

BOTANY CAMPUS

5 June 2026

DATES

Tuesday 9 June

YEAR 10 ENTERPRISE
DAY

Wednesday 10
June

YEAR 11-13 CAREERS
EXPO

Saturday 20 June

SCHOOL BALL

Thursday 25 June

PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Monday 29 June

PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Wednesday 1 July

MOCK ROCK

A massive congratulations to all of our students who recently sat their Numeracy and Literacy Co-requisite assessments. We are incredibly proud of the focus, dedication, and hard work they poured into preparing for these important milestones. Navigating these assessments requires grit, and seeing our students step up to the challenge with such determination was inspiring. Thank you to our wonderful parent community and whānau for your continued support and encouragement from home.

All years 11-13 students will be attending the annual Career Expo on the 10th of June at the Howick Recreation Centre. This event brings together a wide range of tertiary institutions, trade training providers, and employer liaison teams, all offering valuable insights and guidance on future career and study pathways.

Held during school hours, the expo is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore different industries, ask questions, and begin thinking about their next steps after school. Transport to and from the venue will be provided via school buses.



A Message from the Āko Tahi Student Group

The Āko Tahi group is dedicated to providing personalised academic support for students looking for an extra boost in their learning. Through this student-led initiative, proudly overseen by Dr Han, students are matched with peer tutors for tailored 1-on-1 sessions or collaborative, small-group study.

So far this year, 21 students have taken part, guided by 18 incredibly dedicated senior tutors who have poured their time and energy into helping their peers. The results speak for themselves; we are thrilled to share that every single participant has shown significant improvements in both their academic performance and their confidence. We are immensely proud of their hard work and achievements!

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Parents, we'd love for you to ask your child if they are taking advantage of this student-led support club. Sometimes students hesitate to ask for help, but we want to remind them that seeking support is a true sign of determination. Please encourage your child to reach out if they need extra help.



Hosanna Week

Hosanna Week, held in week four, brought an incredible atmosphere to our school this year, centred around the theme of “Surrender.” Students were encouraged to reflect on what it meant to fully trust and surrender to God in everyday life through a range of engaging events held throughout the week, from a devotion during Monday assembly shared by Tobbyn Hodgson to a meaningful panel hosted at the end of the week.

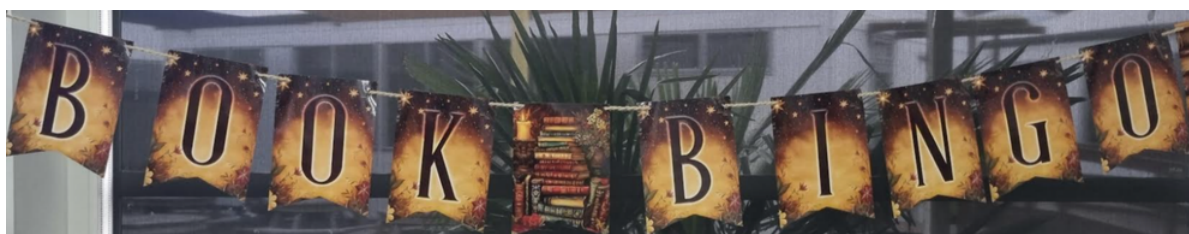
One of the highlights of the week was Hosanna Night on Tuesday evening. Students gathered together for a powerful night of worship led by the school worship team and several stations filled with activities, alongside an impactful devotion shared by Damian Rutkowski. The night created a meaningful space for students to grow in their faith, connect with one another, and reflect on the week’s theme. Another memorable event was the Hosanna Panel held at the end of the week, where members from the Elim Church answered thoughtful questions about faith, Christianity, and personal experiences, all relating back to the theme of surrender. Other events throughout the week included Chips and Testimonies, Bible Trivia, Prayer and Pancakes, Chalk Art, and verses of encouragement handed out before assembly.

Overall, Hosanna Week was a special opportunity for students to come together, strengthen their faith, and reflect on the importance of surrendering their lives to the Lord.



Learning Hub Challenge

The Learning Hub team are excited to announce that we have our first successful completion of the Book Bingo challenge for 2026. Congratulations to Bella Langdon for having read a book for each of the 25 categories in such a short period. This is an amazing achievement and it inspires all of us to keep reading over the year. Don't forget that there are both individual and team incentives and we look forward to congratulating other readers in the months ahead.

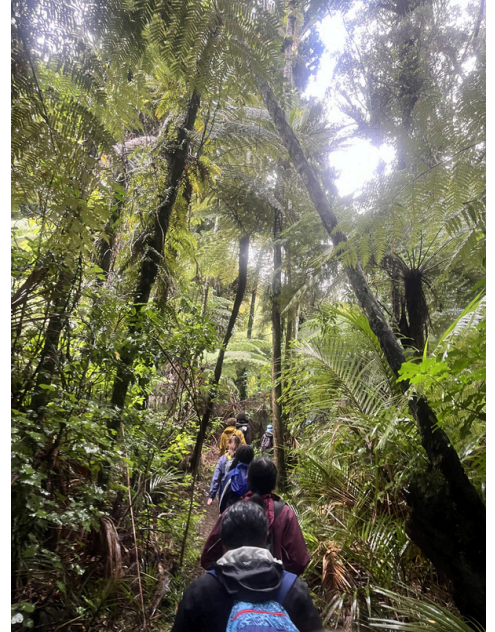


A classic text	A book set in a wartime situation	A book that feels like a challenge	A book set in Europe	A graphic novel
A book from the 'New Books' shelf in the library	A book that was later made into a film	A historical text	An autobiography of a celebrity	Read a fiction text of your choice
A book with only one word in the title	An audio book	WILD CARD	A book recommended by a friend	A book that celebrates friendship
A book that is popular on social media	A New Zealand text	A book recommended by a teacher	A book in the Bible	An award winning book
A non-fiction text	A science-fiction book	Reread a favourite children's book	An autobiography of a sports person	A travel book.

Year 10s Take to the Trails

Our Year 10 Outdoor Education class has been busy preparing for the great outdoors this term. Students have been mastering the Mountain Safety Council's five-stage 'Plan My Walk' process, alongside the seven 'Leave No Trace' principles of the environmental care code.

To put their new skills into practice and connect with our beautiful New Zealand bush (ngāhere), the class is tackling two half-day walks. They recently conquered the Mt William Walkway, a challenging, intermediate-level trek up to the trig in the Bombay Hills. Up next, the team is looking forward to exploring the Wairoa Loop Track in the Hunua Ranges.



Musical Magic at the Uxbridge Concert



Our student musicians recently wowed the crowd at the Uxbridge community concert with an unforgettable, emotionally uplifting performance. The audience was deeply moved by the students' immense talent, passion, and versatile repertoire, with the beauty of the music even bringing a few tears to the crowd. We are incredibly proud of our performers. Congratulations to everyone involved for their hard work, dedication, and for sharing their spectacular musical gifts with the wider community.



Botany Sport:

Annual Cross Country 2026: Determination on Display

On Friday, May 15th, our campus came alive for the annual Cross Country. Students from Years 9 through 13 stepped up to the start line, pushing their limits and showcasing incredible endurance, resilience, and determination. We couldn't have asked for better weather—the sunny skies matched the high energy of the day!

Whether they were sprinting for the finish line or cheering loudly from the sidelines, the sense of community and joy across all year levels was fantastic to see.

A massive congratulations to everyone who took part, and a special shout-out to our top placers listed below!



Year 13	1	Jun	Lai
Year 13	2	Paula	Sun
Year 13	3	Mia	Henning

Year 13	1	Oliver	Croft
Year 13	2	Alex	Cave
Year 13	3	Ethan	Cope

Year 12	1	Ailidh	McKinnon
Year 12	2	Lianna	Delubio
Year 12	3	Hannah	Molloy

Year 12	1	Iggy	Frost
Year 12	2	Matthew	Koshlelev
Year 12	2	Benjamin	Weston

Year 11	1	Mikaiah	Hall
Year 11	2	Hosanna	Waseem
Year 11	3	Charlie	McNae

Year 11	1	Owen	Adamson
Year 11	2	Nathan	Ko
Year 11	3	Samuel	Carter

Year 10	1	Alisa Hernandez	
Year 10	2	Maka Zinhu	
Year 10	3	Sofia Jordaan	

Year 10	1	Luca Fenwick
Year 10	2	Anro Venter
Year 10	3	Nathan Metcalf



Botany Sport:

Asha Secures Representative Netball Selection!

A huge congratulations to Asha Dunn (Year 11), who has recently been selected for the Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre (HPNC) U16 Maroon representative team.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Asha's hard work and dedication on the court. We wish you all the very best with your upcoming training and preparations as you get ready for the tournament.

Awesome job Asha, we are all behind you!



Botany Sport: Auckland Cross Country Championships

It was an incredible day of racing, and our students achieved some outstanding results that they should be incredibly proud of! A huge congratulations to everyone who took part and represented our school with such pride and determination:

- Senior Boys (6km): Alex Cave
- Senior Girls (4km): Lianna Delubio & Ailidh McKinnon
- Intermediate Boys (5km): Owen Adamson
- Junior Boys (4km): Jonathan Godhino, Theo Black, Jonathan Boshoff, Tristan Costar & Kenjie Velez
- Junior Girls (3km): Brooke Fawkner

Well done, team!



Botany Sport:

Podium Finishes for Elim Mountain Bikers!

Three of our talented students have made an absolutely outstanding start to the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking Cross Country Series.

Competing in the first two intense races of the series at Maraetai and South Head, our riders pushed hard and brought home some phenomenal results:

- Ailidh McKinnon (Year 12): Claimed a brilliant 1st place in the U20 Girls category at both events!
- Chase Wilkinson: Secured a fantastic 3rd place on the podium in the U15 Boys category at both races.
- Tristan Costar (Year 9): Fought hard in a highly competitive U15 Boys field, finishing a strong 12th and 18th.

Congratulations to all our riders on their amazing grit and achievements so far. Their next race takes them to Totara Park. We wish them the very best of luck for the rest of the series and can't wait to hear how they go!

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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. Below is a list of students who have been nominated so far this term

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

The following students were recognised for displaying one of these values, and were nominated for this award:

Nominees:

MANAAKITANGA: Jeba Daniel, Xavier Green, Eva Gamley, Charlie McNae

PUKUAHUWHENUA: Bethany Chang, Yien Chang, Claudia Price

WINNERS:

Charlie McNae, Claudia Price

AWARDS CHOSEN:

Chocolate