



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

As we move through the term, we're so proud of the hard work and kind hearts we see every day at our school. Our memory verse till the end of the term, focuses on a special Bible verse that reminds us of the value of our efforts and the importance of helping others.

The verse is from Hebrews 6:10-12 (NIV):

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."

This passage is a wonderful reminder for our students, and for all of us, that God sees and remembers every kind act and every effort we make. It encourages us to be diligent in our studies, to be patient with ourselves and others, and to always show love. We see these qualities shining through in our students, from helping a friend in need to trying their best on a difficult task.

Thank you for partnering with us to instill these important values in your children.

### Please remember: Intention to withdraw

A reminder of withdrawal of students (Year 1 to Year 12). All formal notifications to withdraw from Elim Christian College will be required in writing, giving one term's notice.

Therefore, if your child is not returning in 2026, please download a Leavers Form using the link below and email the completed form to [enrolments@elim.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@elim.school.nz) by the end of Term 3 - Friday, 19th September 2025.

Leavers Form:

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Student-Leaving-Form.pdf>

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact the Enrolment Team at [enrolments@elim.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@elim.school.nz).

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

### TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Travelwise Week

Monday, 11 August – Friday, 15 August

#### Year 4 – Auckland Zoo Trip



Wednesday, 20 August



#### Celebration Assembly led by Year 0 – 3

Friday, 22 August

#### Cultural Celebration Day

Thursday, 28 August

#### Year 5 Wero Trip

Wednesday, 3 September



#### Father's Day Assembly

Friday, 5 September



#### Book week

Monday, 8 September – Friday, 12 September

#### Elim Missions Mufti Day

Thursday, 11 September



#### Book Character Parade

Friday, 12 September



#### Winning House Mufti Day

Friday, 19 September

#### Last day of term

Friday, 19 September

# CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY - THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2025

We want to celebrate all the different cultures in our school. Our special cultural day will be on Thursday, 28th August 2025.

## LANGUAGE WEEKS IN TERM 3:



These languages are being celebrated during Term 3 and 4, however our Cultural Week will be held in Week 7 of Term 3.

**Cook Islands Language Week:** 3 August – 9 August

**Tongan Language Week:** 17 August – 23 August

**New Zealand Chinese Language Week:** 31 August – 6 September

**Māori Language Week:** 15 – 21 September

**Fijian Language Week:** 5 October – 11 October

**Niue Language Week:** 19 October – 25 October



We wish to celebrate the diverse make up of our school community as we did in Term 1; with a fun day filled with learning.

## VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA INVITATION

Elim Christian College

*Volunteers  
Thank You  
Morning tea*

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We invite you to join us for morning tea as a sign of our appreciation for your willingness to volunteer your time to support our students and teachers this year.

Thursday, 18 September  
10:45 - 11:15am

Golflands Campus Staffroom

## BOOK WEEK - BLIZZARD



We are having

# Book Week

on 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September  
and we need your help!

I am looking for volunteers to help with the Scholastic Book Fair.

Any help would be greatly appreciated, so please have a look at which areas you might be able to help with. You are welcome to pop into the library before or after school to chat to me!

- Help with sales before or after school
- Help set up the Book Fair
- Help pack up the Book Fair

Please join us in making our Book Fair a big success for our school!

Claire Galbraith  
Librarian

[Claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz](mailto:Claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz)



# HOSANNA WEEK IN JUNIOR YEARS!



Love

Jesus

# HOSANNA WEEK IN JUNIOR YEARS!

THANKFUL  
AND  
BLESSED

JESUS



## YEAR 4 - A STORY OF SUCCESS

# READING CHALLENGE

Last term, our Year 4 students embarked on an exciting Reading Challenge, with each child setting a personal reading goal tailored to their interests and abilities. The aim? To encourage a lifelong love of reading for pleasure—and they certainly rose to the occasion!

From fantasy adventures to fascinating non-fiction, the students dived into a wide range of books, showing incredible enthusiasm, determination, and a growing passion for reading. It was wonderful to see so many children not only meeting their goals but going above and beyond. In total, the Year 4 students read an incredible 1939 books!! A truly magnificent accomplishment.

As a celebration of their hard work and commitment, the entire year level was treated to a well-deserved pizza party in the library. Surrounded by their favourite books, laughter, and slices of cheesy delight, it was the perfect way to mark the end of a fantastic reading journey.

**We are so proud of our Year 4 readers and can't wait to see where their next literary adventures take them!**

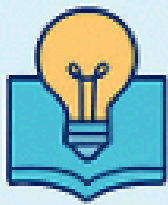


# READING TIPS FROM MRS WILSON: STRUCTURED LITERACY

The New Zealand Curriculum refresh includes a stronger emphasis on structured literacy approaches, and you may have heard the phrase in the news over the last couple of years. But what exactly is Structured Literacy and why is it important for our tamariki?

## Structured Literacy

### Helping Children Crack the Code of English



#### What is it?

Structured Literacy is a step-by-step way of teaching children how to read and spell. We teach them how the English code works, so they can figure out words – not guess them.



#### How it works

1. **Explicit teaching** – We explain exactly what to do and why
2. **Systematic order** – Skills are taught in a clear sequence, so nothing is missed
3. **Cumulative learning** – Each lesson builds on what was learned before
4. **Multi-sensory practice** – Children see it, hear it, say it, and write it to make it stick



#### Why it helps with reading

- ✓ Children can read new words without guessing
- ✓ Reading becomes smoother and more enjoyable
- ✓ Understanding patterns makes reading easier



#### Why it helps with spelling

- ✓ Children learn the rules and patterns of English spelling
- ✓ They can spell new words by working them out, not just memorising
- ✓ It builds long-term accuracy and confidence


# READING TIPS FROM MRS WILSON: DECODING

Decoding is an important skill that needs to be mastered in order to read.


When children get good at decoding, it helps with:

1. Reading unfamiliar words – they can figure them out instead of guessing.
2. Reading fluency – words become easier and quicker to read, freeing up brain space for understanding.
3. Spelling – knowing sound-letter patterns helps them spell new words.
4. Vocabulary growth – they can read and learn new words they haven't heard before.
5. Confidence – reading feels less like a guessing game and more like a skill they can enjoy.


### If I get stuck!




Look through the whole word  
**left to right**




Use a finger to segment the word into sounds, syllables or chunks.




Ask for help if I don't know.



Blend the sounds and link to the letter or letter strings I see.



I can listen to my own voice, slow my thoughts and think...




Does that word make sense?

Tiny Steps Make Big Strides

### The Alphabet is a Code

I need to learn how to crack it!

1-4 letters can represent a sound



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honey  
h o n e y

bees  
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high  
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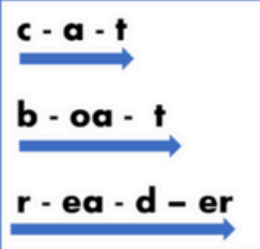
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Tiny Steps Make Big Strides

### What is Decoding?

The ability to decode is a key skill when learning to read.

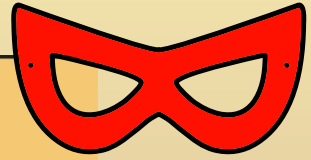
Decoding happens when a person uses letter-sound knowledge to segment an unknown word all the way through by sound to pronounce the written word correctly.



It is always good to chat about unknown words and explore meaning to build vocabulary and develop comprehension skills.

Tiny Steps Make Big Strides





## Be a reading superhero



**YOU** are the most important person to help your child become a reader. You are the person they look up to and love the most

### There is a lot you can do to be a reading role model:

- Read – books, magazines, comics, articles...let your kids see you reading
- Have other family / whānau members show how they read too. Boys especially need reading role models e.g. seeing dad read and dad reading to them
- Chat about what you're reading and be interested in your child's reading and books
- Take them to the public or school library

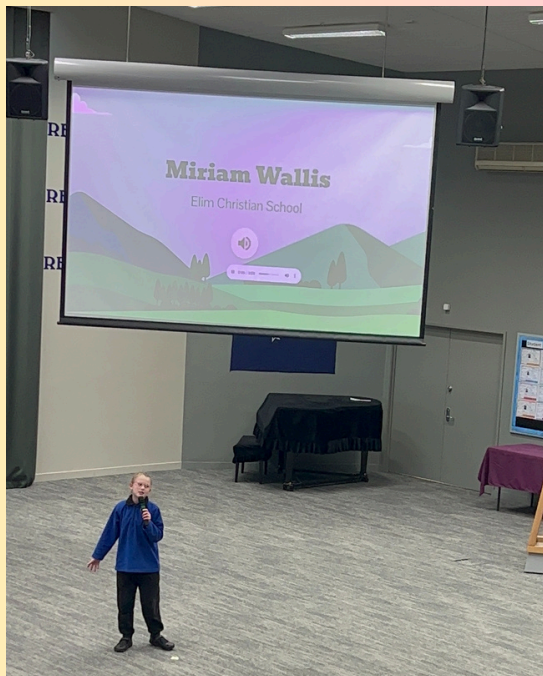


# HPPA REHU TAI SPEECH COMPETITION

## Rehu Tai Speech Competition Success

This week, Miriam Wallis, Ria Kim, and Doris Vaipan proudly represented Elim at the HPPA Rehu Tai Speech Competition, competing against talented finalists from across the Howick-Pakuranga area. Each of our students showed maia (courage) as they delivered powerful speeches, spoken word pieces, or raps with skill and confidence.

We are thrilled to celebrate Miriam's incredible win in the rap category, and we extend huge congratulations to Doris and Ria for their outstanding performances. What a fantastic display of talent, passion, and school pride!



# TRAVELWISE WEEK

This week, our school celebrated Travelwise Week with a range of fun and meaningful activities designed to encourage safe, active, and sustainable travel to school.

Each lunchtime, students got creative in the library by taking part in the Travelwise Poster Competition, designing colourful and thoughtful messages about being safe and smart on the way to school.

Meanwhile, our dedicated Travelwise team were out at the school gate, handing out stickers to students who used the zebra crossing—rewarding those making safe choices.

On Wednesday, the school was filled with red and green as students dressed up for Traffic Light Day, proudly wearing the colours of pedestrian crossing lights to raise awareness of road safety.

Thursday brought a competitive edge with a Travelwise Blooket Quiz, where students tested their knowledge about active travel, road safety, and being environmentally friendly.

The week ended on a high with our Big Walk from Bob Charles Reserve on Friday morning, where students, families, and staff proudly walked to school in their high-vis gear, showing our community how fun and important active travel can be!

Throughout the week, each class has been tracking how students travel to school. The class with the highest number of active and safe travellers will win a mystery prize, to be announced next week! Let's keep up the great travel habits all year round!



# TRAVELWISE WEEK



# BE TRAVELWISE : SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL



# ELIM JUNIOR YEARS SPORT

## HPPA CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 5th August, our talented Year 5 and 6 cross country finalists braved the cold and damp conditions to compete at the HPPA Cross Country event held at Lloyd Elsmore Park. Despite the slippery track, every one of our competitors gave it their all, showing incredible determination and school spirit.

A special congratulations goes to Trenton Balemi, who dominated the Year 6 boys' race with a commanding lead to take out 1st place — an outstanding achievement!

Well done to all our runners for representing our school with pride and perseverance!



# ARISE PARENTS IN PRAYER

## ARISE

Parents in Prayer

*Tuesdays @*

**8:40am Botany cafeteria**

**2:30pm Golflands courtyard**

*Come join our team!*

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## Online evening for Parents

**When:** Thursday, 9  
October 2025

**Time:** 7pm

More details to follow.

# IMPORTANT

**UNIFORM SALE POP UP**

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# **UNIFORM SALE**

# **POP UP**

**THURSDAY  
21ST AUGUST**

**2.45pm - 3.15pm**

**Inside the hall tuck shop - eftpos available**

# FATHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY



## Father's Day Assembly

### **All Father's or Significant Males**

You are invited to celebrate Father's Day

Where: Elim Christian College,

**Golflands Campus Hall**

**When: Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8:40am**

You are welcome to arrive early and play  
some outdoor games with your child  
between 8:15am - 8:40am.

