
JULY 1, 2021



Botany Campus Newsletter



Term 2: Week 9

Mr Stephen Briscoe

IMPORTANT DATES

5th July:
School closes at 12:50pm
for parent-teacher-student
conferences and careers
expo

9th July:
Ball dress buy/hire
End of term

26th July:
Term 3 begins

14th August:
School ball

Christian Edwin pictured above talking with Y12 and Y13 students this week with a message titled "What I wished someone had told me". It is so good to have Elim Alumni returning to share and grow our students today.

We look forward to meeting with you this coming Monday for parent-teacher-student conferences. Students are encouraged to also attend so that we can have great learning conversations as we look forward to preparation for NCEA exams which are fast approaching. Please also make some time around interviews to engage with the careers expo that will be in the gym. This will be a great time to explore opportunities for life beyond school. We want to partner with you and ensure we are helping to guide each and every student in the direction that best suits them and their passions.

Students have been practising hard for our annual 'Whānau Mock Rock' competition taking place next Thursday. This will be another great student-led event that creates a real buzz around the campus.

Enjoy just a few snippets of what has been happening over the last week.

Science

Mrs Chhaya Narayan, Mrs Kareena Martis, Mr Harim Kim, & Mr Michael Lowe

The science department has had a fantastic start to the term exploring the wonders of science and making connections to the real world.

Our students joined in the Otago University Inspiring Science Series with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Australian science communicator and commentator for an insightful session on using scientific knowledge to debunk popular myths such as the Bermuda Triangle, drinking alcohol during pregnancy, global warming and the monetary value of selling doubt to the public to keep large businesses in the market.



Year 13 chemistry

Students are currently learning about the marvels of organic chemistry which explores the structure, properties, composition and reactions of carbon compounds. There have been lots of fun opportunities within this topic such as creating esters, nylon polymers, etc in class.

Year 11 Science

Science students are currently studying chemistry and gaining an understanding of key skills required to collect data accurately such as gas collecting and testing.



Year 12 Physics

Students have learnt about projectile motion by firing nerf guns. The students found out how to calculate the velocity, distance travelled and the time of flight from this practical. Students got to experience the science behind nerf guns physically by holding a nerf war at the end of class.



Lunchtime science tuition

Yr 11 science students have had the opportunity to be provided with science support through a lunchtime tuition initiative started by Eden Aish (Y13) Thank you to the team who give up their lunchtimes to support future scientists in strengthening their foundational understanding.



Chinese

Mrs Karen Liu

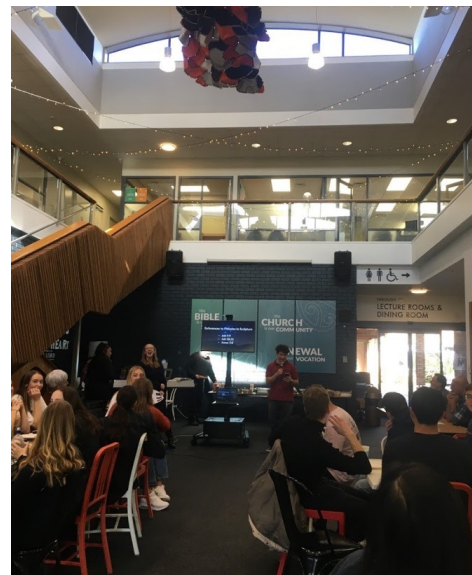
The Year 11 Chinese class have been learning about one of the most significant festivals in Chinese culture - the Dragon boat festival. We have also investigated various aspects and have a better understanding of the poet Qu-Yuan, Chinese culture and values, and we compared the similarities and differences between Christianity and Taoism.



Up Conference

Mr Tody Granat

A number of year 13 students attended the Up Conference hosted by Laidlaw. The Conference addressed some big questions about what is going on in the world, how people understand their identities and what the gospel has to say about this. Students were given the space to think about their place in culture, where they're going, and how they can follow God's leading in a fast-changing and confusing world.



Model United Nations Assembly

Heinrich Seaman

In late May we took three teams to MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly), where they represented not only our school but different nations. This involved researching the countries and their political views in order to present a speech in front of hundreds of other students and caregivers regarding their stances on certain global issues studied prior to the event; essentially role-playing them, some schools even dressing up. For our school, these countries were India (Eden Aish, Gabby Allerby, and Marsha Sayarath), Mali (Esther Curnow, Orla Powell, and Rhys Stanley), and The Bahamas (Arav Gaundar, Heinrich Seaman, and Skyler Zeng).

Some highlights of the event include the passing of Mali's remit, India's role in the Security Council, and the Bahamas' speech in the form of a rap, and their subsequent honourable mention during the awards ceremony.



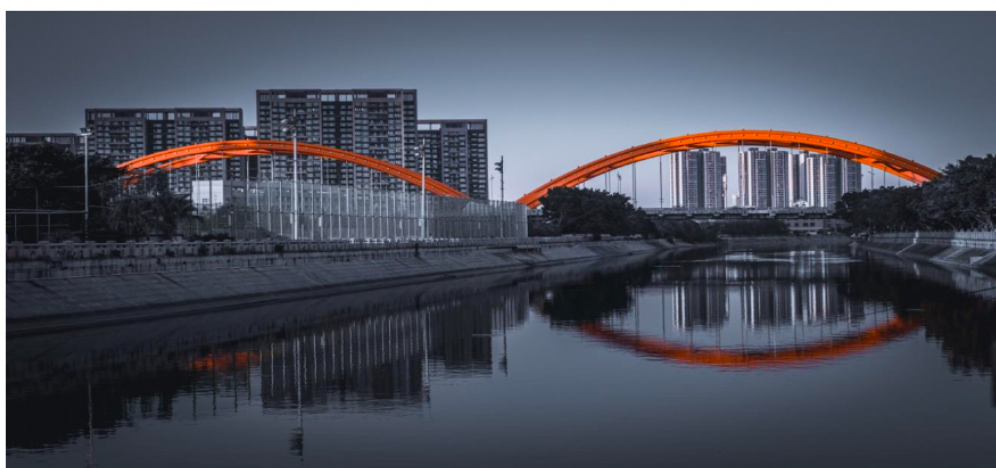
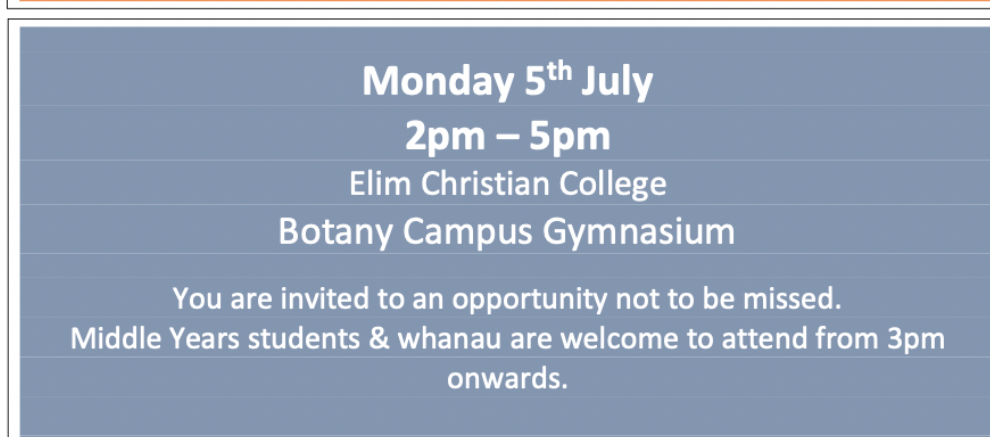
Elim delegates Rhys, Orla and Esther (centre right), representing Mali, raise their hands to vote on a regional issue



Arav Gaundar, representing the Bahamas, rouses the audience with an impassioned speech

Careers Expo

Mrs Brigette Bagg



There will be representatives from a number of sectors eg: Universities, Private Institutes & Colleges, Arts, Digital Technologies, Trades, Hospitality, Ministry, Business, Short courses (great for gaining skills for part-time, after school or holiday work).

This is a great opportunity for students to explore options in areas of interest. This may also be a useful guide to students with regard to subject choices for NCEA and for anyone potentially looking to find part-time work.