

# BOTANY CAMPUS

Thursday 17 August

## Term 3 : Week 5

STEPHEN BRISCOE - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SENIOR YEARS)

The Y11-13 Ball was a great evening of fun, food, and dancing. Mr Burton even busted out some moves! As a school, we were commended once again by the venue staff and security for exceptional behaviour and an enjoyable night. Well done to all, it is great to see our young people enjoying themselves in such a positive way.

An opportunity for your to consider:

### **Making It On My Own (MIOMO)**

Want your young adult to finish the year strong? MIOMO's inspirational 4-day Life Skills course will set your young adult up with skills to take ownership of their life and future. What better way to finish the school year than by developing skills to get a new job, manage your time/space/energy and finances well, build strong relationships, develop strong values and character and much, much more!

A special discount has been offered to Elim families for the 4-7 December course - only 10 spaces are left.

More information can be found at the links below:

[MIOMO Introduction](#) and [What is MIOMO](#).

Our Subject Handbook for 2024 is now available on our website. Next Tuesday, we will host a Subject Information evening in which we will provide information regarding subject selection. Further details with links will be sent to you on Monday.

## DATES

**FRIDAY 18 AUGUST**  
TEACHER ONLY DAY

**TUESDAY 22 AUGUST**  
SUBJECT OPTION  
EVENING  
7:00PM ONLINE

**MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**  
- **WEDNESDAY 13**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
NCEA PRACTICE EXAMS

**FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**  
LAST DAY OF TERM 3  
**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER**  
TERM 4 BEGINS

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Mrs Mack (TIC ESOL)

Xuechen (Sherry), Lisa (Xinrong) and Allen (Letian) recently graduated from the Elim Christian College International Student Programme. Over the past 4 weeks, these students have enthusiastically participated in a range of tasks and activities, including academics, sports, cultural and social pursuits. They have engaged well with their teachers and peers, sharing about their experiences both in New Zealand and from their hometowns. It has been a delight hosting these young people and we wish them every success as they continue on their English learning journey.



## MUSIC

Mr Nate Collings (HOLA Music)

### Auckland Jazz and Blues Competition:

Elim entered two jazz combos into the Auckland Jazz and Blues Competition this Term held at the Point Chevalier RSA. This competition is held over two weekends in Term 3 and features small-group jazz combos and larger big bands.

The Mt. Albert Jazz Combo 'The Big MAC Combo' played four tunes including three vocals and was awarded a Silver Award. An excellent result on their first time entering this competition. The Botany Jazz Combo '2000 BC combo' played a varied programme of five tunes and was awarded a Gold Award on their second time entering this competition. Both are fantastic results!

Enjoy the videos of the performances below.

[Big MAC Combo](#)

[2000 BC Combo](#)

## KBB Music Festival:

Our Elim Chamber Ensemble is made up of students from our Mt. Albert and Botany campuses and is directed by Mrs Karen Liu. Throughout the year they have been rehearsing separately and in the Term 2 holidays had three intensive workshops as a combined group.

The KBB Music Festival is the largest festival of its kind in the country and features big bands, orchestras, concert bands and chamber orchestras. Last week we performed in the chamber orchestra division. The Elim Chamber Ensemble put on their best performance to date and was awarded a Bronze Award. An excellent result as their first time entering a competitive group.

Part of this festival is offering students from all the schools involved the opportunity to play in a combined school orchestra and big band. Scarlett Ploeg was selected to be part of the orchestra on cello and performed Gareth Farr's 'From the Depths of the Great Sea Gong.' This is a piece of music that even professional orchestras rarely play because of the difficulty. Calitin Diprose was selected to be part of the big band on bass and performed two charts 'It Could Happen To You' and 'A Foggy Day.' Bass is probably the most essential instrument in a big band and she nailed it.

Videos below:

[Elim Chamber Ensemble](#)

[Honours Band Concert](#) featuring Scarlett Ploeg (cello) and Caitlin Diprose (bass)

## SPORT

### Student Sport Council

Our Elim Table Tennis Teams had great success in Term 2. The C and D-Grade teams both placed first in their respective grades. This qualifies them for the Table Tennis Team Championships which will be held on August 24th at Gillies Ave Table Tennis Stadium. From the Botany Campus, we congratulate Joshua Hutchinson, Nicole Liu, and Jesse Kerkhof for their outstanding effort.

A special mention to Joshua Hutchinson and Nicole Liu. Both of these students participated in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships, an individual-based tournament. Students attend this event after school on the first Friday of Term 3. Joshua and Nicole teamed up to win the C-Grade Doubles Final. Additionally, Joshua won the C-Grade Consolation Singles Final.





This has been yet another great couple of weeks for our sports teams. We have had some great wins and some very tough games that have really displayed our skills.

Elim is excited to announce that we have multiple teams competing in finals in their grades in the next few days.

On Friday the 18th of August, our First XI football team has their last game of the season against Birkenhead College playing for 1st and 2nd in the A4 grade at 3:30 pm.

Good luck to our 8-a-side mixed hockey team as they also play their final next week.

All our netball teams also have their final games this Saturday at the Auckland Netball Centre!

Our Premier team are taking on Botany Downs College at 8:30am.

Our Senior Black team are also playing Botany Downs College at 12.35pm

And our Senior Blue team are playing Diocesan School for Girls at 10.45am.

Elim also has very exciting news to share. Our very own student Seth Africa recently went to a Karate tournament and did extremely well. He got a gold medal in the U18 grade which is incredibly impressive. He also passed an exam to go from a blue belt to a brown belt, completely bypassing the purple belt.

Our basketball under 17 boys placed 2nd in the central-eastern zone competition. They qualified to compete at the Auckland Champs playoffs and will be competing in Winter Tournament Week.

We also have the winter tournament coming up from the 28th of August to the 1st of September. Our first XI boys football team is competing at Mclennan Park in the Malcolm Cowie Football Cup. Our premier netball team is competing in the Upper North Island Secondary Schools netball in Hamilton in the B grade. Our U17 basketball boys are also competing in the Basketball New Zealand Secondary Schools AA premiership.

Congratulations to all the other teams who have been competing in their own competitions, we are so proud to have you representing us.

# Kotahitanga Award

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

Week 5 focus:

We are **KIND**, We show **AROHA**

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

Tydus Ah Kuoi  
Adeesha Pal  
Luca Johns

**WINNER: Eksteen Harmse**

for

"taking the initiative to help Mrs Liu carry her drum set to her class and for always being kind and polite towards others "

**AWARD CHOSEN:** Staff Morning Tea