

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

4 December 2017

Term 4 - Week 7

From the Principal



It seems as though the clock moves faster and the calendar days are flying by quicker than normal at this time of the year. There are so many people and events to celebrate, whilst also attending to the daily life of school.

A thank you must go out to all the students across both campuses who are still participating fully in day to day school life, along with the staff who are consistently ensuring no opportunities are missed for learning whilst the end of year schedule fills up.

I would like to encourage parents / caregivers to attend their children's celebration prize giving events – these have been listed on page 7 below so they can be marked in your calendar.

This past Saturday I had the privilege of attending the Year 13 graduation dinner. It is without doubt one of the highlights of the year, my sincere congratulations goes to this cohort of students, well done and may God bless you as you prepare for the next adventure.

BOT Corner

Well it's the 4th December, I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by. Only a week and a half left of the school year.

The end of any year is always busy, however this year is exceptionally frantic with the establishment of the Mt Albert Campus (MAC). Mr Bill Kathagen and I joined Mr Burton, Mrs Openshaw, Mrs Pottow, Ms Rees and Mr Johnstone to interview staff for roles at our Mt Albert Campus. All up some 15hrs were spent on interviews last week and all applicants were informed on Friday whether they were successful or not.

I need to say a huge thank you to Mr Burton and the team for the incredible work they are doing on top of everything else to make all this happen. From enrolments, staffing, timetabling, hours and hours are being poured into the Mt Albert setup to get us ready for Term 1 next year. Thanks team you are doing an outstanding job and your attitudes to make this work, are exceptional. This last Friday Mr Bill Kathagen, myself and Pastor Luke Brough had a look at the Golflands build. It is looking great and is taking shape. The Tiger Turf on the back bank looks amazing. The team at Arrow are working tirelessly to get the job completed as soon as they can.

Blessings to you all – Chris Bethwaite, Board of Trustees Chair.



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

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If your child walks, bikes or scoots to or from school, please could you remind them of the important rule of not talking to strangers or responding to requests for help from any adults in cars. Please help to keep our children safe out there in the community.

Building Progress at Golflands Campus



Top Field



Lower Classrooms



Long Jump Pit



New Turf on Top Bank

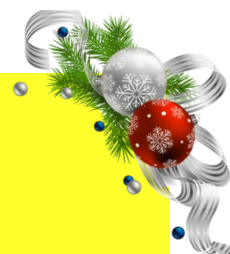
Congratulations to the Jr. Girls A Volleyball team who placed 2nd in the Eastern zone A division and who also place 14th out of 36 schools at the Auckland Champs volleyball tournament. Well done girls!

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND VOCAL TUITION

Music lessons have finished for the year. Please watch this space regarding re-enrolments for next year as we are currently looking at online registrations through the school website for 2018.



The last day for tuckshop purchases and/or orders will be Wednesday, 13th December 2017. ***The tuck shop will be closed on Thursday, 14th December***



ARISE PARENTS UNIFORM SALE

Date: 14 December 2017

Time: 12:20pm—1:00pm

Venue: Golflands Campus Hall



Please note ARISE Parents will have some uniform items available for second hand sale, but the majority of our uniforms will be dependent on you bringing your uniforms to sell or swap.

A reminder of the following uniform changes as from 2018:

- Y1-6 uniform remains the same
- Y7-10 students will no longer be permitted to wear the royal blue Elim polo shirts. The Elim mid blue polycotton short sleeve button-through blouse/shirt is to be worn
- Y7-10 boys are to wear regulation black shorts and school socks (no long black pants)
- Y11-13 girls will wear the senior uniform (white blouse, black skirt, blazer and tie)
- Y11-13 boys will wear the senior uniform (black shirt, long black pants, blazer and tie)



Only cash payments will be accepted (no eftpos facility available)

One of the major highlights of the year is our **Y9/10 annual Camp**, held this week at **Camp Adair** in Hunua. We do look forward to more photos and videos of the action – a presentation will be included at our upcoming Y9/10 prizegiving ceremony. Thank you to our staff and student leaders who assisted with supervision in the many various activities including tramping, kayaking, archery, confidence course, bushcraft and camping.

The **People's Choice Awards prizegiving at Auckland Council Botany Library** last Friday evening was a great success. Thank you to our students and parents who supported the exciting event! Congratulations to all students who entered.

First-place results were:

- Intermediate Category: Kayla Hallows/ *Painting*
- Secondary Junior: Hannah Obbes/ *Drawing*
- Secondary Senior: Zara Macfarlane/ *Painting*



Second, third and highly commended awards were also given. The exhibition will remain at Botany Library for the rest of the week for the public to see the results and put in bids for the artwork up for sale.



Our annual **Orientation Afternoon** on Tuesday for students and parents new to Elim in 2018 was well-attended and provided a great opportunity to showcase some of our amazing students.



On Tuesday, we had two teams (Y8-10 students) participating in the innovative and exciting **BizTech Competition** at Botany Downs Secondary College. Mr Steve Woollaston, who led our teams, commented afterwards *"Lots of excellent work today at BizTech competition! Two inspirational speakers talking about entrepreneurship and several workshops on design, technology etc. Both Elim teams came up with original ideas, threshed them out, and presented so well."*

This was our final week of external NCEA examinations. Y13's will be celebrating with our **Graduation Dinner** on Saturday night. This promises to be an evening of semi-formal elegance, fun, inspiration and farewells from staff.

Option choices for Y9/10 students in 2018 have been distributed to students. An email will be sent out shortly to parents/ students with instructions for selecting choices online through our KAMAR parent portal. These responses will be required by Friday 8 December.



A big thank you to the Auckland WheelBreakers for coming to teach our Y9 and 10 PE students about wheelchair basketball and for giving students the opportunity to experience the game first hand.



On Monday, our Y9 students visited **Golflands Campus** to share **Devotions** with the Y0-6 students. This is such a special time for our Y9/10's to grow in their sharing of God's Word, in their leadership and to role-model to the younger students.



Kind regards
Mrs Carol Pottow
Assistant Principal: Botany Campus

Kia Ora Families / Whānau / Caregivers

Another fantastic week at the Golflands Campus! Wonderful to see far more hats on heads this week, as we enjoy yet more sunshine!

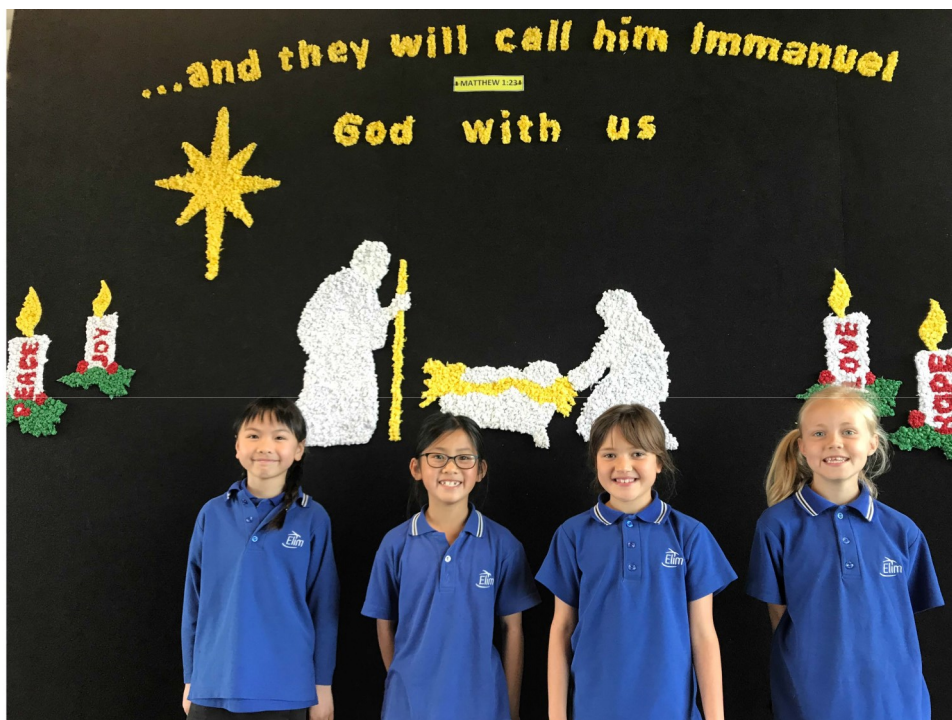
Y4 had a great time at Jump on Thursday as part of their end of year celebrations. All teachers are excited about the up-coming prize giving ceremonies and end of year activities. Please take note of the website calendars and any notices or emails from school, which will keep you informed of all these events.

On Friday evening, we celebrated with Miss Lee, Mr Woollaston, Miss Brown and Miss Tait as they graduated as fully fledged teachers. We attended the HPPA/NZEI PCT Graduation Prize Giving at the Waipuna Hotel. We are very proud of their achievements, and we are so blessed to have them as part of our teaching team here at Elim Christian College.

On Saturday, Mrs Chang our Music Specialist teacher, took a group of students to play at the 'Kiwileles' Homecoming Ukulele Festival at Mt Roskill Grammar School. It was a great day and our students had a fantastic time playing their ukuleles in the massed Auckland schools' ukulele band. They were amazing! Thank you Mrs C for all the fantastic opportunities you provide for our musically talented students.

Just a reminder that all our end of year reports will be going out in the last week of term via email. If you do not receive a report by Wednesday December 13th, please contact the Golflands Campus office to check we have the correct and most up-to-date email address in our system. Thank you.

Have a fantastic week and we'll see you at our up-coming prize giving ceremonies.



Many blessings
Angela Rees
Assistant Head Golflands Campus

CALENDAR					
Term 4: 16 October 2017—14 December 2017					
DECEMBER					
Week 8	4	5	6	7	8
Botany Campus				⇒ Y7/8 Prizegiving (6:30pm)	⇒ Y6-8 Trip to Rainbows End
Golflands Campus		⇒ Y5-6 Prizegiving (9am)		⇒ Y5 Inflatable fun (10.15am)	⇒ Y0-2 Nativity and Prizegiving
Week 9	11	12	13	14	HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Botany Campus				⇒ SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12 NOON (buses will run at this time). All students need to be picked up promptly at 12 noon. There will be no staff to supervise students after 12 noon. ⇒ Y9/10 Prizegiving (10am—12 noon)	
Golflands Campus		⇒ Y3/4 Prizegiving (9am—10:30am)	⇒ Y3 Picnic in the park	⇒ SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12 NOON (buses will run at this time)All students need to be picked up promptly at 12 noon. There will be no staff to supervise students after 12 noon.	
TERM 4 ENDS: 14 DECEMBER 2017					





Bus services are changing

for East Auckland

东区公交服务将于2017年12月10日调整

- New bus routes
- New route numbers
- New timetables

Find out more online at
AT.govt.nz/newnetworkeast

FROM
Sunday
10 December
2017



Look out for the brochure and timetable
中文翻译请浏览网站 AT.govt.nz/newnetworkeast



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Merry Christmas