

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

22 May 2017

Term 2 #3

From the Principal

Kia Ora everyone

Campuses Re-Naming Announcement

We are announcing the **renaming of our campuses** in preparation for their revamped look and function in 2018. The full names will be **Elim Christian College Golflands Campus** and **Elim Christian College Botany Campus**. When we add in other school campuses the naming can follow that pattern: e.g. **Elim Christian College Franklin Campus**. We will commence all relevant work on signage, communications and publications. This will give us time this year as a community to start using the new names prior to the new school year in 2018.

Last week we again continued to work with construction and architectural meetings. It is so good to see both campuses working so well currently. Thank you for the expressions of encouragement we received last week, speaking positively into and over the lives of our children and each other as adults is a great thing to do. You have no idea just what a difference you might make in the way someone is thinking and doing life.



Elim Christian College will be hosting an Open Day at the Botany Campus. This will be a great opportunity for you to come along with your child to view the school in action.

WHEN: Tuesday, 30 May 2017 from 8.30am – 10.50am
WHERE: 159 Botany Road, Botany, Auckland

The morning has been scheduled as follows:

- Assembly (Church Auditorium) starting promptly at 8.35am
- Followed by a Student Prefect lead tour of our campus
- Principal's presentation by Mr Murray Burton, in the auditorium, following campus tour
- Question and answer time
- Tea and Coffee provided

Your RSVP would be appreciated as soon as possible, by email (enrolments@elim.school.nz)

You are encouraged to view our website on www.elim.school.nz at any time to keep yourselves informed as to the latest information regarding Elim Christian College.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 30th May.



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

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EAST AUCKLAND CHESS COMPETITIONS - MAY 2017

Primary competitions were held at Point View School on Thursday 11 May. Three teams attended accompanied by Miss Langridge.



Team 1 (Front) Jayden Nicholson, Modi Yang, Jonathan Lee and Hajin You.

Team 2: (Row 2) Darren Liu, Alina Chen, Carol Chai and Daniel Loh.

Team 3: (Row 3) Alex Liu, Mia Xu, Samuel Zhou and Ethan Zhang.

Team 1 was placed 4th in the competition.

Team 2 was placed 18th, and Team 3 placed 27th. (30 teams in total participated)



Intermediate Competitions were held at Buckland Beach Intermediate school on Friday 12 May. Three teams competed, accompanied by Miss Langridge.



Intermediate Chess players:

Front: Team 1: Matthew Loh, Edward Sum, Leo Lai and Ethan Chong. **Placed 5th.**

2nd row –Team 2: Tyler Wolsky, Noah Powell, Helgard Oosthuysen, Ethan Tribe. **Placed 12th.**

3rd row – Team 3: Elijah Perumal, Asher Tribe, Rebekah LeGrand, Cody Cook and Joshua Turner. **Placed 13th.**



Our **Howick Youth Council (HYC) representatives**, Vivian Xu (Headgirl Y13) and Andrew Scott (Y12), are part of an outstanding group of young leaders who are working with the local **Howick Board** to provide the next generation voice on community matters. They, together with the other members from local neighbouring high schools, hosted a Breakfast Thank-You for Principals on Monday – what a stunning contribution Vivian and Andrew are making in our local community!

Assembly on Friday was amazing with **Reggie Dabbs from America (Revolution Tour)** visiting. One of his key points was that life is like a roller coaster – it has its ups and downs – but stay on the ride and never give up! God is always so faithful and will see us through.

Twelve of our **Correspondence te Kura** students visited their tutors for a face-to-face meeting on Wednesday. This was very beneficial in connecting and inspiring these students who are required to work independently and self-manage to a large extent.

Botany Learning Hub

Mrs Randall is on maternity leave and entrusting the Botany Learning Hub into the care of a trustworthy team of Botany Learning Hub Leaders:

- Angela Nguyen
- Rose-Anna Schuurkamp
- Caitlyn Fredericks
- Adam Watson

We also have a team of 10 Junior Learning Hub Leaders who are supervised by our Seniors. Mrs Randall would like to thank the parent volunteers who have so generously given their time during both last term and this term: Louise Hopman, Anneke Moore, Esthy Carlyle, Molly Ong and Susan Lowen.

We also give a warm welcome to our newest Botany Hub Leader: Adam Watson. Adam has had to very quickly undertake the great responsibilities that come with the role and is already a wonderful addition to the team.



Important upcoming event:

Tuesday 30 May (8.35-10.50am):
Open Day (in SC auditorium)

1st XI Off to Positive Start

The 1st XI boys football team have had an excellent start to the Senior A4 season with two wins in two games. Last Saturday the team travelled to face Kingsway for an early 8.45am kickoff. The score on this occasion was 3-2 to Elim, with goals scored by Danny Mackenzie and Stephen McCoskrie. This follows hard on the heels of another 3-2 win against Pinehurst, where Elim were down 2-0 at half time and managed to rally for the second half win.

At the time of me writing this, the team are preparing for a mid-week cup tie against Birkenhead, which will be played on Thursday the 18th. We wish the players and coach all the best.

For more information about the team, including details of where and when to watch them play, feel free to contact me at rob.thomas@elim.school.nz

Intermediate Science

This term in Science, the Year 7 and 8s are learning about the formation of rocks - the main 3 being igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. Each lesson we are looking at different analogies for these, and this week we showed how sedimentary rock could be likened to a layered cake (thanks Miss Potter!!). For some reason the students were on their absolute best behaviour the whole session... must be the great teachers!



Kind regards

Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Botany Campus



World Vision Needs YOU!

When Mrs Oelofse visited the Golflands Campus last week, she was surrounded by students who had a very important message for her. With animated voices, they reminded her, "World Vision needs YOU!"

Mrs Oelofse kindly volunteered a ticket to each of these students. The top three students with the most number of tickets received prizes at Friday's World Vision assembly at the Botany Campus. Well done, Mr Ackermann and the World Vision Leaders – Toby Scott, Shalom Kim, Baylee Travis and Caitie Jackson.



Dear Parents / Caregivers

What a glorious gathering of mums and grandmothers was experienced at our Mothers' Day assembly. Mr Ackermann, Mr Caetano and the Y5 students did a brilliant job honouring our Elim mums and grandmothers with a special programme. Our guests were blessed right from the moment they entered the hall with our students forming a floral arch and speaking words of encouragement and blessing over our guests. How incredible!

Our students are continuing to 'have-a-go' with the various opportunities that present themselves at the Golflands Campus. This week, students have been out for a chess competition, attended the HPPA soccer field day and participated, very successfully, in a netball competition. For this to happen, we are very reliant on the support and goodwill of our parents to help us with transport, supervision and with coaching teams. To you all, we are truly grateful.

The focus this week has been on World Vision. The 40-hour famine is on 9-11 June. Please mark this date on your calendar so that you can support your child as they endeavour to make a difference. More information can be found on the World Vision website.

<https://www.worldvision.org.nz/40-hour-famine>

"I am excited to see the youth across New Zealand stand together for our brothers and sisters in Syria. We will stand as the voice of the Syrian refugees to show that they are not forgotten." **Miranda, World Vision Youth Ambassador**

In the build up to the 'big weekend', Mr Ackermann reminds us that the Y6 World Vision Team will be holding a number of activities to promote World Vision and the work they do in the refugee camps. He would love as much participation as possible from the children and the wider school family. Friday's assembly addressed this global plight superbly, and we wish our students well for the 40-Hour Famine.

The Reading Curriculum Evening planned for Tuesday, the 23rd is aimed at the different reading levels. Information shared will include:

- *An explanation of the strategies learnt*
- *An explanation of the importance of comprehension, prior knowledge*
- *An explanation of oral language, and vocabulary*
- *An explanation of assessments used*
- *Games / activities to support learning*
- *Ideas for parents to do at home*

We encourage as many parents as possible to attend as these sessions will unpack how your child learns Reading at school and outlines how you can help at home.

Please encourage your children to participate in the Golflands Campus' Elim's Got Talent later this term. This is a time for our children to shine in one of the talents they have been blessed with. We look forward to a great, entertaining evening together.

Have a wonderful week.

Nga mihi nui

Neetha Mudhan

Assistant Head: Golflands Campus

CALENDAR					
TERM 2: 1 MAY 2017—7 JULY 2017					
MAY					
Week 4	22	23	24	25	26
Botany Campus	⇒ Cultural Week	⇒ Cultural Week ⇒ ICAS DT ⇒ ACS Netball ⇒ SEZ Soccer	⇒ Cultural Week ⇒ Y8 Tree Adventures	⇒ Cultural Week ⇒ \$2 Mufti Day	⇒ Cultural Week
Golflands Campus		⇒ 7pm-9pm Reading Curriculum Evening			
JUNE					
Week 5	29	30	31	1	2
Botany Campus		⇒ BOTANY CAMPUS OPEN DAY ⇒ ICAS Science ⇒ Y8 SEZ Soccer			⇒ FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Golflands Campus		⇒ ICAS Science ⇒ Y5 Trip to War Memorial Museum			⇒ FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Week 6	5	6	7	8	9
Botany Campus	⇒ QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY			⇒ Y7 Puberty Evening (GC Hall)	
Golflands Campus	⇒ QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY				⇒ Y0-2 Poetry Afternoon (12:45pm) ⇒ Y3-4 Poetry Afternoon (2pm)
Term 3: 24 July 2017—29 September					
Term 4: 16 October 2017—14 December 2017					