

# **Botany Campus Newsletter**



#### IMPORTANT DATES

21 - 25th June:

Dental planet mobile FREE service onsite - details p. 5

25th June:

Reports avaliable via parent portal

28th June:

Bookings open for parentteacher-student conferences

5th July:

Parent-teacher-student conferences

## Term 2: Week 5-6

Mr Stephen Briscoe

Isn't the picture above a joy to see? This was taken during a worship assembly as part of a fully student-led Hosanna week a couple of weeks ago. Since then, we have had metal health week, another student initiative that focused on looking after yourself with a range of great lunchtime and class activities. These included quizzes, stress-free walks, and relaxing colouring in! Last week was Samona language week in which some students and Pastor Don Lafaele from Elim South shared great messages during assemblies - keep reading for the full article.

We look forward to parent-teacher-student conferences in a number of weeks, in which we can partner with you to ensure your child's success this year. If you have concerns or questions I encourage you to make contact with teachers now and have ongoing conversations regularly.

Please enjoy the articles below from a number of teachers highlighting just a few of the amazing activities and learning experiences they are engaging in with students. Also, see the reminder notice regarding Subway lunch orders every Monday and details about booking a free dental service for your child.







### Music

Mrs Karen Liu

We want to encourage our senior students to think outside the box and be more creative with only limited resources. The year 12/13 Music class is learning the structure of a piece of music and how to further develop their musical ideas. We have used a very different approach and made learning more visual to assist their understanding. Each student had to pick 4 materials from the stream next to our school and design a flower arrangement to portray their theme. Check out what they have produced!







#### **Visual Arts**

Mr Reuben Lankshear

Visual Arts this year is getting rowdy! We started the year with the usual flavour, as we reach the middle of term 2 we're getting busy.

The painting students have been given the opportunity to create a huge mural on the construction sites plywood walls. This Artwork will be a collaboration of all year 11 - 13 painting students and only on display for the duration of the construction. The beauty of a temporary artwork is full-on creativity! I am excited to see what these exceptional students produce.





The Artroom is also now open to all students every Monday Lunchtime to come and colour in. This was a great initiative by the Interact team for Mental Health Week and we have decided to keep it going.

Lastly, there is another big mural in the planning stage for Botany Campus. This mural will make a real statement and will be entered into the Resene Mural Masterpiece competition for 2021.

More information is coming. Watch this space!





## Samoan Language Week

Mrs Chhaya Narayan



What a privilege it was to celebrate Samoan language week. We were inspired by some of our Samoan students from the Botany Campus Pacific group during Monday's assembly. Tevita Pepa encouraged our staff and students with a Samoan proverb based on this year's theme: "Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale" which means strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive. This was followed by a beautiful Samoan song by our very own talented Talita Va'afuasaga and Faith Sagote.





On Friday we were blessed to hear Elim South's Pastor Don Lafaele speak to our students.





We look forward to celebrating our Pacific cultures and language week during the year. If you would like to share your expertise with us please email <a href="mailto:Chhaya.Narayan@elim.school.nz">Chhaya.Narayan@elim.school.nz</a>

## **Subway**

Lunch orders are available every Monday. Orders are delivered to school for students to collect from the medical room at 12:50 pm. Visit https://www.subwayexpress.co.nz/ for ordering details. Please note that orders must be made before Monday 8:30am

## Dental Planet Mobile Service: 21 - 25 June

Kia ora parents/guardians of students at Elim Christian College.

We are Dental Planet and our mobile dental van is visiting the school from 21-25 June. We will provide FREE dental care to students from years 9 to 13 (who are under 18 years old). To enrol your child, please click on the link and fill out our online consent form:

https://analytics-au.clickdimensions.com/cn/avjqi/onlineenrolment

For any further inquiries, please call us on 0800 262 2022.

More details:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zJNCJ7QKQI4c8Pjpn-qiJ735qlToUvmH/view?usp=sharing