



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Welcome to our latest newsletter! As we journey through another exciting term, we're so grateful for the vibrant community God has blessed us with.

This newsletter is packed with updates, celebrations, and important information, reflecting on all the wonderful learning and growth happening within our school.

### 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 haven't 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.

#### **Happy Matariki – Celebrating with Faith and Whakapapa**

As we celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year, we reflect on themes of remembrance, gratitude, and hope—values that also align beautifully with our Christian faith. Matariki is a special time to honour those who have passed, give thanks for the blessings of the past year, and look forward with purpose and prayer.

In the Bible, we are reminded in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Just as Matariki marks a new season, we are encouraged to pause, reflect, and trust in God’s perfect timing and provision.

Matariki also reminds us of the importance of whānau, whakapapa, and community—echoing the biblical call to love and support one another as one body in Christ.

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori – Happy Matariki! May this season bring renewed hope, peace, and unity as we celebrate together.

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

### TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Music Celebration Assembly**

Friday, 13 June at 2pm

#### **Matariki – Public Holiday**

Friday, 20 June  
(School closed)

#### **Winning House Mufti**

Wednesday, 25 June  
(Free of charge)

#### **Campus Development Mufti**

Thursday, 26 June

#### **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)

# ELIM PACIFIC PARENTS FONO

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Elim Pacifica families for their time at the fono, strengthening connections between families and teachers.



## SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Our whole campus came together for a special Samoan celebration assembly, honouring Samoan culture and language as part of our ongoing commitment to cultural diversity. We were blessed to have a guest speaker, Lele Sanileva, share what it means to her to be Samoan and how her culture strengthens her walk of faith. Highlights of the assembly included a beautiful performance by our Siva dance group, Rylee Tapu sharing her speech in Samoan, the singing of the Samoan national anthem, and powerful prayers and Bible readings spoken in Samoan.

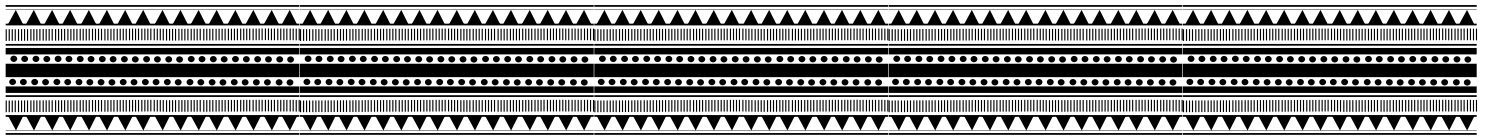
A heartfelt thank you to Mr Froud who organised this meaningful assembly and parents Liz Niutili and Herem Sakaria who supported the Siva group with their preparation. What a joy it is to celebrate the rich diversity within our school and to acknowledge how God has created each of us uniquely and wonderfully.





# FAGASA SAMOAN SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to Rylee Tapu, who represented our school in the FAGASA Samoan Speech Competition on Thursday, 12th June. Rylee spoke with confidence and pride as she shared her speech at Fale Samoa in Mangere, showcasing her strong connection to her culture and language. She represented our school with excellence, and we are so proud of her efforts. Fa'amalo lava, Rylee!



**IMPORTANT**

**REMHINDER**

## FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT BUS SAFETY AND DEVICES



### Students and Parents using the bus services:

We've noticed more students getting so engrossed in their devices on the bus that they're missing their stops! This can be a bit scary for students and causes delays.

To help keep everyone safe and on time, please chat with your child about limiting their device use while riding the bus. It's a great opportunity to look out the window, chat with friends, or simply relax and be aware of their surroundings so they don't miss their stop.

Your help with this is much appreciated!

Blessings,  
Junior Years Leadership Team



# TRAVELWISE CELEBRATION - VISIT FROM ZARA THE ZEBRA

To celebrate the winning class of our Travelwise Week competition, we had a special visit from Zara the Zebra! During Travelwise Week, teachers recorded how students travelled to school, with a focus on safe and active travel. The class with the highest number of students walking, biking, scootering, or using other active travel modes was crowned the winner. This term, Room 2 took out the top spot! Zara the Zebra surprised them with fidget spinners for each student and presented a special Travelwise certificate at our Worship Assembly on Monday. Well done, Room 2 – ka pai for leading the way in safe and active travel!



## EAST AUCKLAND PRIMARY INTERSCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Two Elim teams of enthusiastic chess players competed in the East Auckland Primary Interschools Chess championship held at Point View School on Tuesday, 10th June. Eighteen different schools took part, with 48 teams of four players each (192 children!). Both our A and B teams performed admirably, with a number of wins over skilled opponents.

Our A team: Jaden Lee, Alex Lee, Jake Thein-Xie and Jamie Wang, finished in an incredible 2nd place overall! This qualifies them to compete in the National Finals to be held in Christchurch in September.

Jamie Wang had six wins from six matches, and won an award for Best Score on Board 4. Our students all showed good sportsmanship and exemplified our Elim Christian Character. It is so exciting to see the development of Chess at our school.

Thanks go to Barbara Langridge for her continued support of Chess at Elim. Thanks also to Mrs Annie Yeoh for helping with transport and supervision at the event.





# ELIM JUNIOR YEARS SPORT

## HPPA Dodgeball

Our Year 5/6 Dodgeball team recently took part in an exciting dodgeball training session and mini tournament. The day kicked off with an introduction to the rules, followed by a practice game to get everyone warmed up. The Elim team quickly got into the swing of things, showing great progress in their dodging, ducking, diving, catching, and throwing skills. Dodgeball is a fast-paced and action-packed sport, and our students rose to the challenge with energy and enthusiasm. Their efforts paid off with a fantastic third place finish overall. Ka pai, team!



The organisers were also promoting an out of school Dodgeball club. See the details if you are interested in enrolling your child.

## FutureFerns Netball

Each Tuesday lunchtime, our Year 3-6 students who have signed up for FutureFerns participate in our school-run FutureFerns netball programme. Our Director of Netball and Basketball, Mrs Vania Dunn, runs this fun and inclusive initiative with parent support. It helps students develop their netball skills in a supportive environment, while also encouraging teamwork, coordination, and a love for sport. It has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved, learning the game, and enjoying active play with their peers.





# YEAR 0

Our clever Year 0 learners have been zooming ahead with counting and addition—starting from different numbers and solving simple equations like little math wizards! In music, we’ve been having a blast discovering new instruments and the fun sounds they make. There’s never a dull moment in Room 9!



# YEAR 1 - SHOW AND TELL MAGIC IN YEAR 1!

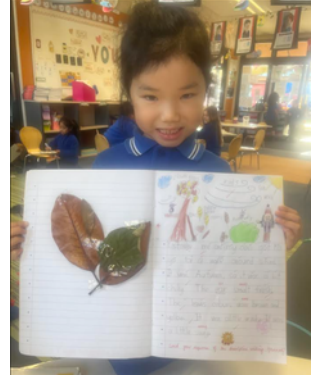
Our Year 1 learners have been shining during Show and Tell! Each week, they take the spotlight to share something special to them—building confidence, stretching their imaginations, and exploring exciting new topics. It’s a wonderful way to grow their public speaking skills, boost vocabulary, and celebrate creativity in fun and meaningful ways. We love seeing their personalities shine!





# YEAR 2 - VARIOUS SEASONS IN THE WORLD

The Year 2 students have been deeply engaged in a multidisciplinary exploration of the world's seasons. Their learning journey has encompassed reading, writing, garden exploration, and the study of poetry, allowing them to develop a comprehensive understanding of what each season looks like and feels like. We're delighted to see their enthusiasm for this topic, and they've shared some truly insightful observations.





## YEAR 2 - WRITING BY BROOKLYN BIDDLE

Name:

Brooklyn

Term

It is winter it is cold.

leaves are falling at night

and day today after lunch

every year I picked up

leaves and I got so many

leaves. So they were every

colour and they looked so

cool. I wish I could

take them with me

home. Do you like leaves?

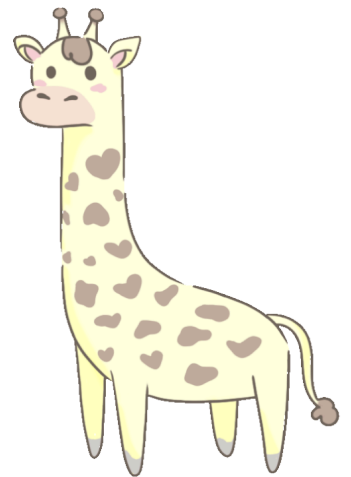
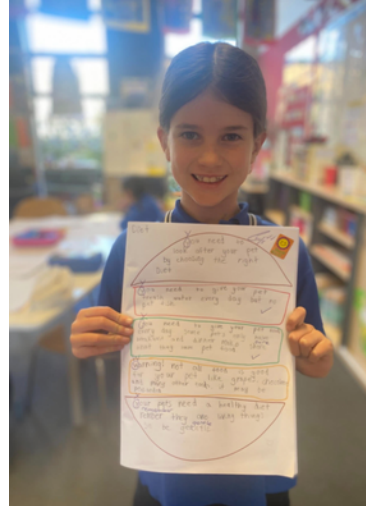
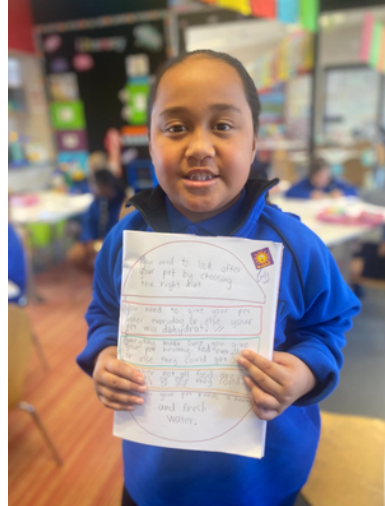




# YEAR 3

In Year 3 we have been loving our literacy learning. We have been reading shared novels which allows us to explore concepts from MITEY as well as drama, oral language, reading and writing.

This year the Year 3 students have enjoyed reading 'The giraffe, the Pelly and me', 'The Twits' and also 'The Thirteen storey treehouse'. The students are also reading a wide variety of decodable texts, non fiction text about volcanoes, Junior Journals, chapter books, as well as free reading at the library.

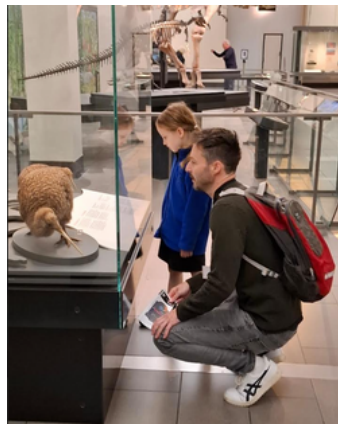


**'Fiery earth' inquiry** - Year 3 learned about volcanoes at the Auckland Museum. The museum is actually located on a dormant volcano called Pukekawa! We learned with a museum specialist teacher in the classroom and enjoyed exploring the exciting museum exhibitions. Everyone loved the incredible hands on learning and after some kai we went to explore the domain and beautiful winter gardens. Thank you to the amazing parents who came with us! We couldn't have had this wonderful learning experience without you.





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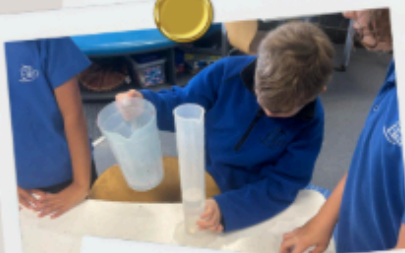
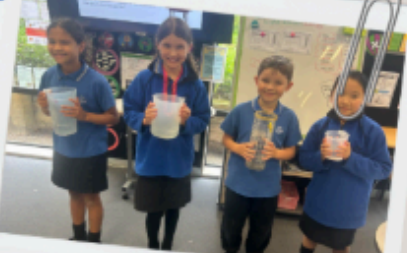




# YEAR 4

This week in Maths, our Year 4 students have been exploring capacity through hands-on activities and real-life contexts. They learned to estimate, measure, and compare the capacity of different containers using litres and millilitres. Using measuring jugs, beakers, and water, students developed their understanding of metric units and practised reading scales accurately.

Mathematics



## YEAR 4 Poetry Recital

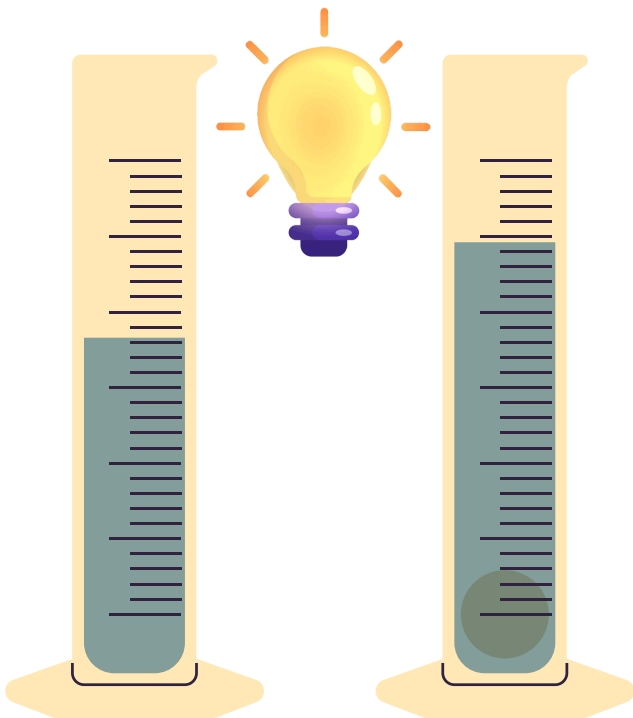
Our Year 4 finalists presented their poetry recital to the Phase 2 students. Well done to all the finalists – you demonstrated courage and excellence on the stage.



## MATARIKI

We learnt about Matariki by reading the book 'The Seven Kites of Matariki.' We made Matariki lanterns to celebrate the beginning of the new year and to remember our loved ones.

Happy Matariki!





# YEAR 5

The Year 5's had an awesome time visiting our local awa with Watercare facilitator Kathryn. We became real scientists for the day working in groups to investigate the water's turbidity, pH levels, nitrates, oxygen, and macroinvertebrates. It was a hands-on learning experience that helped us understand the health of our water and how it affects the environment around us. A huge thank you to all our amazing parent helpers—your support made the day such a success!



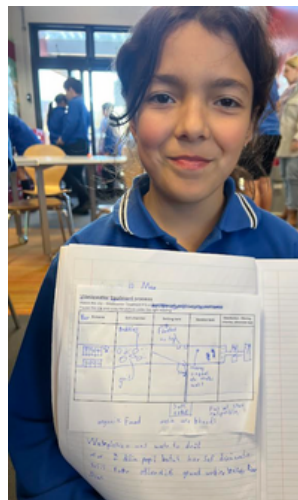
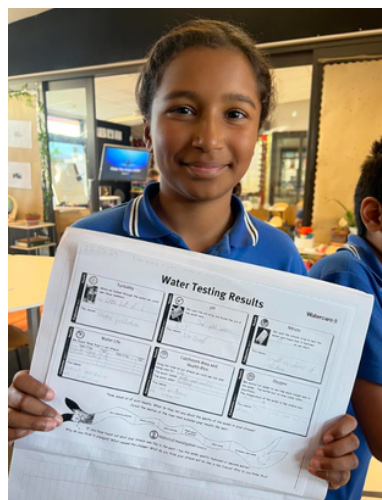


## YEAR 6 - WONDERFUL WAI

This term, Year 6's inquiry is The Wonderful Wai. We are learning about the water cycle and water pollution. The Watercare educator came in to teach us how to test for water quality.

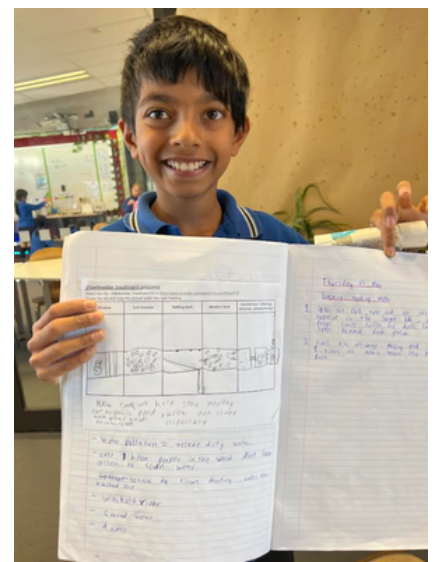
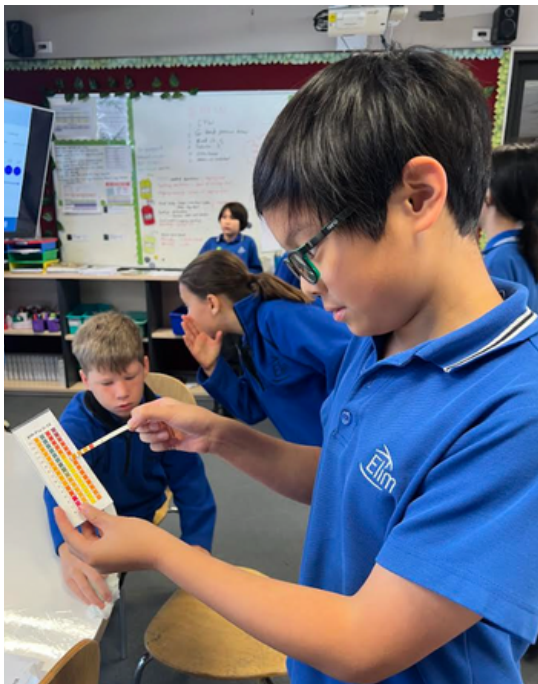
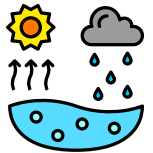
To do a real life example of this, we walked down to the local stream by the Cortabella reserve. We collected water using a container attached to a long stick and then our groups tested the water sample for its pH level, nitrate level, turbidity and water life (whether there were macroinvertebrates) , as this information can give us some clue on how clean the water is.

After our walk, we spent the afternoon analysing our data and we can conclude that the water quality is pretty good, but not good enough for drinking!





# YEAR 6





# ARISE PARENTS IN PRAYER

## ARISE Parents in Prayer

*Tuesdays @*

**8:40am Botany cafeteria**

**2:30pm Golflands courtyard**

*Come join our team!*

## SKIDS - HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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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>
Parachute Men	Copy Lego Challenges	False Teeth	<b>PREMIUM DAY</b> <b>LITTLE COOKS</b> We have Little Cooks coming to us today. They will be running a cooking programme and we will be making Pizza Rolls.	Ssssss Snakes
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.		Make our own real life looking snakes out of salt dough. Don't let them bite Wayne!
				
July				
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>
Giant Paper Planes	Wheels Day	Robots from Space	<b>PREMIUM DAY</b> <b>ACTIV KIDS</b> This went so well the last time, we are doing it again! Sports, games, socialise, team work and more.	Mini Cupcake Burgers
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.		Cupcake burgers is what we're making today. Looks like a burger but tastes like a cupcake. Last day enjoying sports and games.
				



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