



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Time continues to race toward the end of the term! Our Phase 1 students had an exciting Athletics Day, and while the rain unfortunately cut the races short, the enthusiasm was high.

A huge thank you to the parents who came to support our students, to Mrs. van Leeuwen for organizing such a great event, and to the Golflands and Botany staff who helped make the day a huge success.

A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Grandparents and Special Guests

We're still buzzing from the incredible turnout at our recent Grandparents Assembly! A massive thank you to the 210 adults –grandparents, special friends, and loved ones—who joined us to celebrate this special intergenerational connection. Your presence made the event truly memorable for our students.

It was wonderful to hear from Mr. Adamson, who shared a powerful reminder from Deuteronomy 4:9: "Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."

The word "and" highlights the ongoing, vital role grandparents play. You aren't just teaching your children, but also your grandchildren, helping to ensure the stories of our faith and the greatness of God are passed down through the generations. Thank you for your commitment to this beautiful legacy.

Phase 2 Athletics day - Parent helpers needed

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

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

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



Golflands Campus Christmas Carols

Tuesday, 9 December

Winning House Mufti

Wednesday, 10 December

Last day of the year

Thursday, 11 December





YEAR 6 CHESS TEAM SHINES AT NZ NATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT



Over the recent September holidays, four of Elim Christian College's sharpest chess minds—Jamie, Jaden, Alex, and Jake—traveled to Christchurch to represent the school at the prestigious NZ National Interschool Chess competition. This is one of the highest levels of competition for young chess players in the country.

We caught up with the boys following their return to hear about their experience, from tactical triumphs to team dinners.

Q: What was the highlight of the tournament for you—on or off the board?

- Jamie: Winning a match in under five minutes.
- Jaden: Playing really hard opponents.
- Alex: Winning six out of seven matches.
- Jake: Having dinner all together at Lone Star—the Dixie chicken breast was so good!

Q: Was there a particular game or move you were especially proud of?

- Jamie: "Sacrificing the Rook for a win."
- Jaden: "Using a series of calculations to win a pawn tactically."
- Alex: "Winning my last game."
- Jake: "Forking the King and Queen."

Q: What did you learn from your opponents or the experience overall?

- Jamie: "Not to fall apart when a teammate loses."
- Jaden: "To use my time wisely when calculating moves."
- Alex: "Don't rush your game!"
- Jake: "Not to trap my King in the corner."

Q: How did it feel to represent your school in a national tournament?

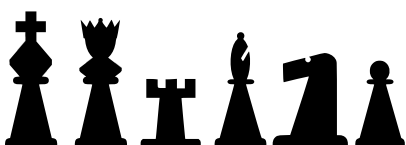
- Jaden: "Exciting and fun as not many chances like this come around."
- Jamie & Alex: Both felt "good and proud."
- Jake: Admitted he "was nervous!"

Q: What advice would you give to students hoping to compete in chess tournaments?

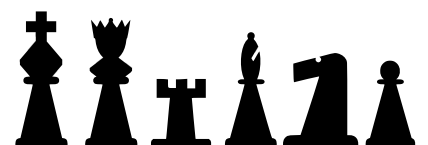
- Jamie: "Be calm and think about your moves. Don't blunder!"
- Jaden: "Study hard and keep progressing even when things are difficult."
- Alex: "Don't overthink your moves."
- Jake: "Watch the time and move quicker if you are down to five minutes."

A massive congratulations to Jamie, Jaden, Alex, and Jake for their fantastic efforts and for proudly representing Elim Christian College on the national stage! We look forward to seeing what they achieve on next in their chess journey.

Thank you to Mrs Galbraith and their families who supported the boys in Christchurch!



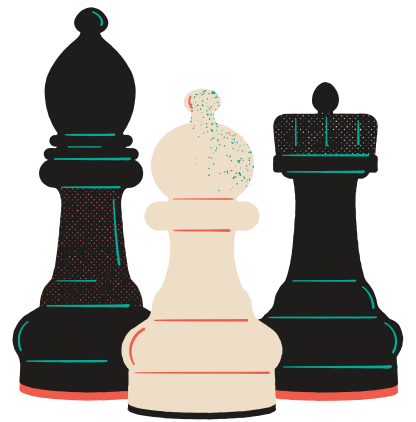
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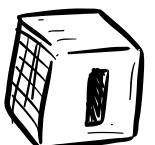
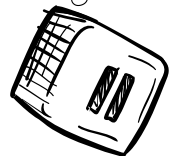
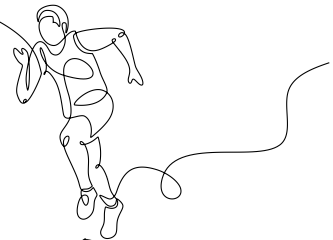
HPPA MATHEX COMPETITION

On Tuesday 14 October, Mrs Schick accompanied a team of four students to represent our school at the HPPA Mathex Competition, held at Sunnyhills School.

The Mathex competition is a fast-paced and challenging mathematics event where 21 schools from across East Auckland compete to solve as many problems as possible within a set time. Teams have 30 minutes to complete up to 25 word-based questions, each requiring strong problem-solving skills and a solid understanding of all strands of the Mathematics curriculum.

Our students demonstrated excellent teamwork and perseverance as they worked collaboratively under pressure in a lively and competitive environment. Although they did not place in the top three, we are incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork, and positive attitude throughout the competition and preparation. Our team members were: Genna Cherry, Alexander Lee, Elias Sun and Jaden Lee.

Thank you to Mrs Schick for working with this great team!



ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SPORT PHASE 1 ATHLETICS FUN DAY

Our Year 0-3 students had a fantastic time at their Athletics Fun Day this week! The morning was filled with energy and excitement as students rotated through a variety of fun, active challenges with their classes — including ring toss, long jump, high jump, bean bag throw, moonhopper races, the parachute, egg and spoon races, and the always-popular sack races.

It was wonderful to see our youngest students giving everything a go, encouraging one another, and enjoying being active outdoors.

A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who generously gave their time to support the event — we couldn't have done it without you!



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HPPA TOUCH RUGBY

On Tuesday, 21 October our Touch Rugby Team participated in the HPPA Touch Rugby tournament at Lloyd Elmore. We played against Mission Heights, Owairoa, Our Lady Star of the Sea and Macleans Primary. It was a lot of fun and a great learning experience for all.

Thank you to our lovely parent helpers and our middle years coach and umpires who helped us to make the day a success.



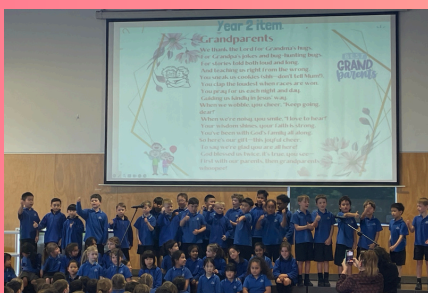
GRANDPARENTS ASSEMBLY

Last week, we had the joy of welcoming over 200 grandparents to our special Grandparents' Assembly, a heartwarming celebration of the important role grandparents play in our families and school community.

Mr Adamson opened the assembly in prayer and warmly welcomed all our guests. Mrs Galbraith, our school librarian, also shared some insightful and touching words about the joys and meaning of being a grandparent.

Students performed a variety of special items, including poems and songs, all dedicated to honouring their grandparents and showing appreciation for everything they do. It was a beautiful afternoon full of love, laughter, and connection.

A heartfelt thank you to all the grandparents who joined us — it was a privilege to celebrate you!



PROVERBS 17:6 (NIV)
"CHILDREN'S CHILDREN ARE A CROWN TO THE AGED, AND PARENTS ARE THE PRIDE OF THEIR CHILDREN."

RYAN SUN COMPETED IN THE 74TH NEW ZEALAND OPEN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

We are delighted to bring New Zealand's 74th Open Dancesport Championships back to Auckland. This 3 day event covers

NZ Dancesport National Titles
NZ Solo Dancesport Nationals
NZ Recreational National Title
Plus Professional with Amateur Events

It was held from the 17th - 19th October 2025 at the Auckland Netball Centre.



ARISE PARENTS IN PRAYER

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Parents in Prayer

Tuesdays @

8:40am Botany cafeteria

2:30pm Golflands courtyard

Come join our team!

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UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Elim Christian College

TERM 1 & 4 UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS FOR JY STUDENTS

Plain royal blue bucket hat		YES
Black trackpants		NO
Long sleeve polo shirt		NO
Tights		NO
Socks	BOYS and GIRLS Black knee-length socks, to be worn with closed-in shoes (no short socks)	
Shoes	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	