



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

It has been an absolute pleasure to see our tamariki actively getting involved in various sports training, music practices, and student leader initiatives such as board games clubs, lego and Bible study during lunch times. Thank you to Mrs C for an **exceptional music assembly** last Friday! These are such highlights for our students to shine and we are proud to celebrate this!

Our **Mid-Year Reports** have recently been published along with a clear explanation of our reporting process emailed to all parents to read and understand. Teachers are looking forward to engaging in discussions with all parents on supporting your children with the next steps towards progressing well in their learning journey for the remainder of the year. We thank you for how you continue to partner with our teachers to see our students thrive.

**Bookings** for Parent Teacher Student Conferences opened on Wednesday, 25th June at 10:00 am, and will close on Sunday, 13th July at 11:55pm.

Our students have shown incredible maiā (courage) this term across the curriculum, despite the winter season we are in now. Ka pai to all our students for a great term of learning!

### A few things to remember:

#### **Applications for the 2026 school year**

Applications for the 2026 school year are currently open, with guaranteed processing closing on 31 July 2025.

If you have other children and have not yet submitted applications, it is highly recommended to do so before this cut-off date to ensure their applications are processed.

Please contact [enrolments@elim.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@elim.school.nz) for any queries.

Our prayer for our students and their families as we reach the end of term 2.

Lord Jesus, we ask for your peace to fill their homes during this holiday season. Strengthen family bonds, provide moments of shared joy and connection, and guide them in all their plans. For those facing challenges, grant them comfort and wisdom. May these holidays be a time of renewal and deepened faith for every family. Amen.

Ngā mihi nui  
Mrs Brieta Groenewald  
Deputy Principal  
(Golflands Campus Junior Years)

### TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Last day of Term 2**

Thursday, 26 June

**NZACS Teacher Only Day**

Friday, 27 June

*(School closed for students)*

### TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

**First day of Term 3**

Monday, 14 July

**Parent - Teacher - Student  
Conferences**

**Wednesday, 16 July** from 12.30pm - 7pm  
(school closes at 12pm for all students)

**Thursday, 17 July** from 3.30pm - 5pm  
(normal school day)

**Run4Bibles Cross Country - Y4-6**

Tuesday, 22 July from 9:30am

 **Year 0-1 - Butterfly Creek Trip** 

Friday, 25 July

**Run4Bibles Cross Country - Y0-3**

Tuesday, 29 July from 8:45am

**Ministry Provided Teacher  
Development Day (Year 1 - 8)**

Friday, 8 August

*(School closed for Year 1 - 8)*

 **Year 2 - Kelly Tarltons Trip**   
Thursday, 14 August



# BIKE SAFE TRAINING FOR YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently took part in the Bike Safe programme, which focuses on building confidence, bike handling, and safety skills. Delivered over two sessions (totalling 3 hours), the training included both theory and hands-on practice, such as helmet fitting, safety checks, and basic cycle skills. This programme follows the NZTA Cyclist Skills Training Guidelines and supports students in becoming safer, more confident riders.





# YEAR 6 BIBLE STUDY WITH MRS JAMES

As a firm believer in equipping our Elim children to stand on a solid foundation when it comes to their faith, and examining Biblical truths, we introduced a fortnightly Bible study for our year 6 students. Our focus has been to examine the Bible from an angle of apologetics and hermeneutics, demonstrating to our students the importance of understanding historical and cultural contexts, as well as literary contexts. The outcome has been something that can only be described as Holy Spirit inspired! We examined in our Bible lessons and Bible study, why the Bible is reliable and can be fully trusted. We explored the various extra-Biblical sources that undergird and support the truth and authenticity of the Bible and Jesus. We examined the roles of prominent and reliable Roman historians and authors like Josephus, Pliny and Tacitus, who all testified to the veracity of Jesus' teachings, supernatural works and crucifixion under Pontius Pilate.

In the lead up to Easter, we spent considerable time unpacking the seven statements Jesus made on the cross, and the cultural and etymological significance of what He said in Aramaic. We focussed on the four gospels and their reliable eye-witness accounts of who Jesus was, the details around His death and resurrection. As a summation of what we discussed and learned together, the children were asked to choose one of Jesus' 7 statements and write down why their statement of choice resonated with them. To say we were inspired by their responses, would be an understatement!

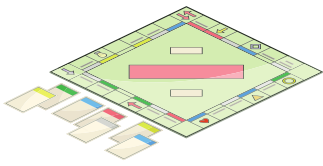
This term we have focussed on the Holy Spirit and the role He plays when we become a believer. This led to discussions around salvation, the trinity, angels (ministering spirits,) Lucifer and free will being the highest expression of God's love for us! The depth and profound level of the questions that have been asked in our Bible lessons and study, have been wonderfully inspiring! Seeing children commit their lives to the Lord and praying for family members who are yet to come to faith, has been a privilege to be part of and witness!

We will conclude this term by examining Paul's letters to the various churches, the pivotal role of the early church in the book of Acts, and why the apostle Paul was instrumental in propagating and spreading large sections of the New Testament.

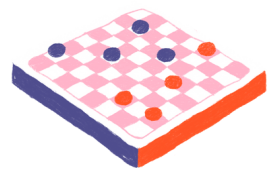
What a blessing it is to be part of a school where we have been given the honour to freely share the gospel of Christ, that has the power to change lives!

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." (Matthew 19 v 14.)

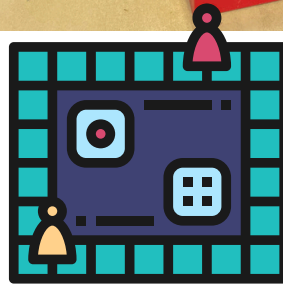




# BOARD GAMES CLUB

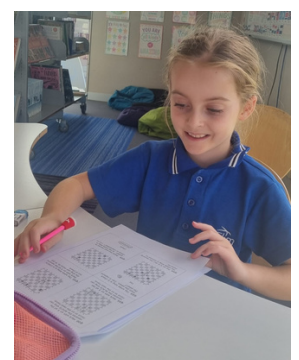
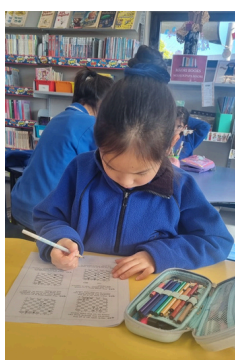


Some of our amazing Whānau Leaders have started a fun new initiative — a Board Games Club running every Monday at lunchtime! Students are welcome to come along with their friends to enjoy a variety of board games in a relaxed and friendly environment. It's a great way to connect, have fun, and build friendships while taking a break from the playground.



## CHESS EXAMS

On Monday 16th June, forty-nine very eager chess students gathered in the Library to write their chess exams. The New Zealand Chess Federation offers a series of four written tests for young players, designed to be taken sequentially as they progress through their skills. Each level is progressively more challenging. While lower levels can be completed in a few months, the higher levels demand dedication and deep understanding—some students may spend an entire year mastering the skills needed to pass. These exams not only assess knowledge but also encourage persistence and growth in critical thinking. This term we had eight students pass the Level 1 Pawn exam, and two students pass the Level 2 Knight exam. We are very proud of all of our aspiring Chess Champions!





## TERM 2'S WINNING HOUSE

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO EZEKIEL HOUSE -  
OUR WINNING  
HOUSE FOR TERM 2!**



## MIDDLE YEARS SHOWCASE

*Middle Years* <sup>2025</sup>  
Showcase

View the exceptional artwork created by our Middle Years students.

**16th and 17th July 2025**  
12:00pm - 6:00pm (Wednesday)  
3:30pm - 5:00pm (Thursday)  
**Mahi Tahi, Moana 1 & Moana 2**

The student-run Blessed Bean Cafe will be open

**\$5 Coffee/Chocolate**  
Includes a complimentary savoury or sweet treat, Eftpos payment.



# ELIM JUNIOR YEARS SPORT

## ACS Netball

On Tuesday 24 June, we took part in the Auckland Christian Schools Netball Tournament with four teams—two from Year 3/4 and two from Year 5/6. Despite the chilly weather, it was a fantastic day filled with energy, teamwork, and determination.

It was especially rewarding to witness the growth and development of our netballers, both in skill and confidence. Each player contributed to their team's success, showing great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. We are proud to share that our Year 3/4 Orange team placed 3rd in their grade—an excellent achievement!

A big thank you goes out to the parents who supported us by managing teams, umpiring games, and providing transport. Your help is invaluable, and these events simply would not be possible without you.





# ELIM JUNIOR YEARS SPORT

## RUN4BIBLES CROSS COUNTRY

RUN4BIBLES is a fundraising programme for kids, organised by Bible League International to place Bibles in South Africa. Our RUN4BIBLES events will be held over two days: Year 4-6, Tuesday the 22nd of July at Corta Belle Reserve and Year 0-3, Tuesday 29th July at Elim Christian College Golflands Campus on the field.

Every student is encouraged to sign up online to collect sponsors. Each \$7 raised goes towards a Bible-less Christian in South Africa. Please encourage your child to collect their sponsors and train for our RUN4BIBLES event over the school holidays. We will not be taking cash donations so please ensure donations are made online. The following link has been created for the students to sign up and gather sponsors online, this will make collecting sponsors and donations easier. Click here for the [Sign up link to join the Elim fundraiser](#)

### FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT AND FINISHING THE RACE!

Since 2009, and with the support of thousands of students across Australia and New Zealand, we have seen more than 340,000 students in South African public schools receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Many of these students are individuals with their own history of pain, rejection and hurt. Nombemu's mother is a member of the occult. When she discovered a Bible in Nombemu's schoolbag she tore the Bible in pieces, burnt it, doused it in water and threw it in the trash. Nell was abandoned by her parents and only saved from an orphanage by being taken in by a lady in their small community. Though the lady acted in love, this lady's son abused Nell and made her feel worthless. Irene felt so helpless and alone that she nearly took her own life. Steven was abandoned by his father at a young age and left alone with his mother, they felt like foreigners in their own village and were treated as outcasts.

Now let's share the impact that Run4Bibles has had on public school communities in **South Africa**. As God's Word is taken into these schools and students are taught of the God who created them, who loves them and has a plan and purpose for them, their lives are transformed. These students are inspired to be a positive influence in their schools, with

their friends and in their families. Many of these students have brought other family members to faith and still others have used the resources they learned from to begin outreach in their wider communities. Students in **South**

**African** public schools are so desperate to read the Bible that one of our Coordinators in the school told us a story of how a student had 'stolen' a Bible from her classroom! These students have heard and responded to the call and can say: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have served the Lord faithfully". 2 Tim 4:7 ERV

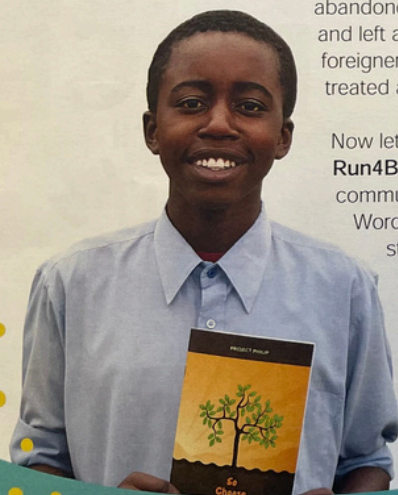


### HOW?

Run4Bibles is designed to easily attach to any event your school is already running. This could be your Cross Country, athletics or swimming carnival, read-a-thon or any other event you are engaged in. This initiative encourages students to respond to participate and "fight the good fight to finish the race".

### WHY SOUTH AFRICA?

In 2009 God opened a door for Bible League to get Bibles back into public schools. We were able to minister directly to these students, to speak into their situations, to open up possibilities in their future they may have never seen before and invite them into the life that God destined them to live.



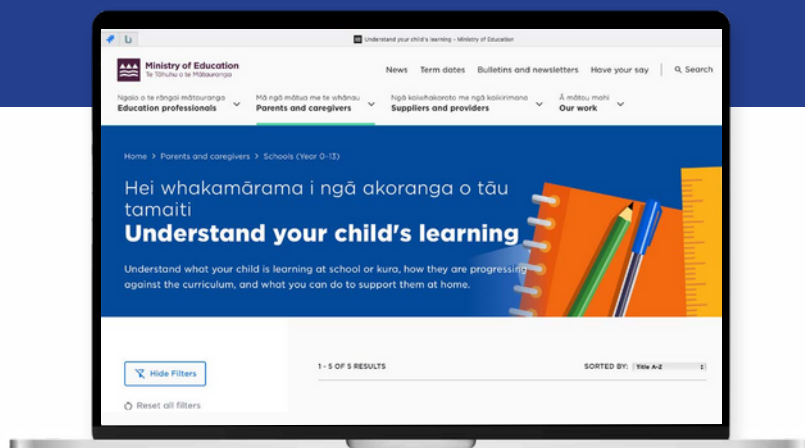
# Understand your child's learning

## Information and resources for parents, caregivers and whānau

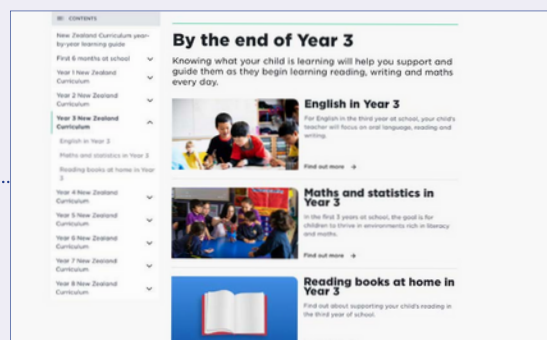
A new webspace on [education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz) houses practical videos, activities and resources for supporting learning that are easy to understand, empowering you to take an active role in your child's education.

An introductory video that walks you through the content is available [here](#).

With the launch of the 'parent-friendly' versions of both our national curricula, you will know exactly what your child is learning, why it's important, and when they'll be learning it, so that you can actively support and complement your child's learning at home and have meaningful conversations with your child's teacher or kaiako.

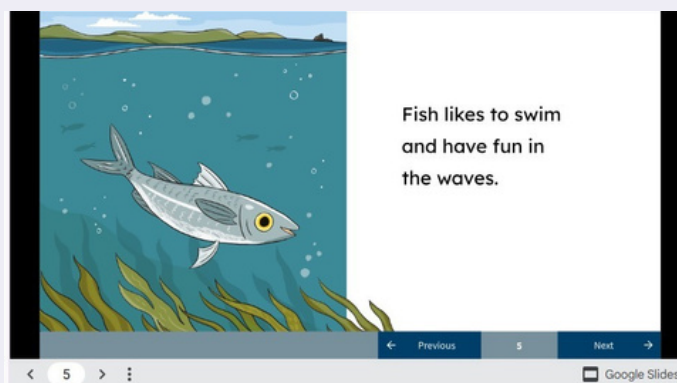
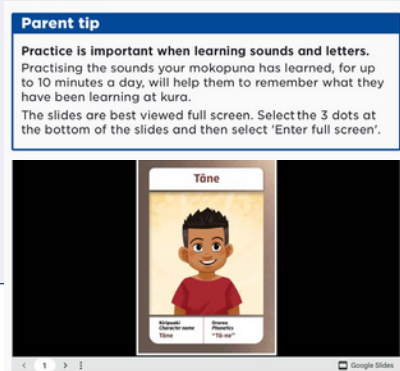


*To navigate the website, you can choose which curriculum you want to learn more about and then go to your child's year level.*

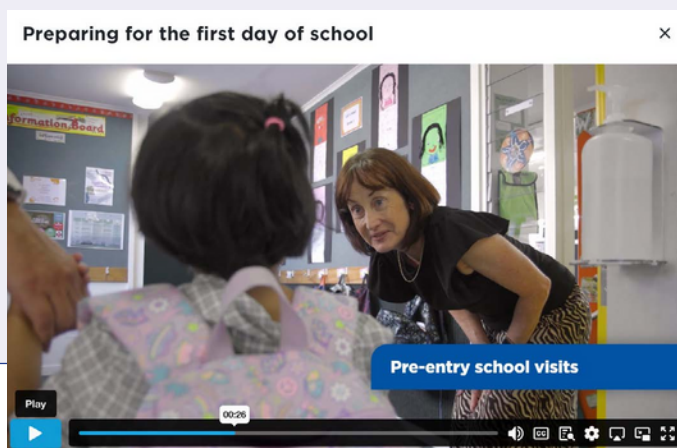
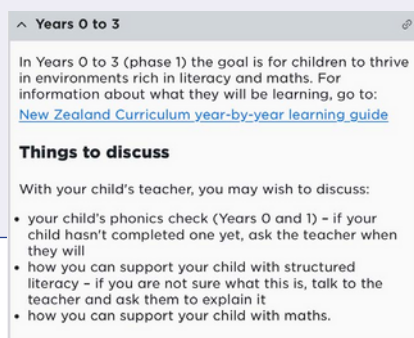




*There are practice activities for each year level that you can do with your child, and 'tips and tricks' to support learning at home. Phonics cards come with parent guidance with audio files to model the correct sounds.*



*There is also a guide on how to prepare for the first day of school, and tips for parent-teacher interviews.*



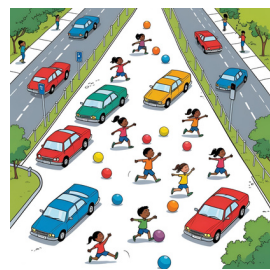
*The webspace also houses important information about how children will be assessed in the early years of schooling through the new Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro. It describes how parents and whānau can access additional support that their child or tamaiti might need.*



As the national curriculum continues to be updated and implemented in all schools and kura over the next few years, more resources and supports will become available for parents, caregivers and whānau. We encourage you to visit the new webspace and check out the current resources, guides and videos available. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email us at [tepoutahu.engagement@education.govt.nz](mailto:tepoutahu.engagement@education.govt.nz)

**PLEASE!**

**REMEMBER!**



# ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

We need your help to keep our students safe! Recently, some children were seen playing with a ball near the road, which unfortunately rolled into traffic, causing a car to brake suddenly.

This is a timely reminder for all parents and caregivers about the importance of road safety. Please ensure your children understand the dangers of playing near roads and always supervise them, especially when dropping them off or picking them up.

Let's work together to reinforce these vital safety messages and prevent accidents.



## SKIDS - HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**HOLIDAY HQ**

**WORLD EXPLORERS**

Half Day - 7am to 1pm - \$47  
 Half day - 1pm to 6pm - \$47  
 Short Day - 8.30am to 3pm - \$55  
 Full Day - \$62  
 Premium Day - \$65  
 Full Week - \$280

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30th June – 11th July 2025

June	July			
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Parachute Men</b>	<b>Copy Lego Challenges</b>	<b>False Teeth</b>	<b>PREMIUM DAY LITTLE COOKS</b>	<b>Sssssss Snakes</b>
Make and drop your parachute man from room 26, floating in the wind. A day full of other activities and games planned.	See if you can copy the exact Lego image we give you. Expect a day of fun, music and games.	We are making our own edible false teeth today. Cant wait to see these photos lol.	<b>We have Little Cooks coming to us today. They will be running a cooking programme and we will be making Pizza Rolls.</b>	Make our own real life looking snakes out of salt dough. Don't let them bite Wayne!
				
<b>July</b>				
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Giant Paper Planes</b>	<b>Wheels Day</b>	<b>Robots from Space</b>	<b>PREMIUM DAY ACTIV KIDS</b>	<b>Mini Cupcake Burgers</b>
See how far you can throw your giant paper plane. Lets also throw it from room 26 which is on the top floor.	Bring along your bike or scooter. Part of today is learning about the traffic rules while we also have fun wheels games planned for you.	We are making our own Robots today. Start working on your robot voice and enjoy activities throughout the day.	<b>This went so well the last time, we are doing it again! Sports, games, socialise, team work and more.</b>	Cupcake burgers is what we're making today. Looks like a burger but tastes like a cupcake. Last day enjoying sports and games.
				



# ARISE PARENTS IN PRAYER

## ARISE

Parents in Prayer

*Tuesdays @*

**8:40am Botany cafeteria**

**2:30pm Golflands courtyard**

*Come join our team!*

## KINDO

Elim Christian College

Ordering your  
**SCHOOL LUNCH**  
is easy via **KINDO APP**

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MYKINDO APP IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH ANDROID AND IPHONE

## REMEMBER

### NEXT ARISE PTA MEETING

Welcome

Welcome



Wednesday 23rd July at 7pm

## Staffroom

All Parents Welcome

# A big Thank You to our generous sponsors!

*Your support made our Obstacle Fun Day fundraiser possible!*

