

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

18 December 2017

Term 4

From the Principal



Kia Ora Everyone

Summer has well and truly come and it's now time for students and staff to take a well-earned break. As you know this is not just the summer school holidays, it is also the most wonderful of seasons – Christmas! Yet again we celebrate the birth of Jesus...that absolutely pivotal point in history of rescue, redemption, of reconciliation and of redefining what's important and of value, a matter of birth, life and death.

Thank you all so much for your investment in our school. It has been a privilege to work with your children whatever their age. Your support for what we do has been amazing. Together we have navigated four terms of learning and growing. We have worked together through the ups and down, the regrets and the successes.

Together we as humans have tried to shepherd and be guardians of the divine – to be Jesus to each other and to the world. No mean feat for any of us. I appreciate the authenticity of our Elim school community and I pray that as we are real, honest, forgiving, vulnerable and always kind, that God gets a chance to craft and shape us to be more like Himself. In this we give Him the glory.

We bid farewell to a number of staff and take this opportunity to publically thank them for their investment in the life of our school. And for 2018, we will welcome both new staff and new families. In particular we will welcome the families of almost 200 students at our Mt Albert Campus along with 20 staff.

May God bless and keep each one of you – have a fabulous Christmas and summer holiday (I hope you can get one?)

Here are some all important dates for the start of next year. These will also be available separately on our website for your reference.



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.

2018 START OF YEAR DATES – Parent Information

(BC - Botany Campus; GC - Golflands Campus; MAC - Mt Albert Campus)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JAN				25 th GC, BC, Office Open 9am – 3pm	26 th GC, BC, MAC Office Open 9am – 2pm
JAN	29 th AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY	30 th BC, GC, MAC Office Open 9am-3pm Y12 & 13 Options Confirmation at BC Gym 10am - 1.30pm (Mufti)	31 st BC, GC, MAC Office Open 2pm-3pm	1 st February BC, GC, MAC Office Open 9am-3pm	2 nd BC, GC, MAC Office Open 9am-3pm
FEB	5 th GC, BC, MAC Office Open 9am – 2pm	6 th WAITANGI DAY	7 th SCHOOL STARTS Y0-10 Full Day (No classes Y11,12,13)	8 th Y0-13 (Classes commence for all students) - full day	9 th



Sports' News

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. Enrolments for 2018 need to be completed online. Please use the link below to our website for further information and the link to enrol.

<http://www.elim.school.nz/communications/>



Student seeks ride share to Elim Christian College Botany Campus. Student originating from Royal Oak, seeks to contact persons travelling from Onehunga or Mt Wellington or near vicinity to Elim. Please contact Ian Bassett: (09) 377 0081 or 021 0440720

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)

As this year draws to a close, we have so many things to celebrate and give our sovereign God honour and praise for!

Congratulations to all our prizewinners in the various Prizegiving Award Ceremonies – it is always such a delight to applaud excellence in effort, attitude and achievement. Y7/8 Prizegiving took place last Thursday night and Y9/10 this week Thursday morning. We also congratulate and acknowledge all students who perhaps did not receive an award, but nevertheless made their best effort and persisted with a positive attitude.

2018 Y9/10 subject option choices were issued last week with selections for the various “taster” options. End of Year Reports were issued this week.

Last weekend, we celebrated the award of **two ICAS Gold Medals in English: Eliza Chin (Y10) and Serina Seo (Y11)**. These are highly prestigious achievements with these students winning the highest scores in the English ICAS examinations in NZ!

Last Saturday, **our Y13 students and their teachers** enjoyed a stunning evening at their **Graduation Dinner** held at the Pakuranga Golf Club! This was a semi-formal evening of community and fun, with buffet dinner, presentation of Graduation Certificates, and parting words of wisdom from Mrs Heim (Y13 Dean), Mr Thomas and Mr Foster (both Y13 Tutor Teachers). It was a fabulous evening – we now pray that God will lead, guide, inspire and hold our graduating students close in the years ahead as they pursue their dreams and future pathways.

Last week, **Y9 students** participated in the **Wise Moves** programme, as well as an **Attitude** presentation, as part of their Christian Living classes. This was an authentic and dynamic presentation.

We were very excited to learn of the outstanding achievements of **Matthew Aucamp (Y13)** at the **NZ Secondary School Athletic Championships in Hastings** last weekend! Matthew won **two silver medals**: Senior Boys Pole Vault (4.15m) and Senior Boys 110m Hurdles (time of 14.4 seconds). Congratulations Matthew!

Elim Christian College's participation in The People's Choice Art Awards at Botany Library Exhibition was celebrated in this week's edition of the Howick and Pakuranga Times (page 31): <http://www.times.co.nz/digital-issues/>

Winners of the various categories are:

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY:

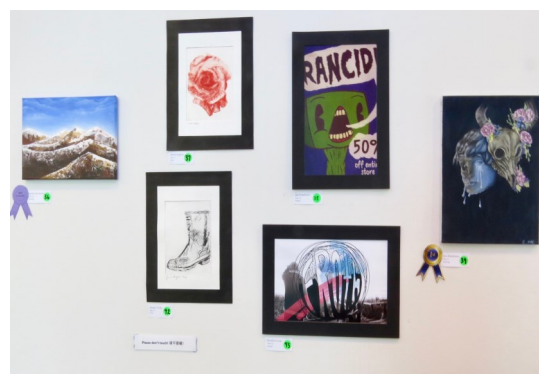
- 1st – Kayla Hallows
- 2nd equal – Alena Elmore, Jade Hunter and Lydia Jackson
- 3rd equal – Grace Wagener
- 3rd equal – Kacy Kretschmar
- 4th – Ethan Stonehouse

SECONDARY JUNIOR

- 1st – Hannah Obbes
- 2nd – Christabella Sugiharto
- 3rd – Christine Kieu
- 4th – Aaron Jackson

SECONDARY SENIOR

- 1st – Zara MacFarlane
- 2nd – Monique Kinnear
- 3rd – Courtney Burchell
- 4th – Sophie-Lee Archer



We wish to thank our parents and caregivers for their ongoing support to our school, staff and students this year in so many ways. We pray for God's abundant blessings over our families during this Christmas break. May Jesus be your source of love, joy and peace this season!



Kind regards
Mrs Carol Pottow
Assistant Principal: Botany Campus

Dear Parents / Caregivers/ Whanau

The week began with us celebrating the learning of our Year 5/6 students and ended with the achievement of our younger students. The most obvious parallel on both occasions was the obvious delight on our students' faces as each one of them came forward to be acknowledged for an achievement or character strength. Thank you to our incredible staff who were pivotal in helping shape these learning journeys.

The story is told of two old friends met each other on the street one day. One looked forlorn, almost on the verge of tears. His friend asked, "What has the world done to you, my old friend?" The sad fellow said, "Let me tell you: three weeks ago, my uncle died and left me forty thousand dollars."

"That's a lot of money."

"But you see, two weeks ago, a cousin I never even knew died, and left me eighty-five thousand dollars, free and clear."

"Sounds to me that you've been very blessed."

"You don't understand!" he interrupted. "Last week my great-aunt passed away. I inherited almost a quarter of a million from her."

Now the man's friend was really confused. "Then, why do you look so glum?"

"This week . . . nothing!"

Our holidays are fast approaching. The end of the year is a great time to take stock of the goodness in our lives. To engage in the character strength of gratitude.

Gratitude is defined as thankfulness or feelings of appreciation that result from perceived fortune or kindness from others. To not take something or someone for granted, to appreciate what others do for us or to be happy with what we have.

Gratitude has a powerful effect on friendships and helps people feel valued and respected within the context of their relationships. Links are being made between gratitude and our health and wellbeing.

There can be a problem with receiving something, especially when it is on a regular basis. Recognising our daily blessings has been found to have a powerful impact on people's satisfaction with their life experiences. As the story about the two old friends I told earlier suggested, even if it is a gift, we eventually come to expect it. The natural tendency is that if we receive a gift long enough, we come to view it almost as an entitlement. We feel hurt, even angry, if we do not receive it any longer.

Probably the most important message from me for my last newsletter article for 2017 is to ask our Elim Christian College community to help put the reason back into this season – to put Christ back into Christmas and in doing so, be grateful for the gift of His Son. A challenge I offer is that we pause long enough in the days leading up to Christmas Day to be grateful and understand something akin to what the healed thankful Leper experienced. To count our blessings this year, regardless of what the year has been like could well be the pushback to the over spending and the commercial hype of 'white' Christmases and Santas which are so often associated with the Season, *even* during our summer here.

The 2017 Yearbooks have arrived! If you are keen on purchasing one, they are available for \$35 from the college offices. This is a great collection of memories and can make superb gifts for grandparents as well.

Koa te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou hari

Ms Neetha Mudhan

Assistant Head: Golflands Campus

Year 5 Market Day

During lunchtime, the Year 5 students, teachers and support staff helped run a Market Day - Bake Sale to raise funds for refugees at the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre.

In preparation for today's Generosity Project, the Year 5 students made:

Christmas crackers with chocolate, candy cane and mice crafts, beaded bracelets and decorated reindeer cookies which were all sold in an effort to financially support refugees coming to New Zealand.

Mrs Eng told us the story of how her husband immigrated to New Zealand as a refugee when he was 8 years old. He had to flee his country, Cambodia because of a corrupt Government and waited in Thailand until he was sponsored by an organisation to move to New Zealand. He lived in the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre for 6 weeks, learning about New Zealand life and culture. Now he has his own pharmacy business in Auckland.

Our Market Day was extremely popular, and we raised over \$260 towards the Refugee Centre in Mangere. The Year 5 students have learnt a lot during this project and now understand how their sacrifice can make a difference in our community!

John Caetano



Year 5-6 Prize-giving





Attention Golflands Campus children, parents and caregivers.

Stock up on your Summer reading!

All children may issue 10+ books as from next week to take home for the holidays. Parents/caregivers need to come in person with their child to select the books. If that is not possible, then please email Mrs Galbraith giving your permission.

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Let's get our children reading this Summer!

*Goodbye Mrs Kummerow!
God bless you!*



CALENDAR					
Term 4: 16 October 2017—14 December 2017					
DECEMBER					
				14	HAPPY HOLIDAYS
				⇒ SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12 NOON (buses will run at this time). All students need to be picked up prompt- ly at 12 noon. There will be no staff to supervise students after 12 noon. ⇒ Y9/10 Prizegiving (10am—12 noon)	
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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



Find out more
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