



BOTANY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

TERM 3: WEEK 1

Mr Stephen Briscoe

IMPORTANT DATES

10th August:

Teacher only day -
school will not be
open to students

It has been great to welcome back all students this week after the break. Students and teachers have settled in quickly to what is to be a busy term with practice exams and revision beginning for NCEA exams which are fast approaching.

14th August:

Y11 - 13 School Ball
Ellerslie Events Centre

It was great to meet with many of you in the last week of Term 2 so that we could engage in conversations around students progress and learning. Please do make contact with teachers early this term if you are concerned about your child's progress. Each student has different goals, and we are here to facilitate you and your children in the process so that they can reach these goals.

8th - 17th September:

Practice exams -
students are only
required to attend for
their scheduled
exams

We will be hosting a subject option evening later this term to help guide subject decisions for 2022 - a date for this will be published as soon as we can.

In this newsletter is a range of articles of events that happened late last term, and also a great sports summary from our brilliant Sports Coordinator, Mrs Kim Borthwick.

Enjoy the read.

MOCK ROCK

After many hours of practice and planning, all students took part in the annual Mock Rock Whānau competition late last term. This is always a great event that brings creativity, campus spirit and a whole lot of fun. This is part of our Whānau competition with points going towards the overall winning Whānau each year.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Mr Jason Webb

Late last term students were involved in activities for an internal assessment about how groups are formed and work together to accomplish tasks successfully.

Students took part in the high ropes course at Adrenaline Forrest and challenged themselves individually and as a group to reach new heights. Their most recent tramp out west to Tunnel Point also challenged them in many areas including navigation, group leadership and group goal-setting.



SPORT

Mrs Kim Borthwick

Gymsports Championships

On Thursday 17th June, we had 3 students representing Elim at the Auckland Gymsports Championships.

Briana Hall (Y12) in Tumbling, Jenna Smit and Micah-Rose Galway (Y9) in Artistic Gymnastics.

After coming out of retirement, Briana placed 6th overall in the Junior Tumbling division.

Well done to all 3 girls who competed.



NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships

Ben Rickerby represented Elim, down at the NZSS Cross Country Championships held in Hawera, Taranaki over the weekend of 19th - 20th June.

He placed 25th out of 181 runners in the men's senior 6km race and completed the race in just 21.12 minutes.

He also ran in the Counties Manukau relay team, where they placed 2nd overall.

Congratulations Ben, this is an outstanding achievement.

Auckland Christian Schools Netball Tournament

This year we had a total of 13 teams from across all 3 campuses competing in the Auckland Christian Schools Netball Tournament, held at the Pakuranga Netball Courts in Pakuranga. 4 of these teams were from our Botany Campus. Special thanks to our wonderful ex-students and parent volunteers who assisted with umpiring and management of teams. Also a big thank you to our current students who helped with umpiring and assisting with the running of the event.

It is a big event to run each year and it would not have been possible to provide the opportunity for so many teams to compete without the support. We had a total of 36 teams playing from across the Auckland Christian Schools Cluster, from Year 5 - Year 13. It was a wonderful day and the girls played exceptionally well regardless of the constantly changing weather. There was some great competition, and plenty of talent displayed throughout the day.

Congratulations to all our teams who participated.



Elim Senior Cross Country

Earlier in Term 2, we held the Elim Senior Cross Country down at Corta Bella Place directly after the Middle Years Cross Country.

We had our Y11, Y12 and Y13 P.E. classes participate as part of their inter P.E. competition alongside students who opted to compete.

It was a wonderful afternoon with some good competition. Thank you to our whānau leaders who also attended to help with marshalling.

A number of our students went on to compete at the Central South Eastern Zone Championships, held at Lloyd Elsmore Park (names below).

Ben Rickerby also went on to compete at the Auckland Cross Country Championships held at St Kentigern College.

Lydia Jackson (Y11)

Immanuel de Ridder (Y11)

Luke Brown (Y11)

Jerome Stow (Y11)

Ben Rickerby (Y13)



Term 2 Sports Teams Roundup

We have had a number of sports teams competing in a range of codes over the past term. They are now over halfway through the season with the remainder of the competition wrapping up this term. We wish all our teams the very best for the remainder of your season!

Our Badminton teams had an exciting final against each other. The Elim B1 team placed 1st and the Elim B2 team placed 2nd in the B grade East Auckland competition.

Our Table Tennis teams have also done well, where our C1 and D1 teams have qualified for the Auckland Table Tennis Team Championships.

Our C1 Team placed 1st in C Grade, and D1 Team placed 2nd in the D Grade.

Congrats to Ricky Wen for placing 1st overall, Alister Louie - 3rd and Hyias Ching 4th in the individual points for the C grade competition.

Elim Students selected for Netball Representative Teams

Congratulations to our students who competed in the National Representative Netball Tournaments over these school holidays.

Kaelin Jackson (Y11) was selected to represent Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre in their U16 representative team.

Hannah Dunn and Jade Hunter (Y11) were selected to represent Papakura Netball Centre in their U16 representative team.

All 3 girls went down to New Plymouth to represent their centres at the National Tournament held during the first week of the holidays.

Isabella Dunn (Y13) was also selected to represent Papakura Netball Centre in their U18 representative team. She competed at Nationals held in Rotorua over the 2nd week of the holiday break.

We look forward to catching up with them to see how they went!

We also have another student Grace Hunter (Y13) who has been selected for the Open Representative Squad for Papakura Netball Centre. She is busy training in the lead up to the tournament which will be held later this year in Palmerston North.

Huge congratulations girls on being selected for the teams. It is very well deserved. There has been a lot of hard work and dedication behind the scene in the lead up to the tournaments. We are very proud of your achievements.