

Elim Christian College

NEWSLETTER

25 September 2017

Term 3 - Week 9

From the Principal

Kia Ora everyone

At our recent annual BOT/Senior Leadership Team review, we recognised the need to look again at how much information parents are receiving on the changes to Golflands Campus for 2018. In addition to us continuing to provide updates in our weekly newsletters we have commenced work on an FAQ page for our website. We will let you know when it is functional.

This week's thoughts—the concept of a middle school is not new:

- It is firstly an American icon;
- Secondly it is an extension of our New Zealand Intermediate School concept. The Intermediates have been an institution in New Zealand for probably 70 years or more;
- Thirdly over the past 20 years a number of existing Intermediates have been extended to become a middle school (either Y8-10 or Y7-10);
- Lastly, the Ministry of Education has for the past 10 years been actively building middle schools or 'junior high schools' and no longer builds Intermediates.

We are still one school and from 2018 onwards we will effectively have 3 age groupings on two campuses: Y1-6 existing now at Golflands, Y7-10 which is new and will be housed on the newly constructed buildings at Golflands and our Y11-13 senior area based at Botany Campus. Next year is a transition year as we shift and settle in. Golflands Campus will be the most populated site for staff and students from 2018 onwards.

Next week is the last week of this term and we finish with a full school morning assembly at our Botany Campus.



Mr Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL

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**BOT and SLT members at the
Golflands building site**



South Eastern Zone Basketball

Selected intermediate students competed in the south eastern zone basketball competition held at Tangaroa College on Tuesday 5th and 7th of September. They had a great day out showing excellent sportsmanship and character throughout the competition. Special thanks to one of our students, Aaron Koh who helped coached the teams.



Inter-Villa Road Relay

Mt Hobson Middle School invited Elim to be a part of their inter-school inter-villa road relay race on the 8th September. We entered a male & female team made up of Y7 – Y10 students. It was a privilege to be a part of the event, and the students represented Elim proudly with great sportsmanship and athleticism. Overall our girls team came in 2nd, and our boys team placed 1st. Well done!!





Jonah Potter, Bradley Gibson, Jack Dransfield, Tayden Smit, Michaela Buckley, Grace Hunter, Alena Elmore, Lydia Jackson



Ethan Pope, Matthew Palmer, Isabella Dunn

NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

Last weekend 3 of our Y9 students competed in the NZSS Swimming Championships down in Hamilton.

They all competed extremely well and produced some great results, including places in the top 10 and some PB's.

NZ Secondary Schools Gymsports Championships

Over the weekend two of our students competed in the NZSS Gymsports Championships. They did us proud doing extremely well in the competition. Keegan Bezuidenhout placing 1st in A Grade Men's Trampolining, and 3rd in Men's A Grade Tumbling. Maiya Tams also came in 9th for Trampolining. Well done guys!

Auckland Christian Schools Cross Country

On Tuesday 19th Elim competed in the Auckland Christian School Cross Country competition. We took selected students from Year 5 – Year 9. They all ran extremely well, especially in the very muddy conditions!

Well done to all of the students who participated, and extra special congratulations to those who made top 4. Caleb Wagener came in at 1st place for Year 5 Boys. Duncan Ramsey 2nd place for Year 6 Boys. Briana Hall 4th place for Year 8 Girls. Matthew Palmer 4th place for Year 9 Boys. And Grace Hunter 2nd place for Year 9 Girls.



AIMS Games

Last week some of our Y7 & 8 students competed at AIMS Games in Tauranga. This is a week long tournament with 10,000 intermediate students competing over 23 different sporting codes. Representing Elim was 1 netball team, and 1 swimmer (Matthew Loh). These students represented Elim with great sportsmanship, determination and should all be very proud of their achievements.

Matthew Loh competed extremely hard, racing in 12 different swimming heats and making it through to 4 finals! His results were:

- 4th in 50m breaststroke
- 7th in 200 backstroke
- 8th in 100m freestyle.

Amazing effort Matthew, well done.

Our netball team came up against some very tall & tough competition, but played with everything they had and kept improving with every game. Overall, they came 4th in D grade, and 100th out of a very tough 122 teams. Well done girls! Special thanks to all those who came down to support & help over the week. We couldn't have done it without you.



BOTANY CAMPUS NEWS

Our Middle School Conference with the theme **“Survivor”** took place this week – a dynamic and first ever Christian schools Middle School conference! There are a large number of students and staff from Christian schools nation-wide and we know that many lives have been deeply impacted. A very big thank you to Miss Wendy Potter (Head of Intermediate) and Mr Michael MacKenzie for their superb organisation, to Mr Amos Ling for leading our student worship team and to numerous other key staff for their immense involvement.



Our Y13 Worship team led a highly-impacting evening of **Prayer and Praise at Elim Franklin (Pukekohe)** on Monday. Reaching out and serving our community for God's glory is such a pivotal and central part of who we are and what we wish to grow - our amazing students do this so well.

Our Level 1 students sat their **L1 MCAT (Mathematics Algebra) external final examination this week**. Results will only be released by NZQA with the external results in January.

Our Silver DOE (Duke of Edinburgh) students were away last week on their challenging tramp at Whatipu. We have 13 students from Y11-13 participating in this programme at the Silver level. We look forward to their photos and reports.

Our Elim boys and girls **snowboarding teams** (Y9-13) left over weekend to compete in the **North Island Secondary Snowboarding Championships** – we wish them all the best and know that they will do well. Our Elim Girls Team have also been invited to participate in the National Championships at Cardrona during the first week of the holidays!



We had the pleasure of having **Stacey Pretorius, Elim Deputy Head girl in 2011**, now working with **Child Rescue New Zealand**, come and share with Y13 Christian Living classes about putting faith into action through the work with some of the most vulnerable, working to free children who have been taken into the sex trade.



All year 12 students attended The Road Safety and Safe Start Road and Driver Education Program. This highly impacting informative and interactive day held at the Pakuranga Rugby Club, saw students taking part in six interactive workshops from Safe speed and stopping, Hazards and distractions, Road Choices, After the Crash scenarios and then an impacting sessions on a survivor's story. The skill of controlling and manoeuvring a vehicle is not enough to keep driver's safe on a road. We must balance this with the skills of critical thinking and appreciation for safety. Please discuss this with your teenagers. Further information is available on rse.org.nz or facebook.com/RYDAroadsafety



"Thank you to everyone who helped with the Year 7 bake sale last week! We raised a massive \$467.00 and this money will go towards the Worldwide Fund for Nature."

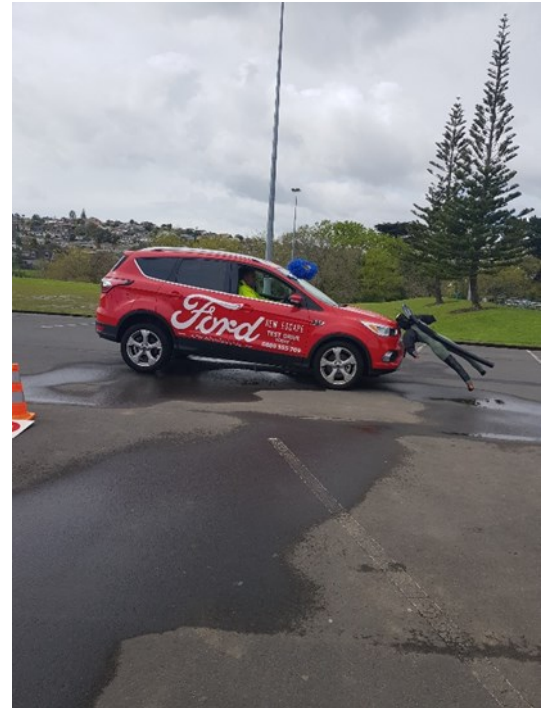


Did you know that the most frequent accident is a backend collision? This is because the average adult driver reaction speed of 1 second is not enough time to avoid a collision.

Did you know the average vehicle of 1.3-1.5 tonnes travelling at 60km/h, with only one occupant in the vehicle covers 17m per second?

Did you know that Parents influence 80% of young driver habits; and these are not always the very best Road safety habits!

RYDA is a not for profit organisation and any donations to the organisation are welcome. RYDA has been chosen as a local charity by the Botany Warehouse. If you buy a plastic bag at the store you are given a plastic token to vote in the voting bins at the exit – any funds received from these votes will assist with keeping the cost down for the programme days.



Kind regards

Mrs Carol Pottow

Assistant Principal: Botany Campus

Dear Whānau/Families,

So that was Week 9! Another great week full of exciting activities and hard work from our awesome students and staff here on the Golflands Campus. Thank you to those new parents who came to the New Entrants Parent Evening last Monday evening. Welcome to the Elim family. We are thrilled to start this educational journey with you and your child. Many thanks to Ms Mudhan and Mrs Gray for hosting the evening.

On Tuesday, Mr Caetano (plus other teachers and Sports Co-ordinators) took a large Elim contingent to the Auckland Christian Schools Cross Country Competition. The sun was actually shining that day but still the children got extremely mucky. Everyone had a great day.

Congratulations to:

- Jenna Smit, who placed 2nd in the Y5 Girls category, and
- Duncan Ramsey who placed 2nd in the Y6 Boys category

at the Auckland Champion of Champions Gymnastics competition last week. What amazing results! Mrs Bartlem said our students showed great Elim Christian Character throughout the day and they all had a great time.

On Thursday, students took part in the next round of chess exams. Such concentration was seen on the faces of all those persevering to complete these tough exams. Well done everyone! I can't wait to see how you got on. Thank you Miss Langridge for keeping our chess lessons and clubs going since you retired.

The ARISE Holiday Programme Co-ordinator would like you to know there is **NO holiday programme** in the September/October holidays. The next holiday programme will take place in the December/January holidays. More information regarding this programme will be available towards the end of Term 4.

Please note there will be **NO Interim or End of Term reports going home at the end of Term 3**. All students will receive an End of Year report at the end of Term 4. We are currently reviewing our reporting schedule and making some changes as we move to Junior, Middle and Senior school model. Some changes to the reports will come into effect in Term 4 and more will occur next year as we streamline our reporting schedule and bring greater coherence between campuses. If you wish to discuss your child's progress at this stage of the year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher to make an appointment to do this.

Many Blessings
Ms Angela Rees
Assistant Head: Golflands Campus

CALENDAR

TERM 3: 24 JULY 2017—29 SEPTEMBER 2017

SEPTEMBER

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



MY GREATEST ADVENTURE.

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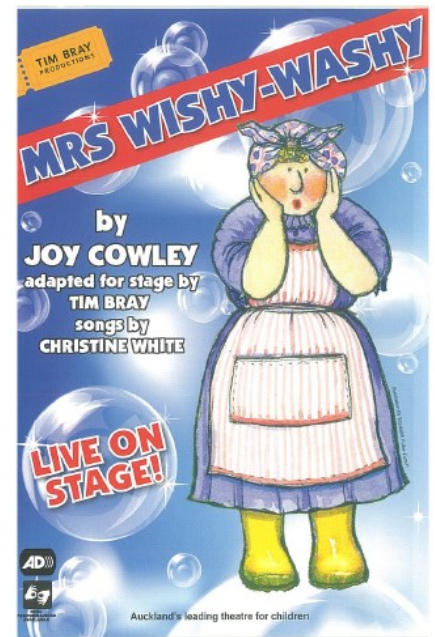
17 OCTOBER - 12 DECEMBER.

8 SESSIONS - ELIM CHAPEL - 7PM-9PM TUESDAY EVENINGS
17 OCTOBER - INTRODUCTORY DINNER
25 NOVEMBER - SATURDAY RETREAT: 9:30AM-3PM
12 DECEMBER - CELEBRATION DINNER

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