

18th July 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

Kia ora whanau. Term 3 has kicked off with a great start and there is plenty more to come. We are blessed to welcome Mrs Jess Lomberg to teach in room 11 on Fridays. This term we will explore the teachings given to the early church through the book of James. Our Inquiry focus is the Living World where we will be learning about the Marine Biome. This includes a range of water ecosystems and ocean food webs.

Year 6 will be going to Wero Whitewater Park on Monday 4th of September (week 8). This is a great program offered to our students that links to the term 2 'Wonderful Wai' and term 3 'Marine Biomes' inquiry, along with the Health and Physical Education curriculum in relation to water safety. We are excited to provide students with the opportunity to build valuable skills and gain a deeper awareness of water safety. Please see further information below and fill in the term permission slip for this trip. For digital technology, students will be constructing robotics, so they will need the free educational Jimu app on their iPads, this is shown on the app list.

Please ensure you view the dates and events that will be happening throughout this term.

Please read the latest information from our Principal, Mr Burton:

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Principals-Update-19-June-2023.pdf>

The teachers in Year 6 'The Forest' (Ngahere) team are:

Mrs Helen Bartlem (Monday-Thursday) | Room 11 Pastoral care Teacher

Mrs Jess Lomberg (Friday) | Room 11 Classroom Teacher

Mrs Rachel Arnold | Room 12 Pastoral care Teacher | Year 5-6 Forest Team leader

Mrs Yung Chang | Music Teacher

Mrs Catherine Taylor | Release Teacher

This term, our school wide focus is:

- Biblical Theme – God calls us to serve.
My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12-13
- Elim Exploration – Community/Service
- Science Focus: Living World
- Literacy focus - Personal narratives
- Digital technology- Building Jimu robots and photography
- Numeracy focus - Fractions & Ratios, Geometry & Position/Orientation
- *Vision – Our vision is for young people who will be actively participating in our local community
- *Principles – Community Engagement and Inclusion
- *Values – to value: Pukuahuwhenua - Diligence

HOMEWORK: Students will receive a homework sheet every fortnight. Homework will include spelling words focused on a sound pattern that students will also be learning in class, as well as a reading log and maths on study ladder. Spelling will be tested weekly on Fridays. Please include the reading book's title in the appropriate space and sign your child's homework book. Refer to your child's homework book for more information. Please note that homework can also be found on Google Classroom, along with spelling and scripture in action verses, should your child be absent. Please send any changes in medical information/address/phone number, etc. to: gadmin@elim.school.nz

CULTURAL DAY: as part of our Biblical theme God wants us to serve. We want to serve and celebrate all the different cultures in our school. Our special cultural day will be on Wednesday, 6th September 2023.

As part of the celebration we would like our students to experience different cultural activities run by Parents throughout the week during lunch times.

Some of these activities may include:

- learning a cultural dance or song
- doing a cultural craft
- learning some basic greetings / words in another language
- hearing about some cultural traditions
- viewing and learning about traditional cultural items or
- learning and playing a new cultural game.

We are blessed to have many students from different cultures as part of our school. In order for this week to be authentic and a success, we need Parents and/or extended family members to come along to school to share their culture and skills with our students.

If you are able to help us out for a few hours during the week 4th September - 8th September, we would be grateful. Please email Mrs Groenewald (brieta.groenewald@elim.school.nz) by Friday, 18th August if you are able to assist in any way.

ELIM PACIFIC PARENTS FONONO: Tālofa Lava, Kia Orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō e lelei, Bula Vinaka

Mr Burton & the Junior Years Leadership Team warmly invite you to join us for our first Junior Years Fonono in the Staffroom on Thursday, 17 August at 6.30 - 8pm. Invitations and more information will be sent out.

UNIFORM: All items of school uniform may be worn as appropriate to the weather conditions. Refer to the school website for requirements - <https://www.elim.school.nz/uniform/>. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

Please note:

- Long-sleeved polo shirts/regulation track pants may be worn in Terms 2/3.
- **PE uniform:** Year 5-6 students need their PE gear to take part in Physical Education. Please note that they will need their gear on Thursdays (for jump jam and sports skills). *Regulation P.E. uniform shirt and shorts is compulsory for all Year 5 and 6 students.*
- School shoes are to be polishable (Not sneakers).

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

APPS TO DOWNLOAD FOR THIS TERM: If you have not as yet downloaded the Apps from the list below on your child's device, it would be appreciated if this is done for this term to facilitate learning. Years 1 -3: please feel free to download these Apps on your home devices.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION: Please note that:

- All students are required to take their morning-tea and lunch wrappers, uneaten food, etc. home with them. They cannot dispose of it at school.
- All containers/wrappers from our lunch providers (Subway, U-Sushi and Pita Pit) **must** be taken home to be disposed of. The bins at school cannot accommodate this volume of rubbish.
- The recycling bins at Golflands Campus have little provision for landfill items and food scraps.

Together with the above deliberate measures to reduce waste, increase recycling and improve sustainability, we would also like to strongly encourage all our parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and to buy in bulk.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE ON OUR SCHOOL SITE: Elim Kelly Club -

Kelly Club is a Year 0-8 After-School Care and Holiday Programme that operates out of our school hall from 3 pm – 6 pm, and from 8 am to 6 pm respectively. Cassidy has joined the team as the Programme Coordinator, she is super excited to join the Kelly Club Elim team and meet you and your wonderful children. We know Cassidy is going to be the best fit for the Kelly Club Elim team with her passion for kids and their health and safety being front of mind at all times. Cassidy's experience of working with kids and young people will be invaluable to lead our excellent and quality Kelly Club Elim Programme.

We want to let parents and caregivers know that:

- Kelly Club shares their revenue with our school to benefit our learning community.
- Programmes are approved by the Ministry of Social Development.
- WINZ subsidies can be accessed for eligible parents/caregivers - From 1 April 2023 more people will be eligible and hourly rates will increase, find out more at <https://workandincome.govt.nz/about-work-and-income/news/2023/childcare-assistance-available-to-more-people.html>.

Some of the advantages are:

- There is a good balance of activities which also allows students to get their Home Learning done at a certain time.
- Afternoon tea and snacks are also provided.
- You do not have to rush to school to pick up your child/children in peak-hour traffic at 3pm. They are still on the school grounds.

Please ensure all of your bookings are up to date for this term so that we can plan accordingly for safety ratios. You can edit your bookings online at www.kellyclub.co.nz/elim.

Cancellations:

The online booking system allows you to make changes to your booking until 6pm the night before. To avoid being charged for a session, please contact us by phone, 021156 6256 or email, elim@kellyclub.co.nz before 6pm the night before.

SCRIPTURE UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION: We want to celebrate how students apply the Word of God in their lives. Students will have two larger passages of scripture to understand and apply each term. These verses relate to our Kotahitanga value for the term, with a hope to integrate character and scripture. In your child's homework book, there is a copy of the scripture focus and discussion prompts for families to use at home. This does not require any learning tasks, but is provided to help continue the conversation of scripture at home and deepen students' understanding and application of the verse. During the term, students will be asked to demonstrate their understanding and application of the scripture and will be able to choose a way to do this. It may be through memorisation and explanation orally, through journaling, drama, song, art work or a recorded presentation.

Notices: To keep you up to date, Parents please refer to our school website where you can check notices and our current school calendar. If you are not receiving these notifications, please contact the Golflands Campus.

WERO WHITEWATER PARK:

The 'Community Swim' organisation, in conjunction with Wero Whitewater Rafting Park in Manukau have offered us free sessions for our YEAR 5-6 students to have a go at white-water rafting, river crossings and an optional downriver swim! For the activity to go ahead, we will need three parents per class to come with us on the bus. (Additional parents who are not selected are welcome to join us to watch). Please note that activities are completely run by the instructors and all parents need to have a current police clearance. This permission slip, in addition to a hard copy of

a separate permission slip from WERO, must be completed and returned to school in order for your child to attend. The water safety programme is fully funded however, a bus fare of \$12.00 will be invoiced through KAMAR.

Your child's Wero trip will be approximately two hours, this includes;

- A 45 minute safety briefing where all the students will be given safety gear, including life jackets, helmets and wetsuits, and will be taught how to fit it correctly. They will also perform safety checks with their buddies. The activity will include a moving water safety briefing, terminologies and safety guidelines. There will also be a question and answer time to build confidence and understanding of the activity.
- The children will then proceed to the water with their instructors and learn to safely cross the moving water in a 'river crossing'.
- They will then participate in a white water rafting activity on the water with an instructor in each raft.
- There is also an optional swim wearing life jackets moving downriver in the Grade 1-2 Tamariki River. The whole activity is supervised by qualified outdoor educationalists and instructors. This is followed by 15 minutes to change after the activity (including hot showers).
- Here is a link to show what the children will do on the day (please note that the video shows a range of courses, whereas the river course Elim students will undertake is the grade 1-2 Tamariki river course of 200m with gentle dips and eddies) [Vector Wero for Families, Schools and Community](#)

What to bring to Wero;

Swimwear and a towel. For example, swimming togs, or a rash vest and shorts. (Students receive a Buoyancy aid, safety helmet, paddles and booties at the venue). A good idea would be to bring two towels- one for after the river crossing and one for after the downriver swim to ensure your child can dry off and stay warm. Along with wearing their school uniform and school jersey, students may bring an additional warm jacket. It might also be a good day to wear black track pants as part of the school uniform (as opposed to shorts or skorts) in order to retain warmth. Students must refrain from wearing jewellery or other valuables, and ipads need to remain at school (teachers will take plenty of photos and videos). Note- please do not place a school lunch order on the day of your child's Wero trip because they will not be at school at 12.00, instead please send a packed lunch.

Note- times are approximate. Students starting at 11:00 AM will be ready to depart at approximately 1:00 PM. Students starting at 12:30 PM will be ready to depart at approximately 2:30 PM. This finish/departure time will be determined by how long it takes for students to get changed after the activity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher. Email is usually the best way for first point of contact.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	COST
Monday 4 September	Room 12: Depart Elim 10.00 am – 1.30am Return to Elim Room 11: Depart Elim 11.30 am – 3pm Return to Elim	WERO Whitewater Park YEAR 6	Manukau	Transport \$12.00
Thursday 7 September	Room 13: Depart Elim 10.00 am – 1.30am Return to Elim Room 14: Depart Elim 11.30 am – 3pm Return to Elim	WERO Whitewater Park YEAR 5	Manukau	Transport \$12.00

The following dates and activities may be helpful to know for Year 6:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
Week 1 Monday, 17th July		FIRST DAY OF TERM	

Week 1 Friday, 21st July		RUN4BIBLES	
Week 2 Friday, 28th July	2pm - 3pm	NED'S MINDSET MISSION VISION	GC HALL
Week 3 Thursday, 3rd August	1pm - 3pm	STRIKE PERFORMANCE (opt in)	GC HALL
Week 3 Friday, 4th August		MUFTI DAY	
Week 4 Monday, 7th August	8:50 am - 9:30 am	HOSANNA PRAYER AND WORSHIP <i>(All families invited)</i>	
Week 4 7th - 11th August		HOSANNA WEEK <i>(Year 2 and 3 leading)</i>	
Week 4 Thursday, 10th August		TEACHER ONLY DAY	
Week 5 Thursday, 17th August	6.30pm - 8pm	FONO EVENING	GC STAFFROOM
Week 5 14th - 18th August		TRAVELWISE WEEK	
Week 5 Friday, 18th August	2pm - 3pm	JUNIOR YEARS ASSEMBLY <i>(Year 4 leading)</i>	GC HALL
Week 7 Friday, 1st September	8:50 am - 9:50 am	FATHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY <i>(Year 0-1 and 5-6 leading)</i>	GC HALL
Week 8 Monday 4th September	See permission slip for times	YEAR 6 WERO TRIP (opt in)	WERO water park
Week 8 Wednesday 6th September		CULTURAL DAY <i>Samoan, NZ sign language, Cook Islands, Tongan, Māori, Chinese, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Fijian, Niuean, Tokelauan, Rotuman</i>	
Week 8 Friday, 8th September	5pm - 7pm	DISCO	GC HALL
Week 9 11th - 15th September		BOOK WEEK	
Week 9 Friday, 15th September	9:30am	BOOK PARADE	GC HALL
Week 10 Wednesday, 20th September		MUFTI DAY	
Week 10 Friday, 22nd September		WINNING HOUSE FREE MUFTI DAY	
Week 10 Friday, 22nd September		LAST DAY OF TERM	

Please complete this online term permission form by Friday, 21st July 2023.

<https://forms.gle/FPjSuTT1sDhS3pxB8>

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE SIGNED THE FORMS BELOW IF YOU DID NOT DO SO IN TERM 1:

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC) BLANKET CONSENT FORM:

<https://forms.gle/8ZsueccMrWg1EWne8>

We have an open-door policy with regard to communicating with teachers. Please be in touch if there is an issue you want to discuss or seek clarification on. We are looking forward to another exciting term of learning.

Yours sincerely

Year 6 Teachers:

Mrs Helen Bartlem



Mrs Rachel Arnold


The New Zealand Curriculum:

* *Vision*: Our vision is for young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners.

* *Principles*: The New Zealand Curriculum principles embody beliefs about what is important in school curriculum - nationally and locally. They should underpin all school decision making.

* *Values*: Values are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. They are expressed through the ways in which people think and act.

	Free Apps to download	
Google Classroom	Google Classroom is a free blended learning platform. Your child can log in to Google classroom to find learning and resources provided by their teacher.	
SEESAW Class	Seesaw is a student-driven digital portfolio that inspires your students to do their best. Students need seesaw CLASS on their ipads. Parents need seesaw FAMILY on their device to view their childs journal.	
Epic!	Free Online Library. Year 5-6 code is mph8756. Your child has their own epic reading account where they can access a wide range of books in school hours. You can connect to this as a parent if you wish to see their reading progress. This will work in the holidays also.	
Dictionary	Dictionary.com for ipad (this is used weekly to find definitions and morphology for your childs spelling words and for unfamiliar topical vocabulary)	
Jimu	Jimu Edu: Coding for Jimu robots. This is required for year 6 for the digital technology program.	
Sphero	Sphero Edu: Coding for Sphero robots. This is required for year 5 for the technology program.	
Google Drive, Docs, Spreadsheets, Slides (4 apps)	Create and share easily. iPad and computer compatible. View, edit and share docs/files to a range of collaborators or viewers.	
Bible: <u>YouVersion</u>	Please ensure this is the ' <u>youversion</u> ' app	
PicCollage app	Picture editor and collage creator	
Zoom	Zoom Video Communications	
Clips	Quick Movie Creator	

Kahoot!	Play, create, host quizzes	
	Subscription Apps recommended	
Reading Eggs or Math seeds	Literacy Learning App	