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 Elim Christian College

Botany Campus Newsletter



Above:
Art students progress on construction hoarding
Theme: You were created, by the creator, to be creative

Term 3: Weeks 2 - 3

Mr Stephen Briscoe

We invite you to the subject information evening on the 2nd September 7:30pm - 9:00pm. This will be a great evening to explore subjects for 2022, meet with teachers and discuss pathways and opportunities for students. I especially encourage Y10 parents and students to attend this event so that you get a glimpse into what Botany Campus has in store for you.

It is important that you report to the office when you come to collect your child during the day. We will then send a runner to collect your child from their classroom. No child is allowed to leave the classroom under the assumption that they have an appointment and have arranged to be collected from the office without notification. This is to ensure the safety of your children while they are in our care. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

I would also like to remind you that we have a digital device agreement form that all students must sign and abide by. Passwords mustn't be shared for any reason so that we can ensure digital safety for all. I encourage you to keep having regular conversations around device use with your children and limiting time in the evening on devices as we work together to navigate this ever-changing digital space that we live in today.

Please see the practice exam timetable on page 6. This has been published for students. If any students have a clash they need to speak with Mrs Pottow or Mrs Hooper.

IMPORTANT DATES

25th August:
Cultural mufti day

26th August :
Cultural evening

2nd September:
Subject information evening
7:30 - 9:00pm

8th - 17th September:
Practice exams

28th October:
Y11 -13 Prize giving

29th October:
Y11 - 13 last day

8th November - 2
December:
NCEA exams

English

Mrs Trish Pietersen, Mrs Tracey Chellan, Mr Graeme Foster, and Mrs Kerry Mack

“Time and tide wait for no man” - Geoffrey Chaucer. We may be writing on laptops rather than parchment, but every word of this quote rings true as we settle into Term 3. The year has absolutely flown by, and we can't believe we already find ourselves in the crunch time of internal assessments and the ramp up to practice exams. In saying this, both staff and students often find this time of year hugely rewarding. All of our hard work comes together because we've spent time immersed in literature and film, building a rich foundation of ideas that foster critical thinking.

I Am Who You Say I Am

As part of our Level 2 English programme we have been exploring the idea of identity and how it is shaped by a multitude of factors. Our short texts focus on how a variety of different authors and characters wrestle with facets of identity and how they are often shaped by those around us. Jayden Mihaere shared his Level 2 English Oral Presentation on his journey rediscovering how significant te reo Māori and te ao Māori are in shaping his identity. It was a moving, personal and engaging speech that inspired the class to consider how each of us is shaped by our own culture. Kyla Croft delivered her Oral Presentation challenging her audience to consider the adverse effect of 'Tall Poppy Syndrome' on our confidence, and how we should find our identity and confidence in Christ rather than worrying about how we might 'stand out'. Ethan Chong WoW'd the audience and held them captive with an evocative speech about how he did not like the person gaming was shaping him into. The speech was in a League of its own, especially as he told the class how challenging it was to resist something that dominates the lives of so many of his peers. These are just a few examples of the kinds of topics our students are delving into focusing on the concept of identity.



The 2021 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young People winners were announced in Wellington just a couple of days ago. New Zealand is blessed with many exceptional writers who champion reading and it's wonderful to honour them. We know that reading is a vital part of learning.

It's especially exciting to see Tania Roxborough, a much valued New Zealand teacher, author and literacy specialist, rewarded for her writing by becoming this year's recipient of both the Wright Family Foundation Esther Glen Junior Fiction Award and the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year award. Roxborough, who is known for confidently sharing her Christian beliefs and values in her books, writes for young people of all ages and believes in the power of books to guide and inspire us.



J California Cooper, the renowned author wrote:

'A book is a mind. It's somebody's brain you are meeting. The author of a book is preparing you for life. A book is a world. A book is a friend. That's why people love books. It's a person between covers.'

If books can do all of these things for us - provide companionship, open our eyes to the world and prepare us for life - then it's so important for us to contribute to creating an environment in which we make books an exciting and valued part of the community and its everyday practice. Of course, not everybody loves to read but we in the English Department have often found that it's all about finding the right book. We love hearing about students', parents' and teachers' favourite books and are getting excited behind the scenes as we plan for our new library.

Botany Campus Library

If you are at the Botany Campus after school hours (and occasionally, unavoidably, during school hours!), it's impossible to miss the construction that is going on the ground floor of the 'old' administration block'. Violent bursts of banging or the brattle of a range of tools and equipment being dragged about can disrupt conversation and thought, especially if you are upstairs above the construction site. The staccato hiss and pop of a nail gun or the high pitched whine of a circular saw can be quite frustrating until we think about the exciting spaces being built and the way in which we will benefit from this building programme. The walls being reconfigured will house, amongst other things, the new library and this allows us to work together to create a learning space that brings students together and fosters a love of reading.



Physical Education

Mr Tody Granat

The year 12 and 13 PE students took part in the annual 6KM Tough Guy Girl Challenge. Our students competed against other students from all around Auckland on a muddy obstacle course consisting of swampy crossings, a spider's web, electrified net crawls, under barb wire, native bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, water crossing and a whole lot of mud.



Beyond the classroom

We have had four accelerated Year 13 students this year who have completed Semester One courses at The University of Auckland - Congratulations on taking up this enormous challenge with outstanding results!

- Aedan Young: A+ (Psychology 108)
- Xavier Kim: A+ (Psychology 108)
- Hannah Tomlinson: A+ (Mathematics 199)
- Luke Frings: (Mathematics 199)

The Young Scholars Programmes at the University of Auckland are for "Year 13 students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability". These students are selected from the greater Auckland area, attending lectures once a week, highly-demanding ongoing assessments and end-semester examinations.



The Elim choir performed at the Rotary club hand-over evening. This was an evening about celebrating all the Rotary members and the night was complete when the Elim choir performed. It was such a proud moment to be part of Elim school watching the choir perform. All three songs performed were very successful and they received many positive compliments about their performance. For the first event the choir has done, it was outstanding!

- Sophie Mackenzie - Head Girl



SENIOR EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE – SEPTEMBER 2021

(Week 7-8)

Week One		LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
Wed 8 September	9am – 12pm	English	History	Physics/Health
	1pm – 4pm		Art painting	Chinese/Geography
Thurs 9 September	9am – 12pm	Mathematics	Economics/Music/ Geography	Biology
	1pm – 4pm		Art photography	Calculus
Fri 10 September	9am – 12pm	History	Chemistry	English
	1pm – 4pm	-	-	-

Week Two		LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
Mon 13 September	9am – 12pm	Economics/Music	Physics	Statistics
	1pm – 4pm		Art design	
Tues 14 September	9am – 12pm	MCAT - AS91027 9-10 am	Mathematics	History
	1pm - 4pm			Art painting
Wed 15 September	9am – 12pm	Science	Biology	Chemistry
	1pm – 4pm			Art design Art photography
Thurs 16 September	9am – 12pm	Chinese/Geography	English	Accounting
	1pm – 4pm	Art painting		
Fri 17 September	9am – 12pm	Accounting	Chinese/ Accounting/ Art History	Economics/Music
	1pm – 4pm	-	-	-

Y11-13 students only attend school for examination sessions

Morning examinations: 9am – 12pm *(unless stated otherwise)*

Afternoon examinations: 1pm – 4pm

Small changes, big differences.



Group Triple P - Takes the guesswork out of parenting

**Free parenting support for parents and caregivers of
children up to 10 years**

TOPICS:

- Dealing with Disobedience
- Developing Good Bedtime Routines
- Managing Fighting & Aggression
- Hassle-free Outings with Children

TIME: 9.30am-11.30am

Morning tea is provided. No childcare is available so please arrange childcare to attend this parenting group.

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION:

Please contact Verona, family worker at Sowers Trust on **021 247 2024** by text or email veronar@hcc.co.nz for more information or to register your attendance.

DATES:

- Thursday 12th August
- Thursday 19th August
- Thursday 26th August
- Thursday 2nd September

VENUE: Sowers Trust

The Picton Centre, 120 Picton Street, Howick

Small changes,
big differences.



Two hours is all you need for a Teen Triple P Discussion Group

Free positive parenting help for parents and caregivers of
teenagers

TOPICS:

- Coping with Teenagers Emotions
- Building Teenagers Survival Skills
- Reducing Family Conflict
- Getting Teenagers to Co-operate

DATES:

- Wednesday 4th August
- Wednesday 11th August
- Wednesday 18th August
- Wednesday 1st September

TIME: 10-12pm

Morning tea is provided. No childcare is available so please arrange childcare to attend this parenting group.

VENUE: Sowers Trust

Picton Centre, 120 Picton Street, Howick

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