

# BOTANY CAMPUS

Friday 26 May

## Term 2 : Week 5

STEPHEN BRISCOE - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SENIOR YEARS)

Last week was a fantastic week of student-led initiatives and events. The Hosanna Leaders were outstanding with their planning and organisation with so many opportunities provided to connect and develop our relationship with Jesus. It did my heart good seeing so many of our young people praising and passionately following God. This is truly a special place to be. Please enjoy the report written by Harper Bilby on page 2.

We will have more information regarding the PPTA strike action in the coming days. For now, all action has been suspended. If strike action recommences we will communicate this with you as soon as we can.

On Thursday we had the INzone careers bus, along with other organisations onsite for the day. This gave all students the opportunity to explore a wide range of possible careers and opportunities. A big thank you to Mr Charman and Ms Schwerzel for organising this, along with the weekly careers program that is covered in tutor classes and assemblies equipping students with the opportunities to explore possible career paths as they navigate their senior schooling years.

## DATES

### MONDAY 5 JUNE

KINGS BIRTHDAY -  
SCHOOL CLOSED

### TUESDAY 6 JUNE

TEACHER ONLY DAY -  
SCHOOL CLOSED

### TUESDAY 20 JUNE

MUFTI DAY - WORLD  
VISION

### THURSDAY 22 JUNE

PARENT-TEACHER-  
STUDENT CONFERENCES  
(ONLINE 2:00PM - 4:30PM)

### MONDAY 26 JUNE

PARENT-TEACHER-  
STUDENT CONFERENCES  
(ONSITE 3:30PM - 6:00PM)

## HOSANNA WEEK

Harper Bilby (Year 13 Hosanna Leader)

Last week, our Botany Campus had the chance to participate in Hosanna Week, an initiative run by a team of Year 13 students. This year the theme of the week was 'Stepping in.' Our vision was to encourage our school to spend a week pressing into God and building a school culture that reflects our Elim Christian Character.

We started the week with our very own 'Elim Live' talk show and an afternoon session for the year 12s and 13s with worship and guest speaker Jeremy Keys. On Tuesday morning, students came to the church cafe to pray over our school together, accompanied by some delicious pancakes. On Wednesday morning, the Hosanna team went around tutor classes handing out FindGod stickers to every student along with bible verses and an invite to the main event of the week, Hosanna night.

Hosanna night is a night filled with worship, prayer and fellowship for youth in our community. The event itself had an incredible turnout and we could not be more grateful for everyone who made the night possible, as well as everyone who attended. We were also lucky enough to have the team at 'FindGod' come to this event and host a pop-up shop for the students which was in very high demand. But the week didn't end there. On Thursday, the team served hot chocolates to students as they came into school. During periods 5 and 6, the Hosanna team took over the year 11 Christian Living classes where they played some games and discussed the importance of discipleship and school culture. Our final day of Hosanna week consisted of a guest speaker, Pastor Becs Green, in the Friday morning assembly along with worship and communion. We closed the week with acoustic worship in the learning hub during lunchtime.

Overall the week exceeded our expectations and we are so grateful for the opportunity to run events like Hosanna Week here at school. A huge thank you to the Hosanna team and the Elim Botany church staff for all the time and planning that went into this week. We look forward to continuing to watch our school grow to be even more on fire for God throughout this year and the coming years.



## TECH23 EXPO

Mr Steven Woollaston (Digital Technologies Teacher)

Our digital technology students from Botany and MAC recently attended the Tech23 Expo in the CBD, an event focused on technology careers and new technologies. This expo provided our students with invaluable insights into the world of digital innovation in New Zealand. They had the opportunity to engage with industry professionals, play with cutting-edge technologies, and explore various technology careers. The event helped to inspire our students and to broaden their horizons for future endeavours in the digital realm.



## LEVEL 3 CHEMISTRY

Mr Michael Lowe (Chemistry Teacher)

As part of the L3 Chemistry course, we try to incorporate demonstrations and student practicals into the curriculum. While studying Organic Compounds, students learn how to synthesise soap. The process of making soap incorporates chemical processes that they have learnt throughout the standard, and as they complete the practical it helps cement important Chemistry content.





## SPORT

### Student Sport Council

#### Student Highlight - Duncan Ramsey (Year 12)

On the 1st & 2nd of April, Duncan Ramsey competed in the ARGOS Senior ART (Artistic Gymnastics) competition in Tauranga. This was a qualifying event for the men's artistic gymnastics (MAG) National Championship. On day one he got a fabulous overall score of 70.957. On day two he got another amazing overall score of 72.898. He came first in hi-bar, rings and vault, placed third in p-bars and fourth on floor. Out of 6 competitors from all over the country Duncan came first overall in MAG Level 7. This is very impressive as it is also his first time competing at this event.



Duncan has also competed in the Counties Annual Kerrin Bishop Memorial Artistic Competition and did astoundingly. In this event, he came first overall, with a personal best score of 72.99! Duncan came first in p-bar, hi-bar, and vault, placed second on rings and third on floor. Congratulations Duncan Ramsey!

We asked Duncan some questions regarding his sport's history and goals, and this was his response:

#### **What is the best part about competing?**

"The best part about competing is the energy that his team gives him through encouragement and support. He also enjoys the satisfaction of receiving a round of applause from the crowd when he executes a routine well."

#### **What age were you when you started your sport?**

"I started gymnastics at the age of 4."

#### **Who inspires you as an athlete?**

"I look up to a guy named Harvey. He is only a few years older than me and I have always been fascinated by observing Harvey go about his work."

#### **What commitment and time do you give your sport?**

"I spend 17.5 hours per week training for my sport, and train for 3.5 hours a day."

#### **What do you do in your free time?**

"To get away from gymnastics, I enjoy playing video games."

#### **Winter Sports Have Started!**

We are very proud of our winter sports codes for kickstarting the season over the past couple of weeks. For many of the codes it has been a rough start to the season as there have been many disruptions, however, there is still a whole season ahead and this will not bring our efforts down.

Draws & Results for the sports codes can be found on the College Sport Auckland website: <http://drawsresults.sportsrunner.net/?org=CSA>

We would like to encourage parents, caregivers and whānau to come and support our teams. We appreciate any positive support and encouragement towards our players and opposing teams. Many thanks to those who have come and supported us during games!

# Kotahitanga Award

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

Week 5 focus:

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

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

Inez Chin  
Ella Membrey  
Millicent Rowe

**WINNER: Oliver Sands**

for

"For showing diligence in all aspects of his classroom work"

**AWARD CHOSEN:** Morning Tea with Staff