to our children. We wish Mr Neil Ackermann all the best at Owairoa Primary, and we thank him for sharing his love and expertise at our school.

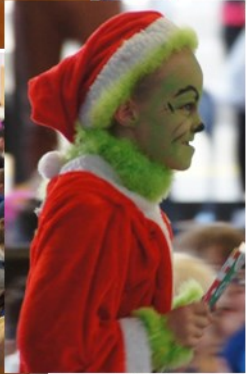
Lastly, please take the time over the holidays to address some area in which you can complement helping your child grow at school – whether it's to further strengthen an area or a talk about taking more initiative or reflecting on something that's happened this term. In so doing, students may be able to see that both their parents and teachers are on their team and share the same values and expectations.

I pray that these holidays will create special moments with your child, whether it's having more time playing together, reading together, visiting a local place of interest or otherwise, etc.

Many Blessings
Ms Neetha Mudhan
Assistant Head: Golflands Campus



Book Week @ GC



Term 3 Chinese Culture Class

Mrs Charm Money and Mrs Ma demonstrated to the cultural group how to make Chinese knots. Thank you Mrs Money and Mrs Ma for blessing us with your time and experience.



CALENDAR

TERM 3: LAST DAY - 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

TERM 4: 16 OCTOBER 2017—14 DECEMBER 2017



MY GREATEST ADVENTURE.

A FREE COURSE EXPLORING LIFE, FAITH & GOD.

17 OCTOBER - 12 DECEMBER.

8 SESSIONS - ELIM CHAPEL - 7PM-9PM TUESDAY EVENINGS
17 OCTOBER - INTRODUCTORY DINNER
25 NOVEMBER - SATURDAY RETREAT: 9:30AM-3PM
12 DECEMBER - CELEBRATION DINNER

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