

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Kia ora everyone

I would like to update you on the local development and wider expansion of our school.

Golflands Campus - As parents, you will be able to see consents have been granted and the completion of the Golflands Campus is finally under way. This is simply so exciting. Many of us have waited for this moment for nearly 6 years and God's timing is always impeccable. Soon we will have architectural plans available in the Golflands Campus foyer for you to view.

Each week Arrow International outline for us what their upcoming projects are and the nature of the construction for the coming week. We are therefore in a great position to adjust any outdoor lessons or the timing of events and the like. The field is being dug up very early in the construction, so as the weather improves we will look at areas of grass beyond the school for students to use. We are now being very intentional to insist that parents and children do not walk past the entrance to the construction site and then cross the road. Unless your car is parked on the school side of Golfland Drive, then you must use the kea crossing without fail.

Botany Campus – our Proprietors continue their work with two architects for the development of school and church, and for the construction of a Pastoral Centre beside the corner carpark. Planning for which buildings they need to remove from the Botany Campus first, remains their top priority at the moment.

Mt Albert Campus – Raewyn Openshaw and myself have had a number of visits to what is still Hebron Christian College. We follow this up with our Executive Leadership team meeting their staff this coming week. Alignment of processes and practices along with preparation for 2018 in terms of enrolment and staffing remaining our highest priority there.

Pukekohe Campus – the huge and magnificent piece of land, together with a very useful adjoining lifestyle block, have now been officially purchased by our Proprietors. This is phenomenally exciting for us and the region. Once our work with Mt Albert Campus is more advanced our attention will turn to Pukekohe.

7 August 2017

Term 3 #2



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of the Principal, Mr Murray Burton.

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Do you have a scooter that is no longer being used by your family? We are in need of some spare scooters at the Golflands Campus for use on Travel Wise Wheels days. Any help in this regard would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Hosanna Week has been an amazing time of student led God-centred focus. On Monday night, students hosted a special worship evening which was awesome. Guest speakers were invited to present at assemblies on Monday and Friday. Activities during lunchtimes included an Apologetics panel to answer difficult questions with Mrs Britten, Mr Mack, Mr Granat and university students Joy and Daniel Britten (both Elim alumni)! The week ended with a pizza and prayer lunch meeting. Thank you to all our students who so passionately got involved in this week.



Congratulations to our highly talented Lauren Blakeley (Y13) who was selected to showcase her work at the **Pat Hanly Awards Evening** at the **Auckland Art Gallery** on Wednesday night! Mrs Booysen commented that it was wonderful to see Lauren's work projected alongside artwork from other students in the wider Auckland school community. All nominees were awarded certificates and a gift from Gordon Harris.

Our **Y13 Economics** students enjoyed an excursion to the **Waihi Gold Mine** on Thursday as part of an internal assessment data collection and investigation. Their trip involved exploring the old mine shafts and looking at the economic history of the region.



Well done to our four students who competed in the **Aurecon Bridge Building Competition** on Friday. This event was the climax to many weeks of planning and technical design involving creative, mathematical and scientific thinking.



		LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
Thursday 7 September	9am – 12pm	History	Mathematics	Calculus
	1pm – 4pm		Chemistry	English
Friday 8 September	9am – 12pm	Science	Geography	Statistics
	1pm - 4pm			
Monday 11 September	9am – 12pm	Geography	English	Biology
	1pm – 4pm	Music	Accounting	Geography
Tuesday 12 September	9am – 12pm	English	Biology	History
	1pm – 4pm	Chinese	History	Physics
Wednesday 13 Septem- ber	9am – 12pm	Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry
	1pm – 4pm		Music	Accounting
Thursday 14 September	9am – 12pm	Accounting	Economics	Economics
	1pm – 4pm			Music
Friday 15 September	9am – 12pm	Economics)	Chinese	Chinese
	1pm – 4pm			
Tuesday 19 September	9am – 10am	MCAT		

NZTA Class 1 Driver Licence – NCEA credits

Students who gain their learner, restricted and full drivers licence can be awarded NCEA credits on their Record of Achievement through a 'recognition of prior learning' process.

- 2 credits for a learner licence
- 4 credits for a restricted licence
- 2 credits for a full licence
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Process for students:

Download and complete the [NZTA Class 1 Driver Licence – Recognition of Prior Learning \(PDF, 196KB\)](#) form and present it, along with your official photographic licence to Mrs Hooper in the school office.



Our **Y13 Physics students** had an exciting visit on Thursday to **Fisher and Paykel** as part of Futureintech's Engineering week.

We are very proud of **Hannah Templar (Y13)** and **Isaac MacKenzie (Y12)** who represented Elim at the **EAYF (East Auckland Youth Forum)** visit to **Parliament** on Wednesday. Their full day in Wellington was very interesting and inspiring as they got to learn and interact with people in high places!



- **Monday 07/08/17** **Y13 Bio Trip (Zoo)**
- **Wednesday 09/08/17** **Y7/8 Run4Bibles**
- **Thursday 10/08/17** **Y11 Science Internal**
Y7/8 Chess Tournament
- **Saturday 12/08/17** **Y11-13 School Ball**
7pm to Midnight
Ellierslie Convention Centre

SEEKING A HOST FAMILY FOR A GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Would your family be keen to host a 16-year old German Exchange Student for the second half of 2018? Valerie is a super-lovely, adventurous, sweet, generous and very responsible girl... the oldest of five siblings... from Bremen, Germany. She will be staying with an Elim family for the first half of 2018... so by July (next year) she'll be well-established at school, with friends, and although her English is already very good, by then she'll be fluent. The ideal family will be fun, relaxed and preferably have at least one girl attending Elim Christian College. The Student Exchange Programme is called YFU ([Youth For Understanding](#)) NB: the hosting period would be from July 2018 – December 2018. For more info, please email phil@cba.org.nz

Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball (Yr9-10)

Begins this term from Week 4

When: Mondays and Wednesday
Time: 3:30pm—5pm
Advanced players: Thursday Mornings
 7:00am - 8:30 AM.

If you wish to play this year, you will need to attend these training sessions. Trainings will run the rest of Term 3. For any further information please Contact jason.webb@elim.school.nz



Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Botany Campus

Sports'News

South Eastern Zone Boys & Girls Netball Competition

On Tuesday 1st August, we took 5 teams from Year 7 & 8 to represent Elim Christian College at the SEZ Boys & Girls Netball Competition. It was a great day out. The students worked well as a team and played hard while having a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day!



Dear Parents / Whanau / Caregivers

Travelwise Week was again a huge success! Thank you Mrs Groenewald for organising the various activities and arranging for staff from Auckland Transport to work closely with our students educating and informing them about keeping safe.

On the safety note, I would like to re-paste Mr Burton's message from last week about crossing the road outside our school...

"We would like to mention health and safety at the entrance to the construction site on Golfland Drive. It is absolutely imperative, as the following sign says, that parents and students only use the kea crossing to cross the road. This should happen regardless and irrespective of the construction, but even more so now that the work has started. The following signs have been posted at Golflands Campus. Please obey these everyday."

"PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HAPPY. USE OUR KEA CROSSING 8.15am-8.45am and 2.45pm-3.15pm. PLEASE DO NOT CROSS OVER THE ROAD AT ANY OTHER POINT DURING THESE TIMES".

This week, we bade farewell to Fran from Libelle Group, who run our tuckshop. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and thank her for working so well with our parents and students. Libelle Group have employed Olive to this role. In order to help her out, please let her know at the time of ordering if your child has any allergies.

On Monday and Tuesday evening, the HPPA Dance Festival is on. Our Golflands Campus dance group has been practising with Miss Tait. There are door sales for tickets and the show starts at 6.30pm.

Next Wednesday, is our annual Run4Bibles cross country competition. Our students have been pounding the pavements of the streets surrounding the school in preparation for this event. Come along to join in cheering and encouraging our runners. This always promises to be a fun day!


Sleep...I have attached a few links related to the importance of sleep and a guide of the numbers of hours a child of a certain age needs to be asleep for. It is very easy to detect a student who has not had sufficient sleep. Lack of attention, non-engagement and/or an unwillingness to participate are telling signs.

<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/bedtime-resistance>

<https://www.kiwifamilies.co.nz/articles/sleep-and-children/>

<http://www.nowtolove.co.nz/parenting/family/a-good-nights-sleep-for-kids-17938>

A consistent early bed time sets our students (and our teachers) up for success and a more productive day at school.



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Assemblies for Term 3:
Please note that the days/times serve as a guide only. You will be notified if there are any changes.

WORSHIP ASSEMBLIES
Every Monday from 8.50am to 9.10am

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES / TEAM ASSEMBLIES / FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES:
Fridays

Week 1	Golflands Campus Assembly (pm)
Week 2	Team Assembly in learning spaces
Week 3	Year 6 leading (pm)
Week 4	Team Assembly in learning spaces
Week 5	Year 4 leading (pm)
Week 6	Fathers' Day Breakfast and Assembly – 7.30am Years 2/3 leading (am)
Week 7	Team Assembly in learning spaces
Week 8	Year 5 leading (pm)
Week 9	Year 1 leading (pm)
Week 10	FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AT BC (am)

Thank you for visiting with us.

Colossians 3:23
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

Neetha Mudhan

Assistant Head: Golflands Campus

Term 3 Chinese Culture Class

Mrs Charm Money and Mrs Ma began their first Chinese Culture class on Thursday morning. The group of over 20 students enthusiastically participated in the writing activity planned for the first session. Thank you Mrs Money and Mrs Ma for blessing us with your time and experience.





World Vision

experiences at GC

Zach Tait, Year 5

I was excited to do the 40 Hour Famine. My thing for the 40 Hour Famine was 'no technology', and it was so hard to give up because as you know, I love technology. After the 40 Hour Famine, I felt a bit sad for the people in Syria. The time felt really short for me, and I would say you all need to give it a go next year. I raised \$100 online.

Caleb Krishnan, Year 5

For the 40 Hour Famine I raised \$145. I did 'no talking' for 16 hours, 'no furniture' for 24 hours and 'no technology' for 40 hours. So I did 80 hours in total. It was very frustrating because I'm so addicted to technology, and I couldn't watch the Lions series. Plus I can't bare not talking. I have to say my body was aching after not using furniture. What I learnt was that you will get nowhere in life if you just stick to technology and chatting in class or even if you sit on a couch or something comfy. You will get too relaxed and you won't get anything done. I am very thankful for this experience because it made me realise that all of us are very blessed unlike some other people in the world, and this is all made possible because of us. Thank you.

Zach Snary, Year 5

For the 40 Hour Famine, I did not use Technology for 40 hours. During that time, I spent 24 hours not talking. It was really hard because you would usually be social or be on technology and when I was in pain, it was really annoying. I'm a very talkative person so it was frustrating. Having no tech made me think of other things to do. It made me think of the kids in Syria, how hard must it be for them. Thank you.

Renee Schick, Year 4

Recently I did the 20 Hour Famine, and I decided to sacrifice food. I asked my family to sponsor me and they thought it was a great idea. So I started the 20 Hour Famine. At first, it was going well but then I got hungry, and my tummy started speaking to me. This made me a bit grumpy but now I know how the poor children in Syria feel, and it makes me thankful for food, even the vegetables!

Excerpts from Aly Brown's writing.../Year 6/

Character description

His scars were dark and aggravated, yet no matter how hard someone asked, he would not talk about them or let someone try to heal them. Even though he was as hard and tough as a rock, he had beautiful soft eyes that shone the colour of purest emeralds.

Setting description

As I entered the cave, I saw the polished stalactites gleam in the brief burst of sun. Then I made the mistake of breathing; the air was stale and almost poisonous.

CALENDAR

TERM 3: 24 JULY 2017—29 SEPTEMBER 2017

AUGUST

Week 3	7	8	9	10	11
Botany Campus	⇒ NO Assembly due to Dance Festival ⇒ Y13 Dean's assembly		⇒ Run4bibles (Y7 & 8)	⇒ Y11 Science Internal (8:35am—1pm) ⇒ Chess Tournament (Y7 & 8) ⇒ BOT Meeting	12 ⇒ Y11-13 School Ball
Golflands Campus	⇒ Dance Festival	⇒ Dance Festival	⇒ Dance Festival ⇒ Run4Bibles	⇒ Team / Group / Sports Photos ⇒ Dance Festival ⇒ Y5 & 6 Chess Tournament	⇒ Dance Festival
Week 4	14	15	16	17	18
Botany Campus	⇒ Y9 Dean's Assembly	⇒ ICAS Maths ⇒ SEZ Cross Country	⇒ Y8 Trip to Kiwi Valley	⇒ 7pm: Subject Options Evening ⇒ TEAM / GROUP / SPORTS PHOTOS	
Golflands Campus	⇒ NZ Maths Week	⇒ NZ Maths Week ⇒ ICAS Maths	⇒ NZ Maths Week	⇒ NZ Maths Week	⇒ NZ Maths Week ⇒ Y3 & 6 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Week 5	21	22	23	24	25
Botany Campus		⇒ 7pm Israel 2018 Parent/Student Meeting	⇒ Mathex Y9/10	⇒ Mathex Y7/8	⇒ Chinese Camp
Golflands Campus	⇒ Hosanna Week	⇒ Hosanna Week ⇒ Y5/6 Speech Finals (hall)	⇒ Hosanna Week ⇒ HPPA Gymnastics	⇒ Hosanna Week ⇒ HPPA Gymnastics ⇒ Y3/4 Science Challenge	⇒ Hosanna Week
Term 4: 16 October 2017—14 December 2017					