

LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN - EDITION 2

Malo e Lelei Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

While we all eagerly await the news next week as to the status of our levels, I want to thank you all for being a significant part of the Elim Christian College team. Our staff would not be able to deliver an online programme if it were not for your support with this. Thank you for the countless hours you spend explaining and clarifying what needs to be done for the online activities, on top of doing what you need to get done personally as well. We also know that for many of you unforeseen, and probably known challenges, have added to the testing nature of being in lockdown. We want to acknowledge you and pray for God's peace and favour to be on you – you are not alone in this. Mrs Britten, our counsellor (see further on) has made herself available for you to contact her as well. If there is any way our staff can support you further, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Moving to Level 3 - should the Alert Level be changed, Mr Burton will communicate with the parent / school community.

I want to also acknowledge the incredible resilience of our students – none of us would have imagined them learning under these circumstances, and while we want to wish this away, our students constantly amaze me as agentic learners. They are incredible! Even in this unusual context, we learn from them. Their adaptability in 'going with the flow' and taking pleasure in the simple things during lockdown have taught me lots.

Online learning this week included activities that celebrated the Tongan culture. Students engaged with learning about Tonga and its culture, recognizing that it is important for all New Zealanders to celebrate lea faka-Tonga. Moreover, celebrations such as this have huge benefits for our Tongan students, staff and parents who are New Zealanders of Tongan descent, as the culture is kept alive by recognition of its value.

Some interesting facts about Tonga:

- Over 90% of Tongans are Christian
- Tonga consists of roughly 170 islands. 40 of these are inhabited.
- Area - 747 square kilometers
- Population (2020 est.) - 98 800
- Tonga has the highest number of PhD graduates per capita!

Pictured on the right is Year 2, Ezra Eldershaw who is proudly introducing his grandfather who had volunteered in Tonga pre-COVID19.



Ngā mihi nui

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR GCJY

- ICAS Exams – the dates are being decided on for possibly later this term and in Term 4. Kip McGrath will notify you once these dates have been confirmed.
- Sporting Events – we understand that the cancellation of most of these events have been deeply disappointing for our students. Mr Gray is working hard behind the scenes to see what games can be organized, levels permitting, with local schools. Watch this space.
- Term 3 and 4 events, including Prize-giving – discussions are regularly being had around how best to plan out the rest of the year. Communication will be sent to you as soon as we work out the best possible scenario for all, given the current climate.



From our Counsellor ... Mrs Yvette Britten

As lockdown continues, just like us, our young people might have shifting and changing moods- some enjoy the early days, the novelty of being at home energised them and now they may feel a little "over it". Others may have settled well into a routine now and are thriving at home. Wherever you are at, and wherever your child is at, know that it's okay.

During lockdown, there tends to be less variety in our days than normal. We can become more sensitised to each other, and this can lead to conflict at times. A helpful idea is to introduce a bit of variety - maybe a family game, maybe sit at different places at dinner or have a spontaneous group hug.

If you do feel the strain and want to talk to someone outside your bubble for a different perspective, for ideas, for support. Please feel free to contact me at yvette.britten@elim.school.nz

Things You'll Want for eLearning



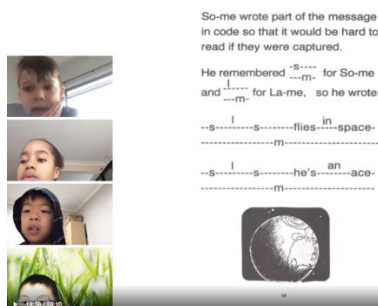
Staff during LOCKDOWN



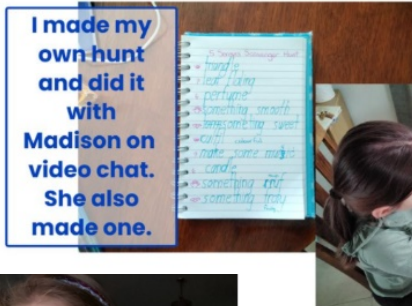
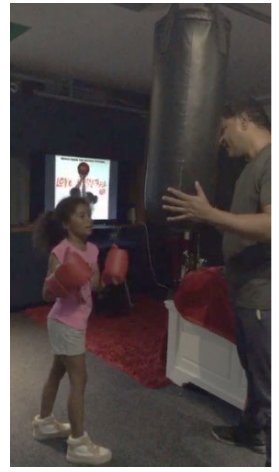
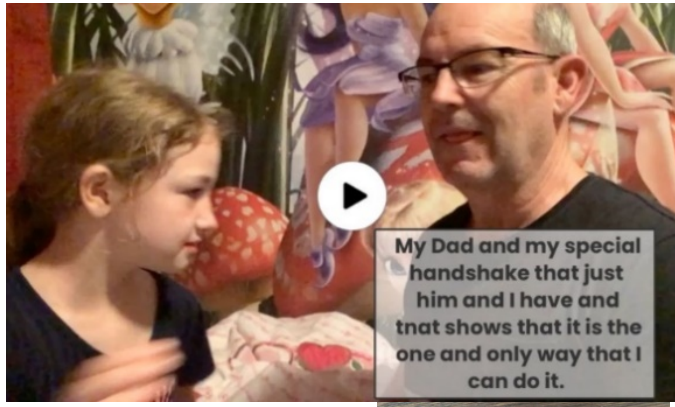
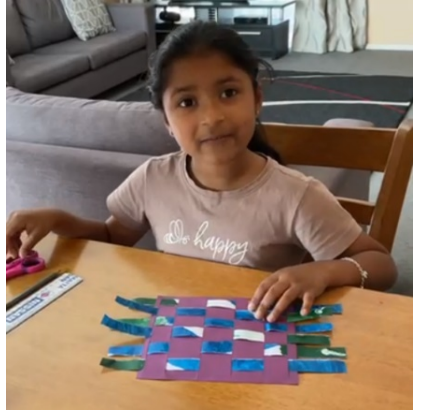
Online Music at GC JY – Mrs Yung Chang (Music Specialist)

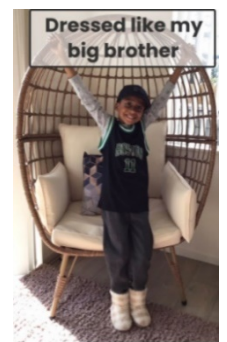


Mrs Chang has been meeting with classes and her groups during the past few weeks. Strains of musical instruments, students doing exercises in body percussion rhythm, and even dancing were welcome visitors in our homes.

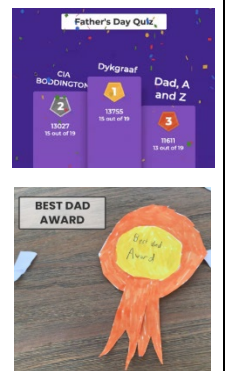
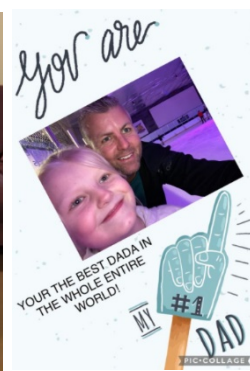


Balancing our days with screen-free activities...





An Online Father's Day Celebration – Thank you Mrs Min Hee Lee and Mr Shane Hutchinson



Happy Father's Day

The World's Best Dad
By Evelyn Loh

My dad is very special to me. I strongly believe that my amazing dad is the worlds best dad. He had been working so hard to give us all the luxuries of life. He is the one who paid all the bills at home. Here are a few other reasons why my dad is 'the best dad in the world'.

Firstly, my dad is my superhero because he has strong muscles. My dad can carry heavy stuff around the house. He helps to move beds into new rooms. My dad can move furniture around when we are doing yearly house cleaning. He respects my mum and helps her in household chores whenever he gets time.

Secondly, my dad is a great builder and fixer. He can fix the broken chairs, cabinets, a hole in the wall and leaking pipes in the toilet. Whenever I broke something he would come to my rescue. If I need to build something he is the best helper who would guide me to finish the project. I can't imagine a life without my dad!

Lastly, my dad is a great gardener. He would mow the lawn and clear the weeds in the garden. My dad would trim the hedges carefully to make them look good. With his cares, we have roses blossoming in the garden. We also harvest some fruits from the lemon tree, orange tree and blueberry trees from our garden too.

Now we know that my dad is a great gardener, a strong man and an amazing builder. Who could be better? My dad is also one of my best friends. I share everything with him. My dad always gives me all the right directions to believe in God. He shows me how to love, respect and be thankful. That's why my dad is the best dad in the world. I am so glad to have him as my dad.



...and the WINNER is...

Joshua Kotze
(Year 4)
for his incredible Lego
creation for the Funky
Socks competition!

Online Learning across the Junior Years...



FLAMINGOS

BY ARIANA EVENSON

I think that FLAMINGOS are the best animals in the world.

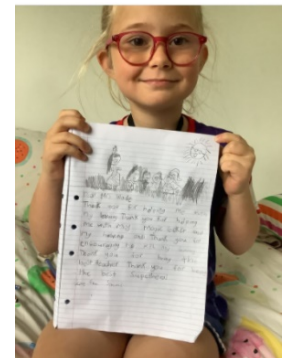
Firstly, flamingos are amazing because they are one of the most beautiful birds in the world because of their pink feathers. Did you know the pink colour in the feathers are from their diet? The baby flamingos are born with white feathers that turn pink when they are older.

Secondly, I think flamingos are cute because they dance! They get into groups and flap their wings and squawk. Isn't that magnificent? Flamingos are extremely social so they live in groups of about 1000!

Thirdly, flamingoes are cool because they live near shallow lakes and lagoons. They love water just as much as me!

That is why I believe that flamingos are the best.

You make me happy



Reader's Theatre

"I may be tiny but I know how everyone can win this competition."

Write one favourite thing your character says in the story.

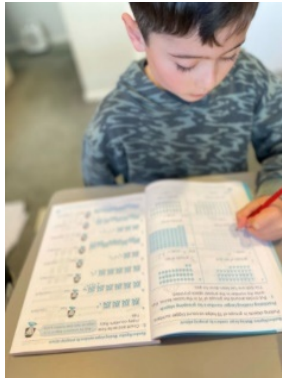


Reader's Theatre

I need you to find me a lot more gold medals

Write one favourite thing your character says in the story.





Find something with the /a/ sound (like ant)



Our families out and about during lockdown...



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Getting outside helps us feel ka rawe! Rain or shine, there's heaps of fun you can have right outside your backdoor.

- Build a hut
- Play hide and seek
- Play tag
- Kick a ball around
- Wash the car
- Find cloud shapes
- Lie on the grass
- Waero harakeke
- Dig a hole
- Play catch
- Jump in puddles
- Look at nga whetu
- Kiwiwi with the plants
- Catch rain on your tongue
- Dig for worms
- Skip, run, jump, dance, repeat!
- Read a pukapuka under a tree
- Explore with a magnifying glass (or old spec)
- Fly paper planes
- Make a daisy chain
- Make a treasure hunt
- Have a teddy bear picnic
- Cartwheel and handstand
- Run around with paper strips
- Wash the windows
- Pick some flowers
- Play hide and seek
- Gather seeds and plant them!
- Make a nature mandala
- Make a leaf collection
- Make a mini moat in the garden/gravel
- Make and float a leaf waka
- Make a leaf and rakau creature
- Make a bark rubbing
- Head out with torch at night!
- Play 'leaf' pick-up sticks
- Waits with the birds
- Paint a kohatu friend
- Look for spider webs
- Camouflage yourself in the garden

Department of Conservation **Sparklet's**



This afternoon we spent a couple of hours at the park riding bikes, finding offroad paths to take and playing swordfights with sticks!



When you go for a bike ride when there is beautiful blue sky but come back soaking wet because it decided to pour down with rain...

A new way of connecting...





*A special welcome to our newest members of Elim Christian College...
 Jeremiah 29:11
 Thank you Mrs Bycroft and Mrs Arnold for looking after our New Entrants. They are doing so well during the lockdown.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Elijah Wirian
 Ethan Luo



Daniel Gray
 Grace Bishop
 Joseph Wang
 Ivan Sun
 Trenton Balemi
 Mrs Aileen King



Hannah Shen
 Gabriella Croxford
 Oscar Wang



Sophia Harman
 Zoe Dykgraaf
 Abby Stevenson
 Kristen Tait
 Daniel Wright
 Amelia Greenfield
 Mrs Zoe Chong

LOCKDOWN BIRTHDAYS

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
 Numbers 6:24-26 -*

To the incredible GCJY team, Mr McPhail and Ms Mudhan get to work alongside...

**MAY YOU BE PROUD
 OF THE WORK YOU DO
 THE PERSON YOU ARE
 AND THE DIFFERENCE
 YOU MAKE**