

Kia Ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

It has been a term for celebration thus far!

- Our World Vision fundraising drive yielded nearly \$40 000. Thank you to parents and students who got behind this global appeal for help.
- Our chess team made it into a regional tournament for the first time. Mrs Barbara Langridge co-ordinates these weekly practices so well, and takes advantage of competitions that she becomes aware of to give our students more opportunities to compete.
- About one third of our Year 5s and 6s have gone through the Food Technology sessions with Mrs Tallot, Mrs Jules Lotu-liga and/or Mrs Chung in the Mahi Tahī block. Our Middle Years Food Technology specialist, Mrs Lisa Snook has been a great support to our parents who have come in to help.



- Hosanna Week began just as powerfully as in previous years with a group of our parents praying over students and staff. There will be more photos in the next newsletter on Hosanna Week.



Thank you for your ongoing support as the rest of the term unfolds. Enjoy this week's newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR GCJY

- 16th August – Expression of Interest tour of Golflands Campus: 9.30am – 10.30am
- 16th / 17th August – HPPA Dance Festival at Somerville Intermediate (Year 5/6): 6.30pm
- 18th August – Chess Regional Tournament (Selected students)
- 18th August – Year 3/4 Zoo Trip
- 19th August – ICAS English: 9.00am – 11.00am
- Week 4 Sports Events: HPPA Cross Country/Football/Netball
- Week 5 – Travelwise Week
- 26th August – ICAS Science: 9.00am – 11.00am
- 26th August – ICAS Spelling Bee: 12.30pm – 2pm
- 3rd September – Father's Day Breakfast and Assembly: 7.30am

Small changes,
big differences.



Group Triple P - Takes the guesswork out of parenting

Free parenting support for parents and caregivers of children up to 10 years

TOPICS:

- Dealing with Disobedience
- Developing Good Behaviour Routines
- Managing Fighting & Aggression
- Hassle-free Outings with Children

DATES:

- Thursday 12th August
- Thursday 19th August
- Thursday 26th August
- Thursday 2nd September

TIME: 9.30am-11.00am

Morning tea is provided. No childcare is available so please arrange childcare to attend this parenting group.

VENUE: Sowers Trust

The Picton Centre, 120 Picton Street, Howick

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION:

Please contact Veronica, family worker at Sowers Trust on 021 247 2024 by text or email veronica@triplep.co.nz for more information or to register your attendance.

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Two hours is all you need for a Teen Triple P Discussion Group

Free positive parenting help for parents and caregivers of teenagers

TOPICS:

- Coping with Teenage Emotions
- Building Teenagers' Survival Skills
- Reducing Family Conflict
- Getting Teenagers to Co-operate

DATES:

- Wednesday 4th August
- Wednesday 11th August
- Wednesday 18th August
- Wednesday 1st September

TIME: 10-12pm

Morning tea is provided. No childcare is available so please arrange childcare to attend this parenting group.

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Celebrating Cook Islands Language Week (Mrs Larissa Schick - Co-ordinator)

Kia Orana Elim families. What a celebration last week was honouring Cook Islands Language Week. Jedidiah Viliamu rendered a prayer at our Worship Assembly to start the week off.

Mrs Viliamu blessed us all with her culinary skills, and staff and students enjoyed the culturally –inspired dishes. What a treat!

Thank you Mrs Schick for organizing all the activities for Cook Islands Language Week and for hosting Mrs Viliamu.



World Vision (Mrs Mandy Bowers - JY Co-ordinator)



Our World Vision leaders – Yewon Kim, Enya Brunt, Yash Narayan, Gabriel Espanto and Enoch Isaac were delighted when World Vision Youth Ambassador, Luke Carpenter, visited our campus to present our school with a trophy for

the amount \$39 883.33 that was collected for the 40-hour famine drive. The Junior Years staff and students would like to thank Mrs Mandy Bowers for the incredible ideas put in place this year to spur our Juniors on.



Scouts Scarf Day – 2nd August



Zachary Tucker and Ethan Zhou of the Ormiston Scout Group wore their scarves on Scout Scarf Day when all active and former scouts are requested to wear their scout scarves in public to make the "Spirit of Scouting" visible: Once a Scout - Always a Scout! The date of the event commemorates the very first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in 1907.

Student Devotions



It is always a pleasure to listen to our students present Devotions at our Worship Assemblies. Riley Vosloo and Francesca Pratt recently spoke about trusting in God and not being afraid. The student presenters tend to include the other students in their Devotions, and it is wonderful to hear how much our children love God and how much they know about Him and His Word.

Run4Bibles – Mr Paul Gray (Sports Co-ordinator)

The rain held back long enough for our students, parents and staff to enjoy some time outdoors. Our students performed extremely well, and it was great to see the enjoyment and determination on their faces, as they

Here are the results for the event:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 0/1 Girls	Rylee Tapu	Vesper McLaren	Hadley Spurdle
Year 0/1 Boys	Archie Bergh	Joshua Hassen	Emmanuel Nair
Year 2 Girls	Elian Chang	Anya Stemmet	Grace Lu
Year 2 Boys	Joshua Palmer	Toby Zyzalo	Trenton Balemi
Year 3 Girls	Zoë Bergh	Summer Thyse	Lara Palalagi
Year 3 Boys	Caleb McLeod	Jayden Tan	Kaleb Arnold
Year 4 Girls	Elyse Palmer	Abigail Zhou	Hope Hutchinson
Year 4 Boys	Brody Hadfield	Connor Hadfield	Israel Pearce
Year 5 Girls	Jasmine Wagener	Ellayna Ratnaraja	Aria Zhuo
Year 5 Boys	Jeremiah Bernstein	Zach Charman	Isheanesu Zvavahera
Year 6 Girls	Chloe Aish	Aliah Bailey	Lilly Pollock
Year 6 Boys	Helgard Groenewald	Hayden James	Daniel Hutchinson

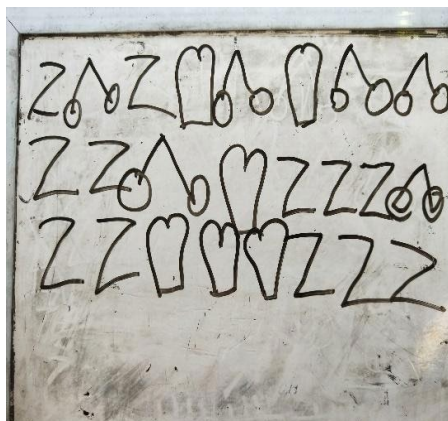


Thank you for supporting this worthy endeavour. Please send the booklets back to school with the money collected in a named envelope. These can be deposited in the returns slot in the office. The Bibles bought benefit those who live in poverty, war torn areas, or remote areas, and many who buy them, at a subsidised cost, are victims of war, poverty, torture, former child soldiers, or former followers of traditional religions.



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

Our students have been learning lots about Music via listening, singing, moving, reading, creating, and playing this year. Many students have also been part of the Junior Years Orchestra, Worship Band, Choir, Untuned Percussion Group, Ukulele Group and Tuned Percussion Group. The groups have been learning a variety of music. Our Worship Band and singers did very well leading three songs at the worship assembly last Monday with beautiful harmony. The other groups are busily preparing for future performance. We are having lots of fun at Music!



Online Safety – Mr Gary Johnstone (Deputy Principal)

It is timely under the current climate that a few reminders be made about device use. Parents, if you are not already aware of the following, please set some time aside to go over these with your child:

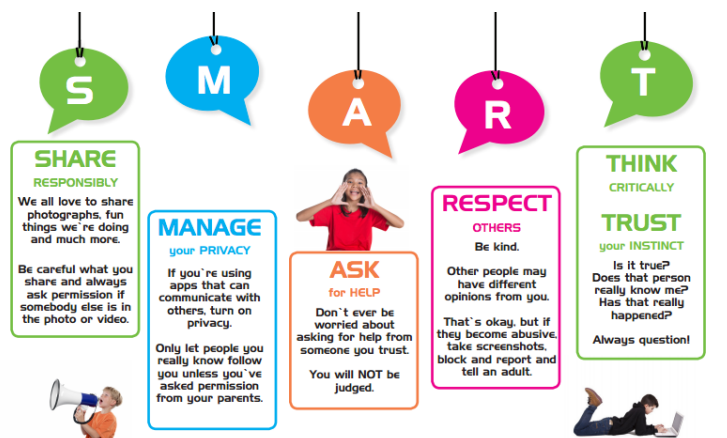
*the internet agreement,
not logging into another student's device
not to disclose, under any circumstances, their password.*

The consequence of inappropriate messaging may include the immediate confiscation of the device(s) used, denial of access to the school net, and contact with caregivers.

It would be appreciated if parents maintain some rules and guidelines around monitoring and supervision for their children at home, as these will complement those that are in place at school in an attempt to keep our students safe as best we can.

Simple home rules can include:

- No devices in student bedrooms
- Restricted times on devices at homes – it is easy to identify students who have gaming all night!
- Filters and restrictions set up on the home internet, etc.
- If all else fails, turn off the internet at a certain agreed-on time.



STAFF NEWS – Mr John Caetano / Mrs Zelda Vermeulen



GC Staff wished Mr Caetano and his wife Shannon, all the best during a morning tea this week. The Caetanos are expecting a baby boy soon. We pray a blessing on Mr Caetano and his wife, wishing them all the best as they begin their journey as parents.

GC welcomed back Mrs Vermeulen from her year-long teaching stint in Abu Dhabi. Both Mrs Vermeulen and her husband Wouter have resumed teaching at the schools they were at before they left for overseas. Here, Jason Li, one of Mrs Vermeulen's past students eagerly popped into the staffroom to welcome her back. Mrs Vermeulen is teaching in the Middle Years.



RELEVANT OLDER MESSAGES FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/WHĀNAU

WALKING SCHOOL BUS OPPORTUNITY EVERY FRIDAY MORNING

WHEN: Every Friday morning

TIME: 8.15am

WHERE: Bob Charles Park (24 Bob Charles Drive)

WHY: To ease congestion in front of the school.



We are requesting that parents help with being a part of the answer and drop their children off at the park just at 8.15am. Parents are most welcome to walk with the walking school bus to school.

If you would like to share this responsibility with Mrs Vosloo, or be available another morning in the week, please email neetha.mudhan@elim.school.nz. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES FOR PARENTS:

Parents, please help us keep *all* students in our school safe:

We have a zebra crossing across the steps and our children run blindly through it without looking for oncoming cars as they do not expect to see cars coming through the bus bay. I would like to ask that you please help us keep our children safe.

These are important safety message for parents, family and friends who do drop-offs and pick-ups before and after school:

- please try to park away from the school and allow your child to walk into the school grounds if they are old enough. You can park on the same side of the school if you do not want your child to cross the road.
- please use the Kea crossing to cross the road
- please refrain from driving through the bus bay to pick up your child/children. When the planning permission was granted by Auckland Council for our school, it was agreed that the bus bay was not for parents to drive through or drop off /pick up. This was strictly for the use of buses only and an exit for staff parking.
- please do not park on the white diamond at the beginning of Corta Bella Place. Our neighbours are finding it increasingly difficult to manoeuvre their private vehicles in and out of their driveways.

It seems to be a tendency for parents to park as close to the school as possible when it is wet. This unfortunately, causes huge congestion outside the front of the school, which in turn, tends to heighten the safety risk for our students. We would like to encourage you to please make arrangements with your child about an alternate pickup spot, and a good robust umbrella might just be the answer as well. Thank you for your co-operation with endeavouring to keep our community safe.

LANGUAGE WEEKS THIS TERM...an opportunity for you to be involved

I would like to invite our families to support our staff at the Golflands Campus in recognizing and celebrating these special weeks. Please contact me neetha.mudhan@elim.school.nz if you would be able to help with this. Through these celebrations, our staff and students grow in their knowledge about and experience with the diverse cultures that make up our Elim community, and it is through being informed, respect and sensitivity for each other grows.

Later this term, we celebrate:

Tongan Language Week – Week 7

Māori Language Week – Week 8

Chinese Language Week – Week 10

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Kelly Club is a Year 0-8 after-school care programme that operates out of our school hall from 3pm – 6pm. The cost is as follows:

3pm - 4.30pm: \$13

3pm - 6pm: \$20.50

We want to parents to know that:

- Kelly Club shares their revenue with our school to benefit our learning community
- Their programmes are approved by the Ministry of Social Development
- WINZ subsidies can be accessed for eligible parents/caregivers
- You only pay for the care you use – cancel right up to the programme cut-off time.

Some of the advantages are:

- There is a good balance of activities which also allows for students to get their Home Learning done at a certain time.
- Afternoon tea and snacks are also provided.
- You do not have to rush to school to pick up your child/children in peak-hour traffic at 3pm. They are still on the school grounds.

Please contact Brendon Vernall at elim@kellyclub.co.nz / 021 156 6256 if you would like further information.

