

# Elim Christian College NEWSLETTER

18 September 2017

Term 3 - Week 8

## From the Principal

Kia Ora one and all

### Looking Ahead Update

This past week and a half we have had six staff working exclusively all day every day on our middle years planning. This team has been phenomenally led by Wendy Potter and they are doing an absolutely brilliant job. It is incredibly demanding and there seems to be more questions than answers at this stage. However I have immense confidence in this team. So well done Wendy, Tody Granat, Angela Rees, Lindee Wong, Michael McKenzie and Luke Rutland. Throughout the week various staff members have had the opportunity to input into their planning process and this has been really valuable.

We are every much looking forward to the establishment of our middle school programme at our Golflands Campus. All Y8-10 students in 2018 will be based in our new facilities from the beginning of term 1. We will be holding a welcome ceremony for these students to which the parent community will be invited. Once the second and final block is completed the Y7 students will join the Golflands Campus. For some it will be rejoining and for new Y7s it will be coming for the first time. We will be holding an official opening of the new facilities in due course and are hopeful of inviting the Prime Minister to open it.

For Term 1 we will be hosting the Y7 group in our Galaxy facilities at our Botany Campus. Even though it will mean that our existing Y6 students will be only be at Botany Campus for a term, it will be a special time of learning and growing with a dedicated staffing team. Y7 students will then transition well to the middle years facility for Term 2. This also gives Y10 students a full settled year in middle school with uninterrupted preparation for Y11 and Level NCEA.



**Mr Murray Burton MNZM**  
**PRINCIPAL**

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

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale

**Date:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2nd hand uniforms available for sale.

## 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, [monya.joynt@elim.school.nz](mailto:monya.joynt@elim.school.nz) our Finance Administrator, who will amend the charge for you.





Our Equestrian Team competed in the Secondary Schools Equestrian Cup on Friday 8th of September 2017. The girls conducted themselves extremely well and despite huge competition managed to place in 3 classes.

Congratulations to Molly Dawson placing 3rd in her 70cm showjumping, Tegan Kelly 5th in her 70cm showjumping and Adria Oelofse placing 8th in her 80cm showhunter class.





Miss Karen Lin and a group of our students were involved in the cultural activities at the **Taiwan Festival**, held at Aoetea Square, last weekend.

We welcomed a large group of 25 senior students **from National Taitung Girls High School**, together with some of their teachers. They presented a cultural dance and various items in a special assembly and visited a few classes. This is a special connection for our students as the school had hosted our group who visited Taiwan in December last year. We are now in the process of planning a second language and cultural trip to Taiwan in April next year!

We are extremely proud of our Y7/8 students representing Elim at the **AIMS Games** last week, and congratulate them on their fantastic achievements and sportsmanship! Our **Equestrian team, who competed in the Secondary Schools Equestrian Cup**, did very well last Friday and we congratulate the team on their outstanding participation and achievements. This weekend we have students competing in the **NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships** and we wish them all the best.

**Senior Y11-13 practice examinations** finished on Friday and students will soon be receiving their papers back. A reminder that these practice exams are to provide a benchmark for students to measure their progress against and to use as tools for revision.

Information regarding the **NCEA external examinations, the final examination timetable and resources** including past papers and marking schedules can be found on the NZQA website:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/external-examination-information-for-students/>

In Term 4, Year 11-13 students will be in class for only the first three weeks, with their final day of lessons being **Friday 3 November**. Final external NCEA examinations begin on **Thursday, 9 November**.

An important date to diarise is our formal **Y11-13 Prizegiving on Thursday 2 November at 7.30pm**. Note that as for last year, we have will have separate prizegiving events for Years 9-10 and Years 11-13.

Kind regards

**Mrs Carol Pottow**

**Assistant Principal: Botany Campus**

## Need mumps protection?

There's an outbreak of mumps amongst Auckland students not fully vaccinated.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine will help protect young people against three serious diseases that are easily spread.

And it is free. Talk to your doctor or nurse today.

For more info call 0800 immune (0800 466 863) or visit [ARPHS.govt.nz](http://ARPHS.govt.nz)



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Rātoranga Hauora ā Iwi o Tamaki Makaurau

Tena Koutou

We began Maori Language Week with the Lord's prayer in Te Reo at our Worship assembly and finished with the beautiful 'Wairua tapu'.

Wairua Tapu, Kuhu Mai Nau mai ki konei. Wairua Tapu Arahia Korero mai ano.	<i>Holy Spirit, welcome You are welcome here. Guide us, Holy Spirit Speak to us again.</i>
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This is an easy song in Te Reo to learn, yet quite powerful in its simple message. Please ask your child/children to teach it to you.

The tenacity of our students could be seen at the HPPA cross country competition on Tuesday. With the weather threatening to wet them all, in true Elim Character, they gave it their best. Our Year 4 girls shone again achieving 1<sup>st</sup> equal. Year 4 boys came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Year 5 and Year 6 boys' teams came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The overall result: we achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition. Amazing effort by amazing students!

Mrs Bartlem accompanied a group of our gymnasts to the Champion of Champions gymnastics competition on Friday. They performed extremely well at the local competition, and we are very proud of their achievements. Special recognition needs to be given to the Year 4 and 5 teams who came 2<sup>nd</sup> (Nevaeh-Grace Naff, Camryn Delport, Jenna-Mae Burger, Jamie-Lee Spurdle. Jenna Smit, Joline Chin, Holly van Leeuwen and Abigail Persson), as well as Duncan Ramsey. Our gymnast for the season is Jenna Smit who came 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations all.

We have a Starting School information evening for parents on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. This evening is dedicated to informing parents who have children starting school during Terms 3 and 4 this year, and who have, as yet, *not* attended such an evening. Mrs Gray and her team are looking forward to meeting with you all and sharing information that will help your child settle in quicker.

## TIDY ELIM KIWIS LOVE THE INITIATIVE!



**Thank you,  
Terina Shaw and Shalom Kim!**

**Both Year 6 students used their  
initiative and tidied the school  
grounds.**

**With the fences from the building  
project causing litter traps, both  
girls took it upon themselves to  
give the area a once over!**

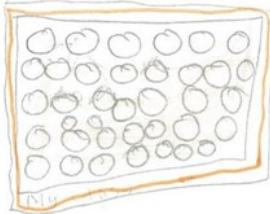
**The area looked amazing!**



# Celebrating Māori Language Week



Ko Wonderland  
taku akomanga.



My class is

Ko Leong  
taku ingoa  
whanau.



My family name is

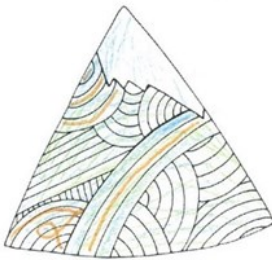
Ko Tiffany  
taku ingoa.



My name is



Ko Pigeon Mountain  
taku maunga.



My mountain is

Ko Tamaki  
taku awa.



My river is

Ko Jeremiah  
taku iwi.



My sub tribe is

Ko Elim  
taku kura.

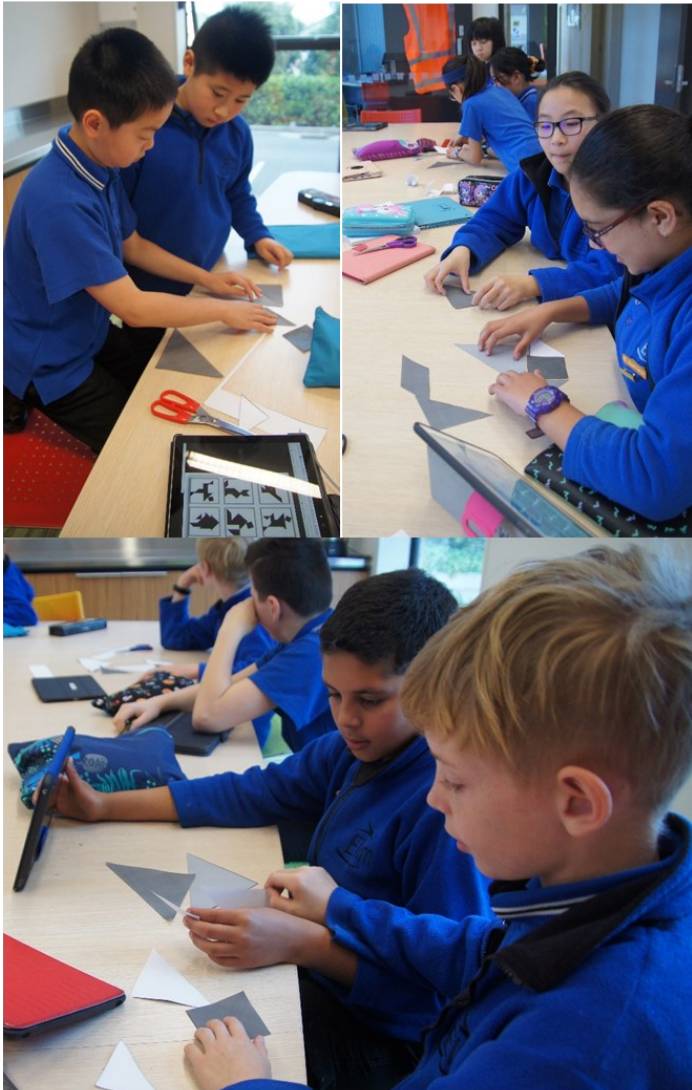


My school is Elim



# EAGLES MATHS

## GC MATHEX COMPETITION



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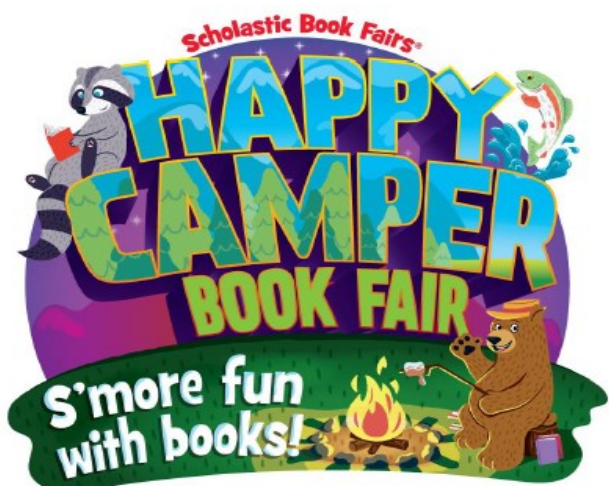
Nga mihi nui

**Ms Neetha Mudhan**

*Assistant Head: Golflands Campus*

CALENDAR					
TERM 3: 24 JULY 2017—29 SEPTEMBER 2017					
SEPTEMBER					
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 10	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					





**25th - 28th September**  
**Monday - Thursday**

**8.30am - 9.00am**  
**3.00pm - 3.45pm**

**GC Library**

