

Elim Christian College NEWSLETTER

11 September 2017

Term 3 #7

From the Principal

Kia Ora Everyone

This term is running away, and for our Y11-13 students there is the often-sudden realisation that there are precious few weeks of tuition left! I would urge all parents of Y11-13 students to engage with their children following results from the current mock exams. Don't wait, but find creative ways to unpack what needs to happen now so that your child is well prepared for externals next term. This is an annual challenge which parents and school must navigate. Revision will take place, teachers can be contacted, extra tuition is always available and the majority of students have what it takes, provided they embark on good study routines and maybe even change their commitments. At the business end of the year, students must now set themselves up to take advantage of all they have been taught.

Expansion Update: We await the Minister of Education's decision regarding our 3rd campus, Mt Albert. Once we have received her approval, our consultant will ramp up his work on our exciting Pukekohe plans. Excellent work continues at the Golflands Campus. I donned a hard hat and had a walk around the construction site, and I can tell you it will be phenomenal when completed – we are in for a treat!

Our middle years planning team is currently working all day everyday on what a middle years school day will look like – a demanding project but the result will be magnificent. Preparation for staffing, resourcing, timetabling, re-jigging of facility use, annual planning etc...is happening for all our campuses. The BOT and Executive Leadership Team meet this coming Saturday to review the year and confirm 2018 goals. So good to have these two teams working as one –we are blessed.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Date: Friday 22nd September

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: Golflands Campus Hall

If you have uniforms that you would like to sell, you are welcome to come down to the Golflands Campus at 6pm and set up ready to sell at 6.30pm. We have a limited number of uniforms available.

Yearbook 2017

The 2017 yearbook is in the process of being published and is expected to be available from 1 December 2017. With the cost of publication and printing increasing each year and with the increased size of the yearbook, we have had to review our pricing. As with previous years, we will automatically invoice the oldest child of each family the early-bird price of \$30.00 per copy which is available until 3 November. Thereafter the cost will increase to \$35.00. You will see this charge appearing on your statements which will be sent out to you this week. If you have been invoiced for the yearbook and wish to have more than 1 copy, or if you do not wish to receive it at all, please advise Monya Joynt, our Finance Administrator, who will amend the charge for you.



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

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

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Elim 1st XI Football **Auckland Senior A4** **CHAMPIONS!**

Well done to our 1st XI who were able to clinch the A4 championship last Saturday (2nd Sept). The boys finished in style, winning 6-0 over Papatoetoe at Riverhills. Many thanks to the students, teachers and parents who were there to support. This big score line was necessary, as our near rivals, Green Bay, finished with equal points to us and we won overall on goal difference.

This year has been a new page in Elim footballing history. We started the season with some exciting cup clashes around the city before knuckling down to the business of achieving promotion in the league. Throughout the season the boys have represented the school with dignity and class, even in the face of occasional sledging or foul play from other players (or dodgy refs XD). Team and individual character development has been a focus this year and we hope to see this continue.

Congratulations and thanks to coach Wayne Mackenzie, without whom this team's success would never have been possible. Organisation and coaching of this team started way back in term 1, with heaps going on behind the scenes to ensure we have grounds to play and practice on.

We look forward to next year with anticipation. *(Report by Mr Rob Thomas)*



Lads!

NCEA Level 1-3 practice examinations began last week Thursday 7 September and will conclude on Friday 15 September. Senior students are required to only come to school for their exam sessions. As outlined last week, these practice exams provide a benchmark for students and an opportunity to prepare for the level required. The Level 1 MCAT (Mathematics final examination) takes place on Tuesday 19 September.

There are still numerous subject areas with internal assessments being worked on, as well as the folio boards and practical activities for the various Visual Arts and DVC still to be completed – these all involve extensive and time-consuming commitments.

We have a **Middle School planning team** collaborating over the next few days to investigate exciting possibilities for the redesign of curriculum delivery over Y7-10 for 2018 and beyond. Our fantastic new facilities at the Golflands Campus will provide for innovative and optimum opportunities, which we are very excited about!



A team from **National Taitung University from Taiwan** will be visiting our campus on Friday. This is a wonderful culture and language connection that our Chinese department have made through our student trip to Taiwan last year. Next week, we will also be hosting a large group of students and staff from **National Taitung Girls High** who our students visited whilst in Taiwan. They are keen to see what we are doing in our Y7-13 Chinese classes and to experience a day at our school.

Kind regards

Mrs Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Botany Campus



Y13 Geo Trip to Rotorua

		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 September	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			

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.



Dear Family/Whanau,

We loved our Visual Art workshops with Mr Graham Braddock last week. We learned how to sketch, shade, and for some, paint a picture of a bumble bee. There are some amazingly talented students at the Golflands Campus and even the least talented of us managed a fair reproduction of a bee! I hope your child brought home their artwork to share with you.



Y5 enjoyed a great trip to the Kelly Tarlton Aquarium on Monday, which tied in with their topic study this term. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and/or supervision. We really appreciate the time you took out of busy schedules to help us with the trip. Thank you too Mr Caetano and Mr Ackermann for organising this event!

Last Friday, we enjoyed our biggest and best Father's Day Breakfast yet! It was really exciting to see all the fathers enjoying breakfast with their children, taking part in the games and spending time in the classrooms. Then we were treated to a wonderful assembly from the Y2 and Y3 teams. What a precious and special time of honouring our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other significant men in our children's lives. We hope you felt blessed, Dads! A very special thank you to the two teaching teams who organised and co-ordinated the morning and also to our wonderful ARISE Parents who did the shopping and made vast amounts of toast for the children. All our teachers helped with barbequing the bacon, making the filled rolls and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you to one and all.

On Saturday, Mrs Powell and I, along with Mrs Isom, escorted our three Y5-6 teams and three Y7-8 teams to the Regional Tournament of Minds Competition at Albany Junior High School. After working on their Long Term Challenge for 6 weeks, they were ready to perform in front of the judges and also complete their Spontaneous Challenge. We are thrilled to announce that our Y7-8 Elim Teams 1 and 3 came first and runners up respectively in the Maths Engineering category! The first placed team now proceeds to the national competition in Wellington in 3 weeks time. What another great achievement! Well done students, you are incredible!



Thank you parents for all your support with parking and being good pedestrians around our school. The building work is progressing well and we are managing to avoid the trucks for the most part. It's very exciting seeing our new middle school emerging from the dirt and debris.

Many blessings
Ms Angela Rees
Assistant Head: Golflands Campus

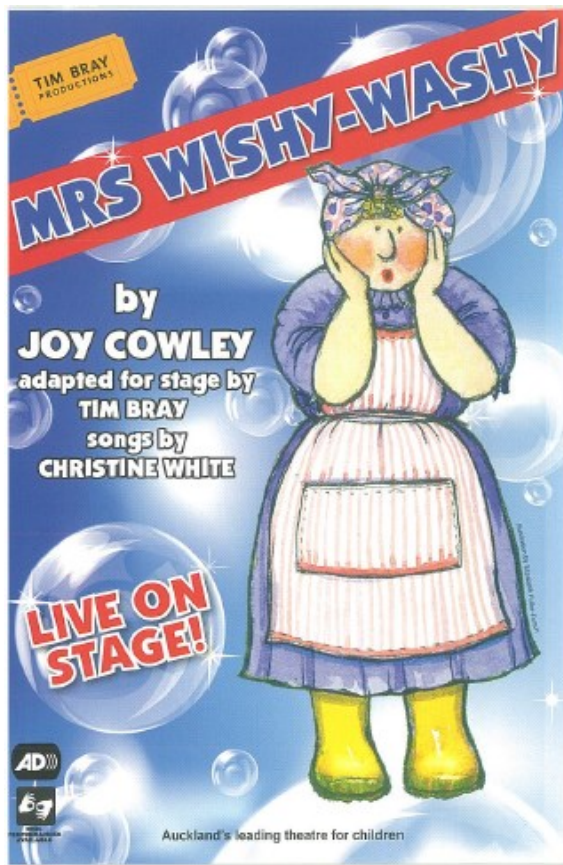
CALENDAR

TERM 3: 24 JULY 2017—29 SEPTEMBER 2017

SEPTEMBER

Week 8	11	12	13	14	15
Botany Campus	⇒ Y11—13 Practice Exams ⇒ Aims Games	⇒ Y11—13 Practice Exams ⇒ Aims Games	⇒ Y11—13 Practice Exams ⇒ Aims Games	⇒ Y11—13 Practice Exams ⇒ Aims Games	⇒ Y11—13 Practice Exams ⇒ Aims Games
Golflands Campus		⇒ HPPA Cross Country	⇒ Y0-1 Auckland Museum Trip		⇒ Champion of Champions Gymnastics
Week 9	18	19	20	21	22
Botany Campus	⇒ All Y12's RYDA conference	⇒ Y11 MCAT	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp ⇒ Middle School Conference	⇒ DOE Silver Tramp ⇒ Middle School Conference
Golflands Campus		⇒ ACS Cross Country	⇒		⇒ Y1 Celebration Assembly
Week 9	25	26	27	28	29
Botany Campus	⇒ NISS Snowboarding Champs	⇒ NISS Snowboarding Champs	⇒ NISS Snowboarding Champs	⇒ NISS Snowboarding Champs	⇒ TERM 3 FINISHES ⇒ NISS Snowboarding Champs ⇒ Full School Assembly ⇒ House Olympics / Mock rock
Golflands Campus					⇒ TERM 3 FINISHES ⇒ Full School Assembly

Term 4: 16 October 2017—14 December 2017





6 - 12 YEARS
MIDDLE YEARS
BUILD A GREAT FAMILY TEAM AND HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY



<p>WHAT TO EXPECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 sessions per course • Run in small groups • Tailored to your needs • Run by a trained facilitator • Fun, practical and inspirational 	<p>TOPICS COVERED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent types • Building character and self-esteem • Emotional resilience • Discipline • Creating traditions and memories • Capitalising on the 'tween-age years' 	<p>COSTS</p> <p>\$75 per person or \$110 per couple for each six week group. Need a subsidy? Just ask.</p> <p><small>Toolbox courses are free to foster carers, whānau caregivers, adopters, and grandparents raising grandchildren thanks to government funding. Ask us how to train to become a Toolbox facilitator.</small></p>
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Wednesday's 18th October - 22nd November 2017
Evening's 7pm-9pm

Contact Bridget Gundy on 021 02690618
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