

BOTANY CAMPUS

19 September 2025

DATES

Friday 19 September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Monday 6 October

TERM 4 BEGINS

Thursday 9 October

CHRISTMAS BOX
MUFTI DAY

Tuesday 14 October

MURAL UNVAILING

Thursday 23 October

Y11 -13 PRIZE GIVING
7:30PM

Friday 24 October

FINAL CLASSES FOR
ALL Y12-13 STUDENTS
LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Monday 27 October

LABOUR DAY

Friday 31 October

FINAL CLASSES FOR
ALL Y11 STUDENTS

Tēnā koutou,

As we reach the end of what has been a busy and productive Term 3, we want to acknowledge the incredible hard work and dedication shown by both our students and staff. This term marks a crucial period for our senior students, as we prepare for the final push before NCEA external exams. Our recent assemblies have been focused on encouraging students to finish well and helping them unpack what that looks like for them.

All marks and valuable feedback from the recent derived grade exams should now be with students. We strongly encourage students to use this feedback as a roadmap for their final preparations. It provides excellent guidance for identifying areas of strength and areas that may need extra focus. This upcoming school break offers a fantastic opportunity for students to get some well-deserved rest before the final few weeks of classes in term 4. Our teachers will be working hard over this period to use this data to tailor their Term 4 teaching sessions, ensuring every student has the best possible chance to succeed.

WHĀNAU PREFECT SPEECHES



For 2026, we are excited to announce a new student leadership structure that will combine the student Whānau Leader and Prefect roles into one unified position. Whānau Prefect. This change has been made to formally recognise and elevate the important work our whānau leaders have been doing over the years.

The new leadership team will consist of a maximum of 12 Whānau Prefects. These students will be led by a Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, and Deputy Head Girl. Each whānau will have three dedicated Whānau Prefects to lead and support their teams.

On Wednesday, 20 of our Year 12 shortlisted students delivered fantastic speeches to the school. They spoke passionately about why their peers and teachers should vote for them to become a Whānau Prefect for 2026. The school leadership team is incredibly proud of each and every student that delivered their speech.

The new leadership roles will be officially announced at our Leadership Assembly on Friday, October 17. We warmly welcome all parents, caregivers, and whānau to join us for this special occasion.

BOTANY CAMPUS SPORT

BASKETBALL - BOYS 1ST V TEAM - NORTH ISLAND A PREMIERSHIPS



Elim's First V Basketball Boys, whether on or off the court, all displayed their Elim Christian Character and represented our school incredibly well during the North Island 'A' Premiership Tournament in Rotorua. The team demonstrated amazing skill and competitiveness when versing the other schools. The persistence to continue fighting led the team to a phenomenal performance, ultimately coming in 3rd place overall. This incredible performance places the Elim Basketball Team in the Top 3 from the 'A' Premiership and allows them to advance to compete at the Secondary School National Championship. A first ever in Elim History!

Overall, competing in the North Island Single A Basketball Premierships was an eye-opening experience. Throughout the tournament we gained many valuable lessons, one of the most significant being the lesson of TNT, Takes No Talent. This message, emphasised by the coach, highlighted the importance of consistently completing the simple tasks that require no talent, but make a critical difference to performance and success.

FOOTBALL - 1ST XI BOYS TEAM - REX DAWKINS TOURNAMENT

The First XI football boys had an incredible experience attending the Rex Dawkins Tournament Week in Whangārei. The very first games of the week were against the two strongest teams in the competition, who ended up being in the final: Rosmini, who are an A1 school, and Rutherford, who are an A2 school. This gave us as a team the opportunity to test ourselves against some of the strongest school sides in the Auckland region. The boys rose to the challenge, playing some quality football and showing real determination in every match, making it hard for the teams to play their natural game.

Beyond the competition, the team had a great time, from heading down a waterslide to our night kangaroo court sessions. The boys created memories that will stick with them long after the final whistle. The chance to face off against high-level opposition not only pushed us to lift our game but also helped us grow as a team and as individual players.

Although results-wise the tournament didn't go as well as we had hoped, it was still a week filled with fun, hard work, and valuable lessons on and off the pitch – an experience the boys won't forget.

Luke Hunter - 1st XI Boys Captain



NETBALL PREMIER TEAM - UNISS TOURNAMENT

The Senior Premier Netball team competed in the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) netball competition. The girls played in the C grade and were faced with many challenging teams that grew their skills throughout the week. In doing so, our girls had a combination of wins and losses throughout the week, but the love for their sport never stopped showing. We are incredibly proud of their representation of Elim and the effort they put out on the court each day! Despite not achieving the desired outcome and dropping to D grade next year, our girls finished their week with a double win, and we couldn't be prouder. Their determination and resilience are truly inspiring, and we love our girls for representing



NZSS SKATEBOARDING COMPETITION

During Tournament Week, Ryan Taylor, Year 11 represented Elim at the New Zealand Secondary School Street (NZSS) Championships, held on the 28th-29th of August. Competing against some of the country's top young skaters, Ryan showcased both skill and determination across the event. Despite not getting the result he was hoping for, we are incredibly proud of this achievement. It was a fantastic achievement to have Elim represented at this national-level event, and we are so proud of Ryan for taking part in such a high-calibre competition. We look forward to seeing what Ryan can accomplish in this competition next year!



15TH GRADE BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

Our Elim Boys 15th Grade football team capped off a fantastic season with a hard-fought final game against Maclean's College. Despite a 3-0 loss in the final, the boys should be immensely proud of finishing runners-up for the season. Throughout the competition, the team were undefeated and the team showed skill, teamwork, and perseverance, earning their place in the final through consistent performances and strong results. While Maclean's proved the stronger side on the day, the journey to the final is a true reflection of the hard work the players and coaches have put in. Securing 2nd place overall is an outstanding achievement, and the school is proud of how the boys represented Elim. Congratulations on a brilliant season!



NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOL RHYTHMIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the 9th - 10th August, Mia Henning, Y12 and Amanda Kirby, Y9 represented our school at the Margaret Woolf Memorial and NZSS Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition.

Amanda Kirby, Year 9 competed in the level 5 National Overs and placed 3rd in freehand and 4th in hoop. This led her to place 6th overall!

Mia Henning, pictured below, competed in the level 8 national division and placed 1st and 2nd in all her events. This got her a gold overall! Well done Mia - this is an incredible achievement.

Congratulations, girls, you have made our school very proud!



ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Lianna Delubio, Y11 recently represented Elim in the Road Race Championships held at Bruce Pulman Park on 5th August. Below she has shared a recount of her experience.

Roadrace Championships 2025 was an eye-opening experience. I was able to be exposed to competitors who are well-experienced in cross country, so that was a good challenge. I loved being around other like-minded people who are just as passionate about cross country as I am. My race was 4km; it was hard and gruelling, and the weather was not on my side. The road seemed to be painfully long, and the rain continually spat into my eyes. However, I was able to tough it out and represent my school to the best of my abilities. I came 20th out of 60 girls. I hope to be able to participate again next year and to do even better. - Lianna

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELLING

This seems to be a time of the year where assessments and grades are at the forefront of teachers' and parents' minds. Let's have a look at a healthy approach to the pressure that comes with the pursuit of academic achievement and growth.

Process vs Outcome goals

We do not have control over outcomes. We do have control over our habits. Goal setting that is outcome oriented can leave us deflated, disappointed and disempowered. Goal setting that is habit focused is encouraging and empowering. It celebrates the journey rather than the destination. It directs us to what we have control over rather than what we do not have control over.

Examples of Outcome goals are: getting Merit on all my assessments, or getting "Above Expectation" on everything.

Examples of Habit goals are:

- Keeping a homework diary
- Persevering (giving it an extra 10 minutes) when I face a tough problem and feel like giving up
- Pray when anxious about my work
- Completing my homework before going on social media each day
- Weekly review and summary of new concepts learnt (mind map/paragraph)
- Checking that I understand everything I learn each week
- Ask more questions when I don't understand (ask friends/teacher for help)
- Use the Pomodoro technique for studying
- Draw up a Glossary of terms as I learn- building vocab in a subject
- Identifying things that distract me when I am trying to concentrate or work and making a plan to minimise the distraction.
- Asking for feedback on submitted work from teachers
- Talk to my parents/caregiver about my habits and let them know how they can support me.

Can I encourage you to look over this list with your child, add to it, get them to choose a couple of habit goals to work on and let's collectively resist the urge to focus on the grades alone, on the outcome goals that are outside of their control. When I used to be a teacher in the classroom and hand out reports to students at the end of term, I would say something like this to them "School only measures what school can measure- this report is a helpful reflection on part of your life, not all of your life. Bear that in mind whether you have done well or not. Celebrate success with humility and perspective, and take the failures as feedback - don't allow it to define you".

Kotahitanga Award

Every week, we focus on what it means to exemplify one of our school learning behaviours. Teachers look for students displaying the selected behaviour throughout the week and nominate them for a prize draw held during our Friday assembly.

Week 10

We show **Pukuahuwhenua**, we are **Diligent**

The following students were recognised for displaying this value and were nominated for this award:

Nominees:

**Esther Nickoley, Simone Gertos,
Miles Wilson, Tim Eagleton,**

WINNER:

Kan Katano

for “always working diligently in Geography”

AWARDS CHOSEN:

Chocolate

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

with Jo Robertson

Parents will leave with an understanding of the online and offline world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

- ✓ The online landscape: why and how young people are using tech
- ✓ Screen time, gaming, and social media use
- ✓ Understanding online risks: pornography, exploitation, and grooming.
- ✓ Practical strategies: filtering, games and privacy
- ✓ Counter messages, consent & and conversation starters.



For Parents, Caregivers & Grandparents of children aged 4-18-years-old.

Jo Robertson, an experienced therapist and researcher, brings over 17 years of experience working with children, youth, and parents.

WHEN: THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2025

WHERE: BOTANY CAMPUS

CHURCH AUDITORIUM

TIME: 7PM



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