



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Welcome back to Term 4! I trust the term started well for you and the holidays were enjoyable even though the weather in Auckland wasn't that sunny.

Please take note of the planned activities this term as shown on the permission slips, and put the prize giving dates into your diaries. We are looking forward to a great term ahead, especially our exciting Athletics days and respective Prize Giving ceremonies.

### A gentle reminder to our families

Please help us keep our school grounds safe for everyone. We kindly ask that you do not use the staff carpark for dropping off or picking up students, as this area is reserved for our staff.

Also, please remember to keep the bus lane clear at all times. This is essential for ensuring our school buses can safely and efficiently pick up and drop off students.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us ensure a safe environment for all our children.

If there are any Parents able to help with athletics day for phase 1 and phase 2 this term - could you please get into contact with Mrs van Leeuwen. We would appreciate any parent help.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

We pray that our students will be strong and courageous this term, and that they will know that God will be with them wherever they go as well as in whatever tasks they are completing this term.

God bless you all and have a fantastic holiday break!

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

### TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Junior Years Disco

Friday, 10 October



#### Grandparents assembly

Friday, 17 October



#### Phase 1 Athletics Day (Years 0-3)

Thursday, 23 October

(Save day - Thursday, 30 October)

#### Labour Day (Public Holiday)

Monday, 27 October

#### Phase 2 Athletics Day (Years 4-6)

Tuesday, 4 November

(Save day - Thursday, 6 November)

#### Year 6 Rainbows End Trip

Monday, 10 November

#### Travelwise week

Monday, 10 November -

Friday, 14 November

#### Year 5 Kelly Tarlton's Trip

Thursday, 13 November

#### Year 0-2 Prize giving

Tuesday, 2 December

#### Year 3-4 Prize giving

Wednesday, 3 December

#### Year 5-6 Prize giving

Friday, 5 December





# SECKA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL AT SANCTA MARIA COLLEGE

Our Year 2–5 tamariki represented Elim with real mana at the Kapa Haka Festival at the end of Term 3. Their discipline, clear te reo, strong actions and beautiful waiata/poi reflected hours of practice and excellent teamwork. We are very proud of their courage and humility on stage.

Ngā mihi nui to our kaiako and tutors for their guidance and to our whānau for your steadfast tautoko with uniforms, transport and encouragement.

This has been a special celebration of culture and community. he waka eke noa. We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue our kapa haka journey.





# HPPA MANDARIN AND CANTONESE SPEECH COMPETITION

We thank all students who took part in our in-school Chinese Speech Competition. Writing and delivering a speech in Chinese—while incorporating posture and expression—requires great courage and effort. We commend all participants for their dedication and confidence.

At the end of Term 3, **Albert Chen (Year 5)** represented our school in the HPPA Mandarin and Cantonese Speech Competition. Competing against many talented speakers, he delivered his speech with poise and confidence. We recognize his excellent effort and achievement in presenting in Mandarin.



## YEAR 6 CHESS TEAM SHINES AT NZ NATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT



JOB WELL DONE!

Over the weekend of the 20th and 21st September, four of our talented Year 6 (**Jaden Lee, Jake Thein-Xie, Jamie Wang and Alexander Lee**) students represented Elim at the New Zealand National Chess Tournament, held at Christchurch Boys' High School in Christchurch. The event brought together 23 of the the top primary school teams from across the country for two intense days of competition and strategy.

Heading into the tournament ranked 10th, our team showed tremendous focus, resilience, and skill, ultimately **finishing in 8th place** – an impressive result against such strong national competition.

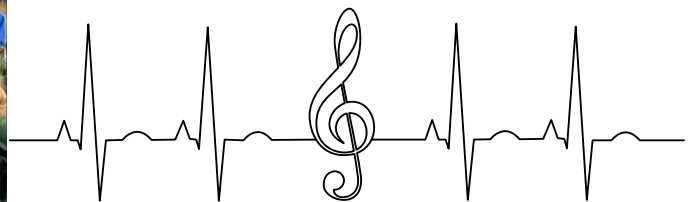
Beyond the chessboards, it was a fun and memorable weekend for the boys, filled with team bonding, shared laughs, and fun. A big thank you goes to the wonderful parent supporters who helped make the trip such a success! Their presence and encouragement were greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our young chess stars – you've done yourselves and our school proud!



# MARIMBA FESTIVAL - 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to our Years 4-6 tuned percussion group and selected string players for their fantastic performance at the 20th Anniversary Marimba Festival! Performing 10 joyful and energetic pieces, our students joined a massed marimba orchestra in a spectacular celebration of music making. The day was filled with rhythm, harmony, and smiles all around. A special shout-out to our school ensemble for their beautiful solo performance, and to Jake Thein-Xie who played ukulele on stage. You were amazing!





# WELCOME MRS HANNAH-JANE LIEW AND OUR ROOM 10 STUDENTS

The beginning of Term 4 means we welcomed our newest students for their first day at Elim! We also welcomed back Mrs Hannah-Jane Liew who has returned to Elim as their teacher. We're off to a roaring start enjoying new stories in the library with Mrs Galbraith, singing songs, learning our first letters & numbers and making new friends at primary school!

## WELCOME TO OUR ROOM 10 STUDENTS!





# OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW SENIOR PLAYGROUND

What a blessing and privilege it was to finally open our **long-awaited Years 5-10 playground!** Seeing the sheer joy on the students' faces as they explored the new space was a wonderful moment that truly highlights the power of our school community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every student who contributed their time and energy to the fundraising efforts for this special project. Your determination and hard work have created a fantastic new facility for our older students to enjoy for years to come.

A huge thank you also goes to the **generous ARISE PTA Parents** for their support in providing the exciting Obstacle Fun Days once the main fundraising efforts were complete. These events were a fantastic celebration of the students' achievements and a reminder of the strong support we have for one another.

We pray that the students will use this new space to grow in friendship, health, and joy!







# STUDENT SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE ON BEHALF OF THE ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND THE GOLFLANDS CAMPUS DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIME.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AROUND THIS MATTER, WE ENABLE POSITIVE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR SAFETY AND OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

## **SOME TIPS TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING ROAD USER SAFETY:**

WE APPRECIATE CHILDREN BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL BUT IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE WITH YOUR CHILDREN, SAFETY IS STILL MORE IMPORTANT. YOU CAN SIMPLY TAKE THEM TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN IN.

**PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE U-TURNS.** RATHER USE THE SIDE STREETS OR LOOP AROUND BOB CHARLES DRIVE TO GO THE OTHER WAY.

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SIDE ENTRANCES: SIMON OWEN AND MONTECITO PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO ROAD RULES IN THESE RESIDENTIAL ROADS.

**IT IS AGAINST THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO PARK WITHIN 1 METRE OF A DRIVEWAY.**

**YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK ON YELLOW NO-PARKING LINES.**

**NO DOUBLE PARKING IS PERMITTED.**

**NO VEHICLES ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUS BAY DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES.**

WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET. HOWEVER PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OTHER FAMILIES ARE ALSO BATTLING THE POOR WEATHER. CHILD SAFETY REMAINS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SO ROAD RULES STILL MUST BE ADHERED TO. ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE PAVEMENT SIDE, NOT THE ROADSIDE.

**ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY AT ALL TIMES.**



# MESSAGE FROM COUNSELLING TEAM - SEPTEMBER 2025

This seems to be a time of the year where assessments and grades are at the forefront of teachers' and parents' minds. Let's have a look at a healthy approach to the pressure that comes with the pursuit of academic achievement and growth.

## **Process vs Outcome goals**

We do not have control over outcomes. We do have control over our habits. Goal setting that is outcome oriented can leave us deflated, disappointed and disempowered. Goal setting that is habit focused is encouraging and empowering. It celebrates the journey rather than the destination. It directs us to what we have control over rather than what we do not have control over.

**Examples of Outcome goals are: getting** Merit on all my assessments, or getting "Above Expectation" on everything.

## **Examples of Habit goals are:**

- Keeping a homework diary
- Persevering (giving it an extra 10 minutes) when I face a tough problem and feel like giving up
- Pray when anxious about my work
- Completing my homework before going on social media each day
- Weekly review and summary of new concepts learnt (mind map/paragraph)
- Checking I understand everything I learn each week
- Ask more questions when I don't understand (ask friends/teacher for help)
- Use the pomodoro technique for studying
- Draw up a Glossary of terms as I learn- building vocab in a subject
- Identifying things that distract me when I am trying to concentrate or work and making a plan to minimise the distraction.
- Asking for feedback on submitted work from teachers
- Talk to my parents/caregiver about my habits and let them know how they can support me.
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Can I encourage you to look over this list with your child, add to it, get them to choose a couple of habit goals to work on and let's collectively resist the urge to focus on the grades alone, on the outcome goals that are outside of their control. When I used to be a teacher in the classroom and hand out reports to students at the end of term, I would say something like this to them "School only measures what school can measure- this report is a helpful reflection on part of your life, not all of your life. Bear that in mind whether you have done well or not. Celebrate success with humility and perspective, and take the failures as feedback - don't allow it to define you".



# 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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**SCHOOL LUNCH**  
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## UNIFORM GUIDELINES

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**TERM 1 & 4 UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS FOR JY STUDENTS**

<b>Plain royal blue bucket hat</b>		<b>YES</b>
<b>Black trackpants</b>		<b>NO</b>
<b>Long sleeve polo shirt</b>		<b>NO</b>
<b>Tights</b>		<b>NO</b>
<b>Socks</b>	<b>BOYS and GIRLS</b> Black knee-length socks, to be worn with closed-in shoes (no short socks)	
<b>Shoes</b>	Black polishable, lace-up shoes with no trim of any colour. No sneakers, canvas or street shoes. Black sandals with a back strap, (no socks) are an option in Terms 1 and 4	



# Elim Christian College

## Grandparents Assembly

*We are delighted to invite all our wonderful grandparents to our Junior Years Grandparents Assembly!*

*Date:* Friday, 17 October

*Time:* 1:45 p.m.

*Venue:* School Hall

*Our Junior Year learners have been preparing something special to show their love and appreciation for all the amazing grandparents in our school community. It will be a joyful afternoon filled with smiles, songs, and heartfelt moments.*

*We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you!*





# IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE: MEASLES ALERT!!!

**Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Northland and Queenstown.** These individuals were infectious while active in those communities. Due to recent school holidays and associated travel, there is a risk measles may be circulating in Auckland, including our school community.

## Why Measles is a Serious Concern

Measles is one of the **most dangerous and contagious diseases**. The virus spreads easily via air particles from an infected person who has been coughing, sneezing, or even talking. Many people who contract measles will require hospitalisation.

Those most at risk of complications are:

- Young unvaccinated people.
- Pregnant women.
- People who have compromised immunity.

However, measles can affect **anyone of any age who is not immune**. Anyone who has not received at least two doses of the measles vaccine or has not already had the disease is at risk of catching and spreading measles.

## Protect Our Community

The **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine is free** via your family GP and many pharmacies for:

- **tamariki (children)** aged 18 and under in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- adults over the age of 18 who are eligible for free local healthcare.

## What to Watch For and What to Do

Due to recent cases, it is important to watch closely for Measles symptoms (see the attachment provided for examples).

**Please, stay at home and call Healthline immediately on 0800 611 116 if you develop measles symptoms.**

Measles at school could cause significant disruption for our community and your whānau due to absences, prolonged illness, and isolation/quarantine requirements. It puts our wider community, including our ākonga (learners) and kaiako (teachers), at risk.

If your child is unwell, please keep a careful eye on their symptoms and give them the necessary time to recoup. Rest is the best medicine for a quick recovery and helps prevent the spread of germs to their classmates and teachers.

Please note that if a student becomes unwell while at school, we may need to contact you to come and collect them immediately.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe and healthy.