



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

We want to thank each and every parent who volunteered to come into school during our cultural week to share their culture with our students. It was great to have experts encouraging and motivating our students to learn more about, and value each other's culture. We honour and bless you for your commitment to making our Cultural Week such a tremendous success!

As we are fast approaching the end of Term 3, we ask our students to continue demonstrating our school's kotahitanga values: manaakitanga (respect), maiā (courage), pukuahuwhenua (diligence) & aroha (kindness). Let's finish well with respect for ourselves and others, wearing our school uniform proudly, giving our best efforts in all areas of learning and supporting each other.

We look forward to seeing our students show how much they love reading and their amazing costumes during our annual Book Week in Week 9! Keep a close eye on all the information you need to know about the Book Fair, Book Parade and our final school events for Term 3.

### 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).

May you and your family have a blessed week!

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Brieta Groenewald

Deputy Principal

(Golflands Campus Junior Years)

### TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Year 5 Wero Trip

Wednesday, 3 September



#### Father's Day Assembly

Friday, 5 September

start at 8.40am



#### 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

### TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### First day of term

Monday, 6 October

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#### Screen time - Parents Evening

Thursday, 9 October at 7pm

at Elim Botany Church Auditorium



#### Grandparents assembly

Friday, 17 October



# VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA INVITATION

Elim Christian College

## Volunteers Thank You Morning tea

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

## 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.

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**IMPORTANT  
REMINDER TO ALL  
PARENT**

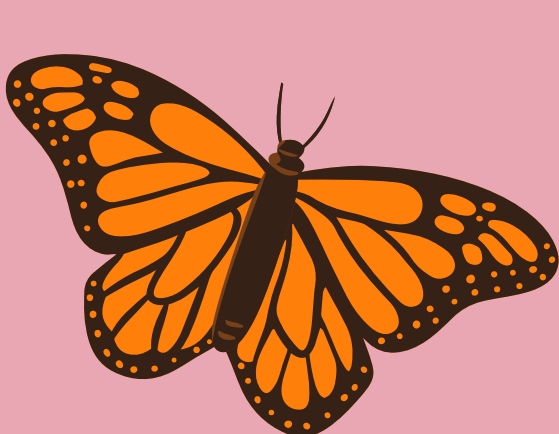
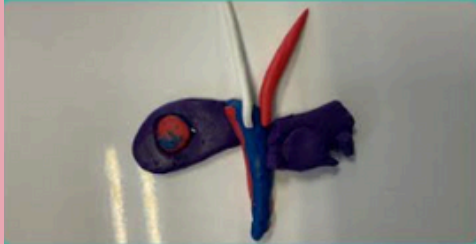
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Students' Toilets -  
Strictly for Student  
Use Only**

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学生厕所 — 仅限学  
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# YEAR 0

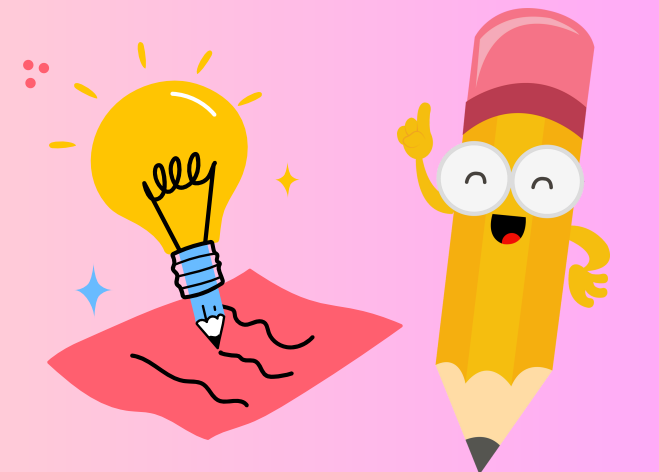
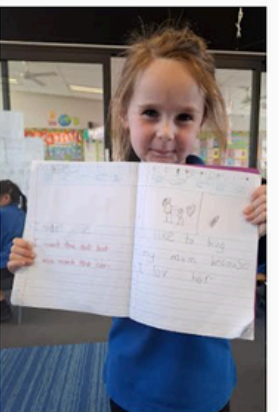
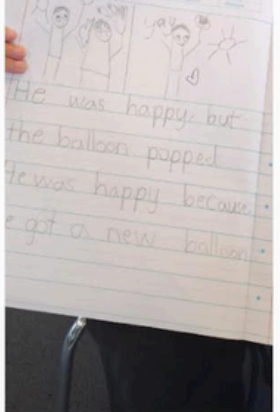
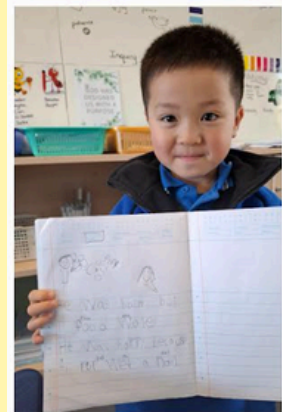
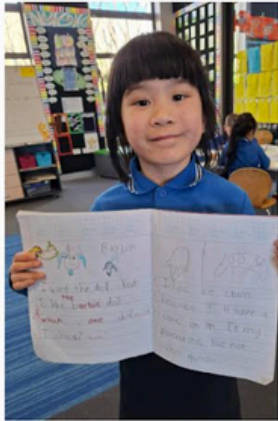
This term our Year 0 students have been learning about different butterflies and their life cycles. We enjoyed making our own butterflies from polymer clay for our classroom inquiry.





# YEAR 1

Our Year 1 students have been putting in a tremendous effort with their writing, and we are so proud of the progress they are making. This term, our focus is on using the conjunctions *but* and *because* to extend their ideas and make their sentences more detailed and interesting. It has been wonderful to see the children experimenting with language and adding depth to their stories. We have been so impressed with their creativity and growing confidence.

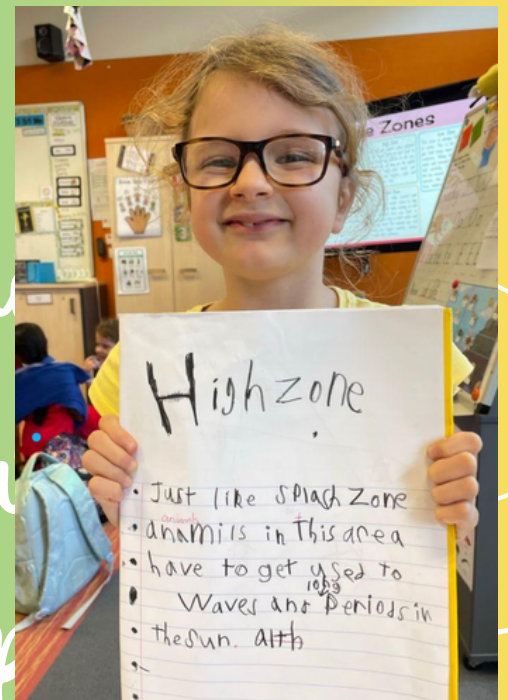
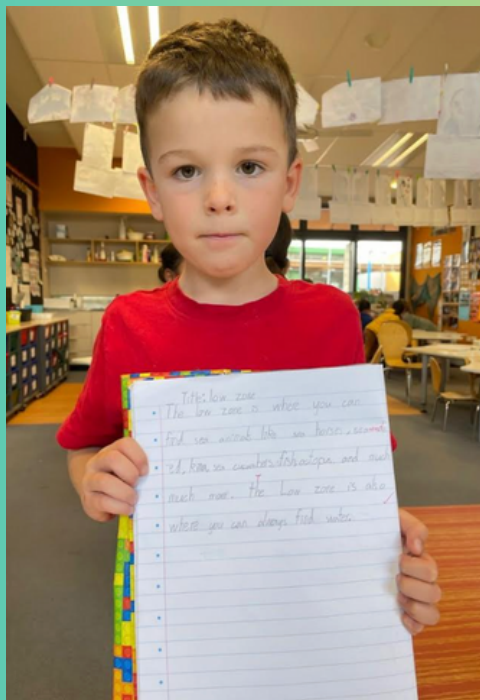
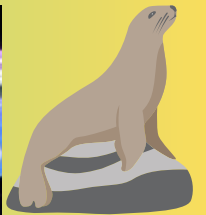




## YEAR 2

This term, Year 2 have been exploring the fascinating world of the **Rocky Shore** as part of our inquiry learning. We discovered that the rocky shore is divided into different high tide zones, and that each zone is home to unique creatures. We also looked closely at seals, learning about their appearance, body functions, and place in the food chain. With Mrs Voisey, we have begun creating models of rocky shore habitats to show our understanding of how living things survive in these environments.

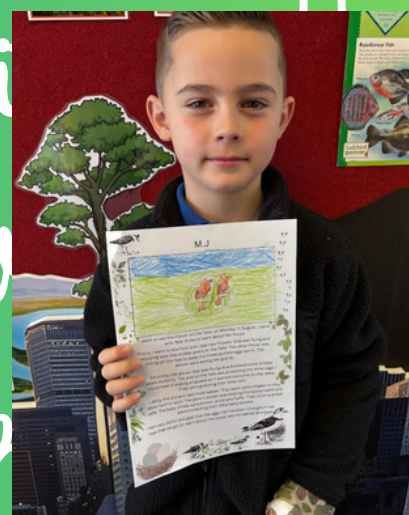
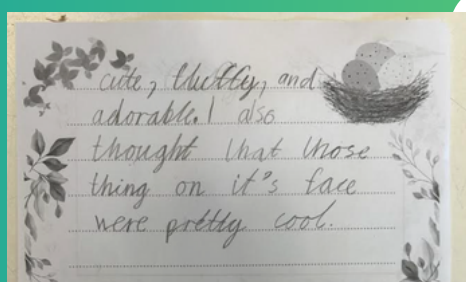
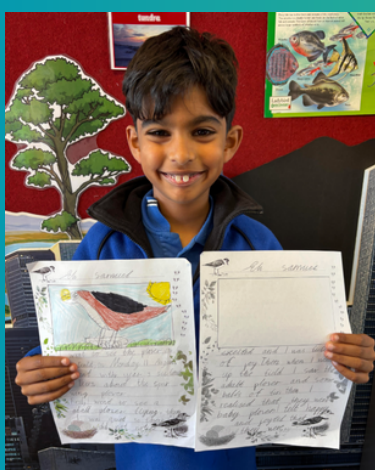
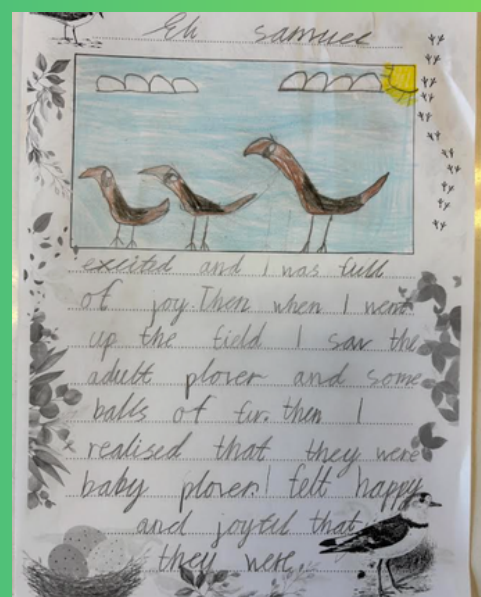
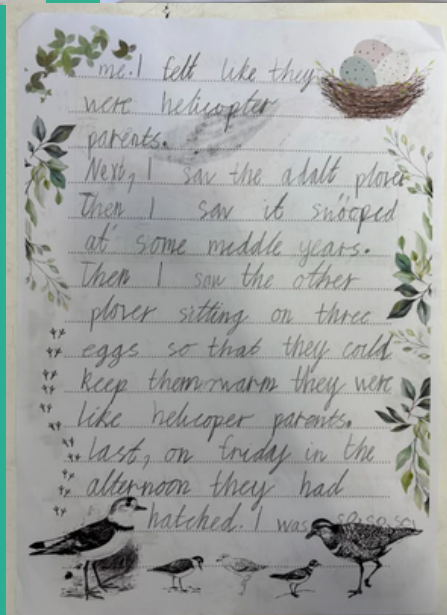
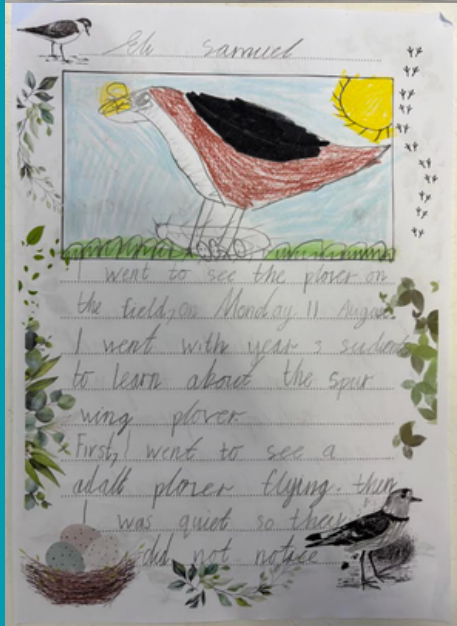
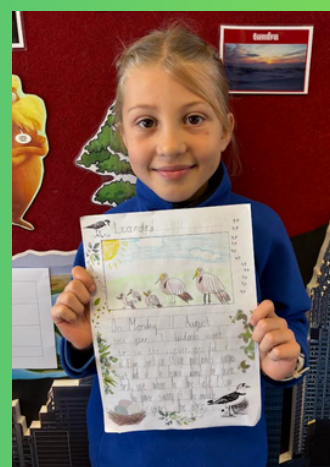
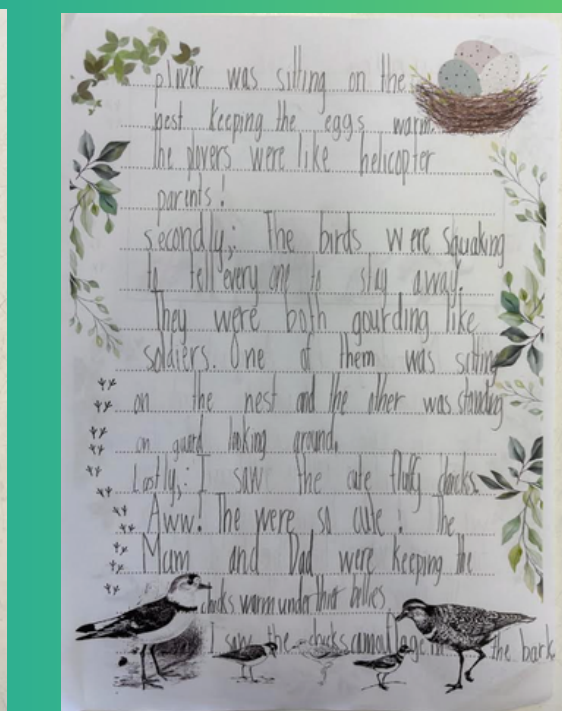
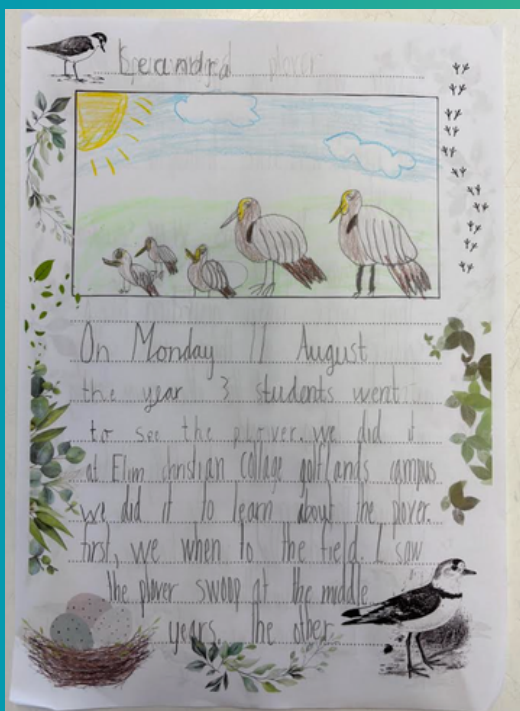
A highlight of our inquiry was our recent trip to Kelly Tarlton's. The children loved seeing the sea creatures up close, watching the penguins, and making connections between what we saw and what we have been learning in class. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought our inquiry to life!





# YEAR 3

Students in Year 3 have been writing recounts about the **Spur Winged Plover** on the field. We observed how they had three eggs and wrote about how the two parents worked as a team to protect the babies that hatched. Here are some examples of our amazing writing.





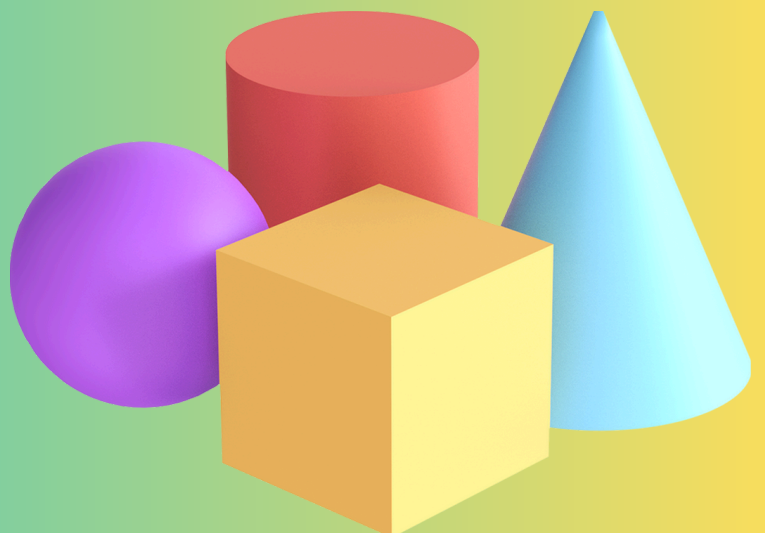
## YEAR 3

The students will be developing **bird feeders** this term, similar to the ones pictured that Stella and Shaydyn took the initiative to construct at home.

Based on their designs in groups, students will further refine their ideas to create durable seed or nectar feeders that will be located in the gardens behind Room 1 and 2.



In maths, Year 3 have been learning about 3D shapes. In the photo below Caleb and Shaydyn are holding balls, which are spheres.



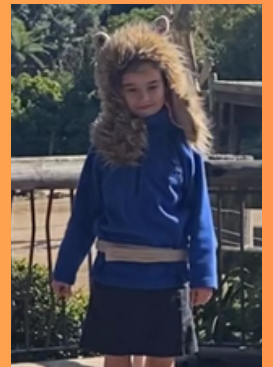


# YEAR 4

On Wednesday 20 August, our Year 4 students enjoyed an exciting trip to the **Auckland Zoo**. Despite the chilly weather, the day was filled with discovery and learning.

As part of our Inquiry into the grasslands biome, students explored the amazing adaptations that God has designed in plants and animals to help them survive and thrive in their habitat. We made meaningful connections to our classroom learning about the symbiotic relationships between plants and animals in the grassland ecosystem. The visit brought these concepts to life and deepened our understanding of how living things depend on each other.

Thank you to our incredible parent helpers who supported us - we simply couldn't have this experience without you.



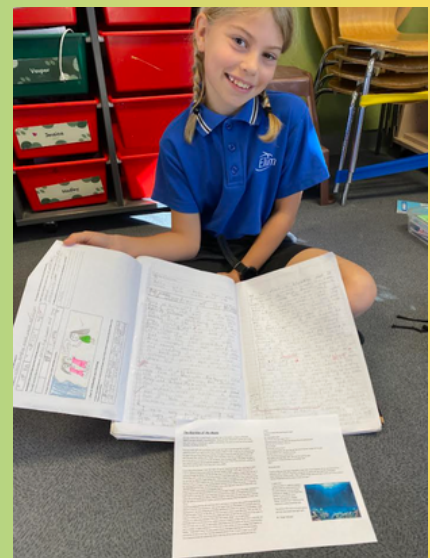
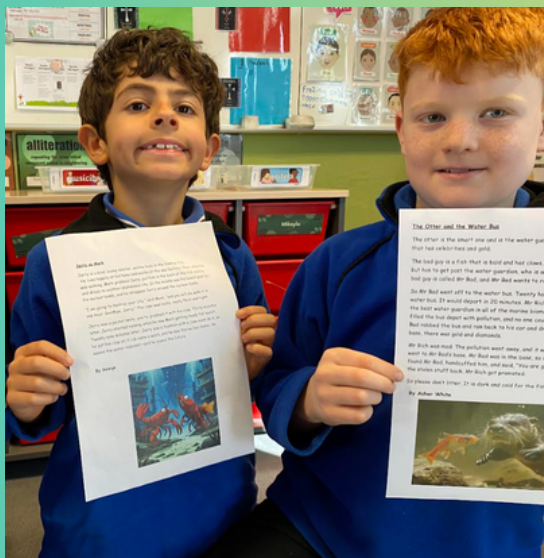
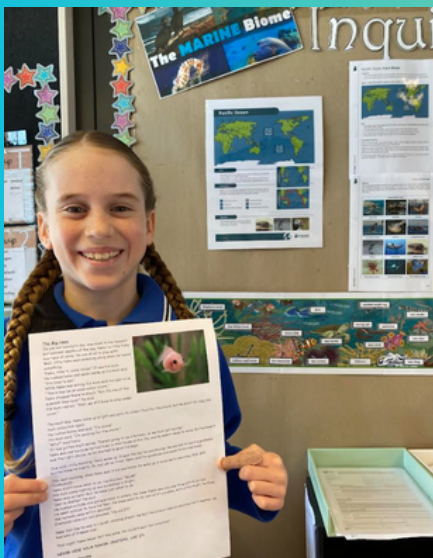
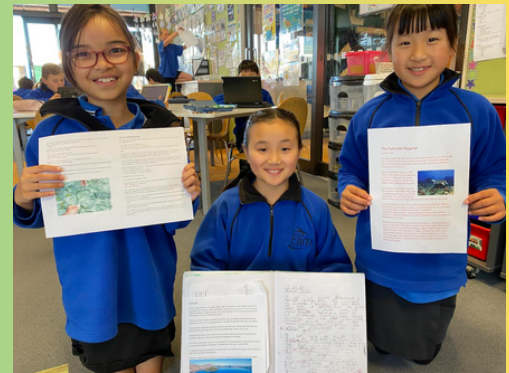
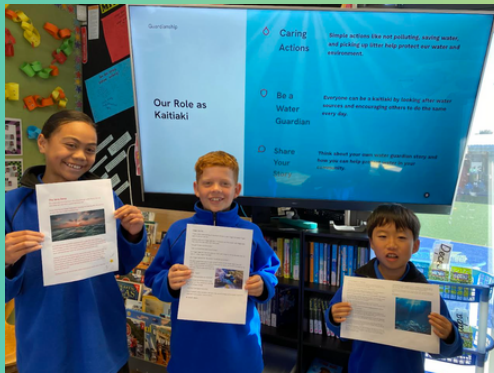
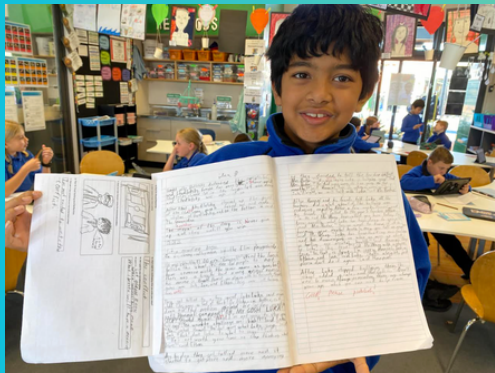
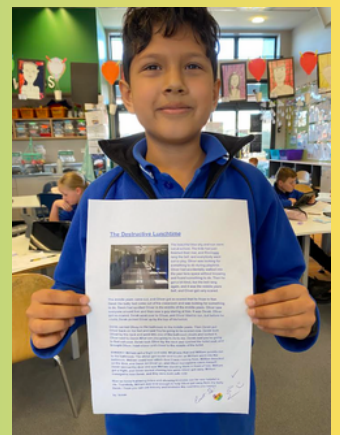
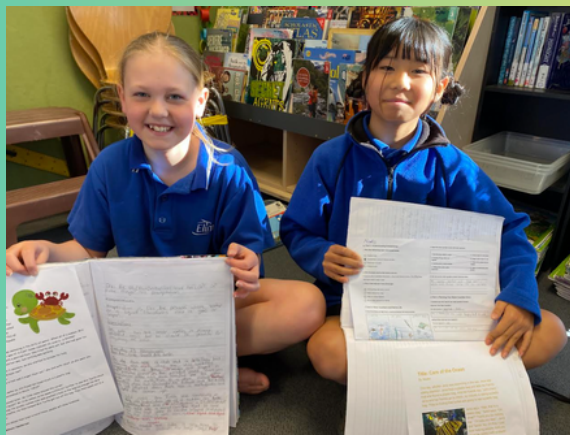
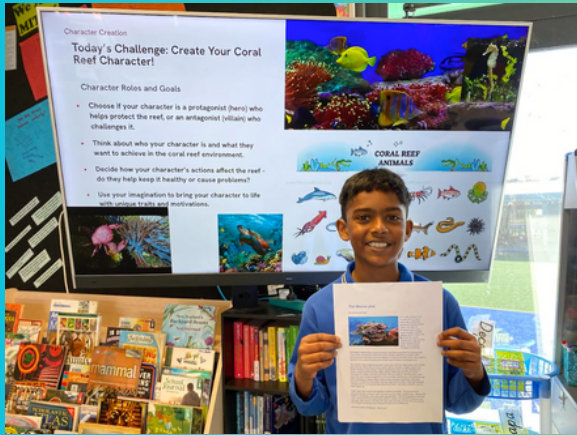


# YEAR 5

This term, Year 5 students have been exploring a variety of engaging narrative writing topics, including **Marine Biomes** (fiction), **Guardianship at Elim** (non-fiction), and **Coral Reef Stories** (both fiction and non-fiction).

Our focus has been on developing well-structured narratives with clear characters, settings, problems, resolutions, and meaningful lessons. Students have also been learning how to enhance their writing with direct speech and new figures of speech.

In addition, we have been publishing our work using Google Docs, developing our digital skills by improving typing speed, experimenting with fonts and sizes, inserting images, and ensuring correct spacing after full stops, commas, and between paragraphs.

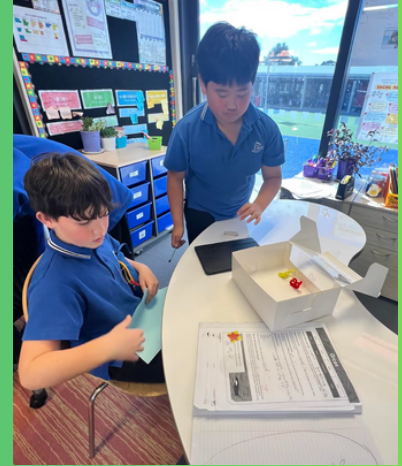




## YEAR 6

This term, our Year 6s have dived into the fascinating world of the **Marine biome**. We are discovering how ocean ecosystems work, why they are vital to all life on Earth, and the challenges they face today. Each student has chosen a marine animal to research, exploring its unique habitat, behaviours, and the threats it encounters, such as pollution and climate change.

To bring their learning to life, students are designing and building diorama boxes that showcase their chosen biome and research findings. These creative displays will not only highlight their scientific understanding but also their artistic skills, offering a vivid glimpse into the wonders of our oceans—and why protecting them matters.



Last week, Year 6 was visited by **Project Jonah**. The amazing educator named Eithne from Project Jonah talked to us about whales being stranded on the beach and how we can help them. We learnt about the Popoto dolphin which is the smallest dolphin in the world. At the end, we all lined up to measure the length of a blue whale - the biggest whale in the world, which is about 45 metres long.

Next time we see a whale on the beach, we know what to do! All thanks to our visit from Project Jonah! Blurb collaboratively written by Miriam, Carly, Elice and Allie.





# ELIM JUNIOR YEARS SPORT

## HPPA GYMNASTICS

Since the start of Term 2, our amazing HPPA gymnastics students have been working so hard to learn and polish their routines. Every week in the hall they've shown dedication and perseverance as they trained with their coaches, Mrs Wade and Chanelle Mansell.

On Friday 16th August, our team proudly represented HPPA at the local schools' competition at Howick Gymnastics Club. The students gave it their all, performing with confidence, style, and determination. Their efforts paid off with some fantastic scores!

A special congratulations goes to Nadine Jooste, Amy Koen and Jason Dykgraaf who placed in the top 8 and now have the exciting opportunity to compete at the Auckland Primary Schools Champ of Champs Competition next week.

We are so proud of every single one of our gymnasts - your hard work, courage, and enthusiasm truly shone on the day. Well done, team!







# CULTURAL CELEBRATION

This week we had the joy of celebrating the rich cultural diversity within our school community. We began on Monday with a focus on Māori culture, enjoying waiata together and learning a fun counting game in te reo with Matua Troy. Throughout the week, parents generously came in at lunchtimes to share activities highlighting Swiss, Chinese, and Korean culture.

On Thursday we held our big Cultural Day, where students proudly wore clothing that represented their heritage. The school grounds were a sea of colour as we celebrated cultures from all over the world. In classrooms, students explored and honoured a wide variety of cultures including Māori, Pasifika, Chinese, and even New Zealand Sign Language.

Our cultural celebration was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the many different cultures God has created, and to celebrate the uniqueness each brings to our school family.







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)







Dear Families,

We would love you to come and support our  
Scholastic

# Book Fair

When: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
08:30 – 09:00 every morning  
14:30 – 15:30 every afternoon

Where: Elim Christian College Library

Join the fun and help encourage your child's love of reading. There will be a wide range of books available at good prices. Stock up for Christmas and birthday presents! EFTPos machines will be available. No cash sales will be possible.

Every sale at the Book Fair benefits Elim Christian College. So, please join us in making our Book Fair a big success for our school.

Claire Galbraith



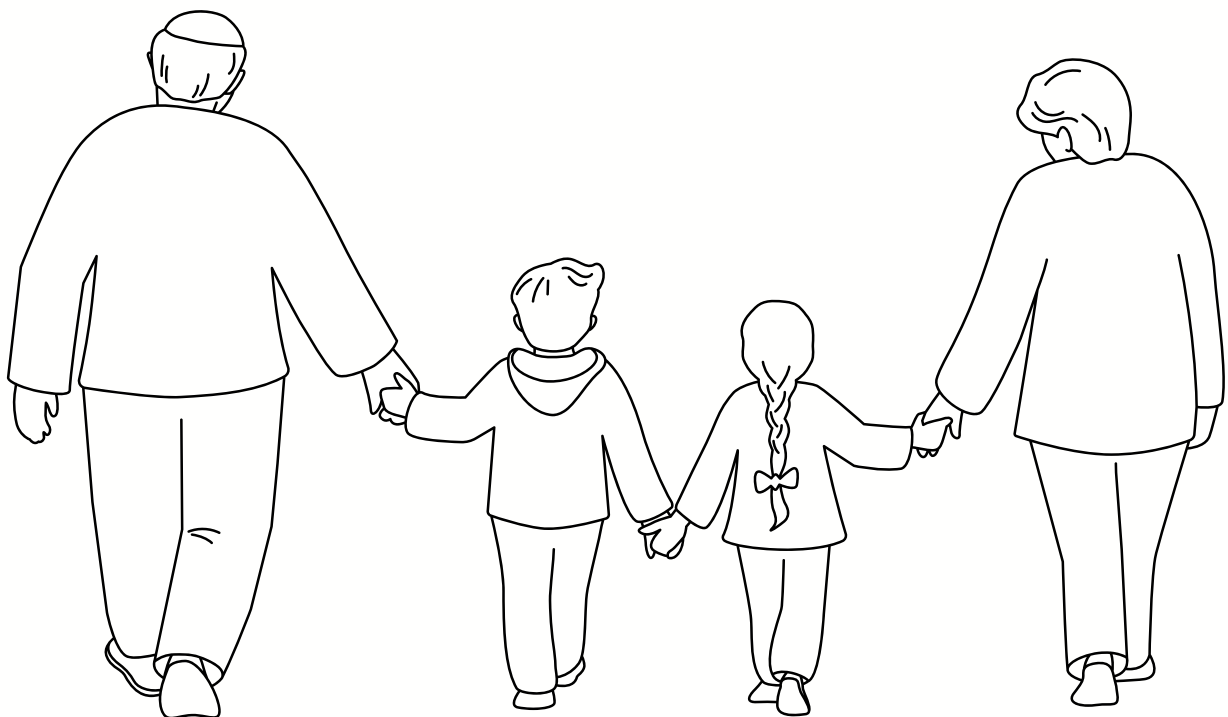


# GRANDPARENTS ASSEMBLY

**GRANDPARENTS  
ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER  
AT 1.45PM**



We love you so much!





# 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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## Online evening for Parents

When: Thursday, 9  
October 2025

Time: 7pm

More details below.

# IMPORTANT



## LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES with Jo Robertson

Parents will leave with an understanding of the online and offline world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

- ✓ The online landscape: why and how young people are using tech
- ✓ Screen time, gaming, and social media use
- ✓ Understanding online risks: pornography, exploitation, and grooming.
- ✓ Practical strategies: filtering, games and privacy
- ✓ Counter messages, consent & and conversation starters.



**For Parents, Caregivers & Grandparents of children aged 4-18-years-old.**

Jo Robertson, an experienced therapist and researcher, brings over 17 years of experience working with children, youth, and parents.

**When: Thursday, 9 October 2025**

**Where: Botany Campus  
Church Auditorium**

**Time: 7pm**

[www.trickychatparenting.com](http://www.trickychatparenting.com)





# JUNIOR YEARS DISCO

Elim Christian College

**JUNIOR YEARS (0-6)**

# UNDER THE SEA DISCO

**FRIDAY – 10TH OCTOBER  
5.30PM - 7PM**

**SAVE THE DATE - DETAILS TO COME**