



Kia Ora Botany Campus Whanau,

It has been a great Term 1 with so much happening. Both staff and students have managed the complexities well and are now in full swing into NCEA assessments.

Term 1 activities were not affected significantly by the Level 3 restrictions and our students still managed to get out on various outdoor activities for significant learning opportunities. These included Outdoor Education sailing, surfing and kayaking expeditions, interschool athletics and swimming competitions, a Duke of Edinburgh tramp over the Tongariro crossing, and our annual Y11-13 athletics day. Thank you to all the teachers who organise these events for the students. Photos from some of these events are below in the Mrs Borthwicks sports report.

It was great to have so many of you join us on Monday for Parent / Teacher conferences. We value the partnerships between the school and home as we work together to ensure academic success and personal growth for each of our students this year.

On Thursday we held our special Heritage assembly to recognise and celebrate where we as a school and individuals have come from since the 2008 Mangatepopo event that claimed 6 students and 1 teacher's life. It was a special time that brought all Y9-13 students and staff from Golflands Campus and Mount Albert Campus together. Mr Daniel Charman, a staff member on this trip, was able to share a bit of his journey, and items from the stage ensemble and choir were also enjoyed.

Today, many of our students who are part of our cultural groups had the opportunity to attend the Polyfest in Manukau, which will be valuable for them all. We look forward to the cultural evening that they are all busy preparing for later in the year.

Enjoy the holiday break, keep safe, and we look forward to seeing all students returning on Monday 3rd May for the beginning of Term 2.

Regards,

Stephen Briscoe BSR
BOTANY CAMPUS LEAD

TERM 1 SPORTS REPORT

What a wonderful start to the year we have had this term, and sports have been in full swing! See below to check out some of what our students have been up to.

SWIMMING

We started off the year with our Elim School Swimming Sports, held at Lloyd Elsmore Swimming Pools. This was a wonderful day filled with a great mix of fun and competitive swimming. We finished the morning off with some fun relays and we even had a teacher relay race against the students.

We would love to continue growing our school swimming sports and encourage participation for more students next year!

Congratulations to all our students who participated.



Counties Manukau Zone Swimming Competition

We had 6 students from Y9-13 compete at the Counties Swimming Zone Competition earlier this term.

Congratulations to the following students:

Josh Carlyle
Samuel Molloy
Analiah Palmer
Jenna Smit
Jerome Stow
Luke Carlyle



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball training was in full swing before school even returned in Term 1 this year!

We had 1 boys and 1 girls Senior Volleyball team entered into the Eastern Zone Senior Volleyball to compete in the weekly competition.

Well done to both our teams who competed well over the 4 week competition.

Our boys also competed in the Auckland Senior Volleyball Championships held over 3 days at Bruce Pulman Park. They showed excellent sportsmanship, determination and learnt a lot from attending the tournament.

We look forward to continuing our volleyball training next term to further develop the sport.

GOLF

This year we had a team representing Elim in the Golf Premier 9-Hole competition in Division 2. This is a new sport to Elim and it was awesome to have students represent our school in this competition, which ran over 5 weeks.

Thank you to the parents for your support of the games each week. Congratulations to the team, who placed 3rd overall in the competition! What a great start to the season. Well done.

ATHLETICS DAY

We were very pleased to still be able to hold our annual Senior Athletics Day, despite rescheduling 3 times due to covid lockdowns! It was a great day out and the students had lots of fun and showed some great participation house spirit and competition!

Well done to our students who placed in events & broke our school records!

- Hope Bailey & Kyla Croft both broke the record for our U19 Girls High Jump
- Jerome Stow broke U16 Boys 400m
- Benjamin Rickerby broke the U19 Boys 1500m



Counties Manukau Zone Athletics

Earlier this term, we had 11 students from Y9-13 compete in the Counties Manukau Athletics competition held at Massey Athletics Park in Papakura.

Congratulations to all our students who participated.

- Isaiah Dunn
- Oliver Sands
- Luke Adams
- Immanuel de Ridder
- Johan Els
- Lily Kamsteeg
- Angela Zeng
- Hope Bailey
- Ruel Prasad
- Timothy Price
- Benjamin Rickerby

Auckland Athletics Championships

A special congratulations to Ben Rickerby who placed 1st for Senior Boys 3000m and 3rd in Senior Boys 1500m and to Hope Bailey who placed 2nd for Senior Girls High Jump at the Counties Manukau Zone event, qualifying them to compete at Auckland Championships.



Both students competed well at Auckland Championships, despite the very miserable weather on the day! You should be very proud of your achievements! Well done.

ORIENTEERING

Each year the Counties Manukau Orienteering Club run an Orienteering Sprint Series for schools within the Eastern Zone. This is a superbly organised event, which runs for 6 weeks.

This year unfortunately due to the lockdowns students only competed in 3 of these events, however participation numbers remained high! We had 38 students in total competing in the event from Years 9-13.

Orienteering Sprint Finals

9 of our students placed in the top 15 for our zone event, which qualified them to compete in the Orienteering Sprint Finals last Sunday against all Auckland Zones.

Congratulations to the following students:

Bayly Dransfield
Eliana Koh
Rachel Wagener
Madeleine Mensah
Claudia Price
Samuel Rickerby
Bobby-Jean Russ
Timothy Price
Aaron Jackson

Results from Sunday's event are yet to be advised. But a massive congratulations to all our students who qualified and competed. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

The students competed in two events for the day. The morning event was held at AUT North Akoranga Campus, Northcote and the afternoon event at Massey University in Albany.

AUCKLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Earlier this term, we took 8 teams from Year 3 – Year 10 over to Moire Park, Massey to compete in the annual Auckland Christian Schools Touch Rugby Tournament.

This was a wonderful day, filled with some great competition against our fellow ACS schools.

8 of our Senior Students help with refereeing our teams for the day! Massive thank you to the below students.

Jasmin Munro
Christiaan Barnard
Ricco Reckling
Grace Hunter

Jade Hunter
Danica Englebrecht
Harrison Brewer

CELEBRATING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We love to celebrate your children's successes and hear what they have been up to with their sports. If your child has been involved in a sports competition outside of school and has something to celebrate, please email through the details and any pictures so we can celebrate with them! You can email this to sport@elim.school.nz

Junior Nationals Touch Rugby Tournament

Congratulations to Jasmin Munro, who was selected to play for Auckland Touch in the U18's Girls team to compete at the Junior Nationals Touch Rugby Tournament, held at Bruce Pulman Park in February. Well done Jasmin!

Running Events



Ben Rickerby has also been very busy with his running events this year.

He competed in the 10km at the Maraetai Marathon event and placed 2nd overall, achieving a PB of 34.51 minutes.

He more recently competed in the 10km race at the Waterfront Marathon and placed 5th overall for this!

He has also picked up Steeplechase this year and represented Papakura Athletics Club in the Auckland Athletics Club Championships and placed 1st for the U18 boys age category.

Huge congrats to you Ben on your achievements so far this year!

LOOKING AHEAD TO TERM 2

Organising of the winter sports season is well underway and we are very excited for the term ahead! We have a range of sports teams who will be competing in the secondary school competitions. We will also have a number of one day tournament opportunities for students. Details of these will be posted on schoology as they arise for students to sign up their interest!

In Week 2 we will be holding our [Elim School Cross Country event](#). This is on Wednesday 12th May. For our Year 11-13 students this is an optional event and a sign-up form will be posted on schoology early in Term 2 for those who wish to compete.

We have recently held a number of successful trials for our winter sports teams and preseason training has begun! Information regarding the season will be emailed out shortly with more details. If you have any queries in the meantime, please don't hesitate to email us at sport@elim.school.nz.

Kim Borthwick

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