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#### Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

We've made it! I am so pleased with how our children are finishing the term off well. They have given their best settling into new routines for the year, and they have set themselves up well for 2023. While I usually sing their praises loudly in every newsletter, I am going to take the opportunity to bid you all farewell in this edition...

I remember telling someone in 2015, after a few days of sensing the calm and peace on our campus, that this was it, that I was committing to Elim Christian College as being the school where I would see out my teaching career and finally indulge in the last leg of my formal study. I remember that person chastising me, telling me that at times, Elim is an oasis that one comes to, to be filled before moving on. I must admit I only half-heartedly listened to him because I knew that wouldn't be me. In Proverbs and in Psalms, it mentions that while man makes plans, God determines our steps and I find myself open to His working in my life yet again. While my season here at Elim has ended, it is still been the best environment of growth for me personally and professionally.

Mr Burton, thank for accepting me onto the leadership team here at Elim, for letting me be a part of this incredible vision for the past eight years. Sir, it has been a privilege. Kia ora.

To the Board and our ARISE Parents teams - what an honour it has been to have worked in your company. Your commitment to and passion for our tamariki have always made me feel that we are in the best hands. Kia ora. To our Parent community, you are best! Nothing brought me more delight than seeing you at either end of the day, at our Junior Years events, and out and about. As Christians, because we already know the end to the story, we can fight from a place of victory. The incredible staff around your children are here....for them. Continue to trust them, lean into them, as you both lean into Him. There is a reason they are here for your children at this particular time. (Jeremiah 29.11) Thank you for the words of encouragement and prayers over the term. I will always treasure the memory of how blessed we are with parent involvement and participation here at Elim. Kia ora.

To the Elim staff, what more can I say but thanks...thanks for the hard mahi, for the sowing, knowing fully well that you may not see the reaping as our young people finally leave school to move on. To the Junior Years team, I watch you every day giving of your best, your heart in all you do. I stand in awe of your collective ability. You do teaching and learning so well. Kia ora

And now to an incredible bunch of young people and very young people - you each walk with the Holy Spirit within you. You are special. I remember after my initial few days at Elim, calling my husband and telling him that our boy, who was only 2 and a bit then, should be coming here to Elim, and he is partly why I have called our school my home for the past 8 years. Zach, it has been such a privilege to be at school with you. My prayer for all our tamariki is that you love Him wholly and be receptive to His working in your lives, lives that I have been blessed to have been a part of.

I wish our Elim community everything of the best, especially over the Easter period - may you know His goodness and favour in all you do. It's Friday...but Sunday is coming! https://youtu.be/Tn94B3GHcjY

## **Upcoming Events**

24th April 2023 (Monday) Term 2 begins

25th April 2023 (Tuesday) ANZAC Day Public Holiday

4th May 2023 Mufti - Tony McLean Nepal Trust

10th May 2023 HPPA Girls Football

15th - 17th May (Term 2) Year 5 Camp

12th May 2023 Mothers Day Assembly



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for junior years students		
Black trackpants Double-layered at knees Purchased at John Russell Menswear only	Λ	YES TERMS 2-3 only
Long-sleeve polo shirt		YES TERMS 2-3 only
Black tights		YES TERMS 2-3 only
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.	

## THANK YOU, ADMIN TEAM



To this incredible team that mans the 'engine room' at the Golflands Campus ... Janelle Chang, Katrina Bishop, Louise Aickin and Daisy Xie, I could not have done the last eight years without your support. You are incredible in what you collectively know and do. Thank you for being a blessing to me and our community.

## SHARING THE MESSAGE OF EASTER







Year 2 - Feet washing

Year 1 - Communion





## MARKET DAY - THANK YOU, YEAR 4 - 6 TEAMS













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### JOINING THE WAR AGAINST MOTH PLANTS - WE ARE AN ENVIRO SCHOOL



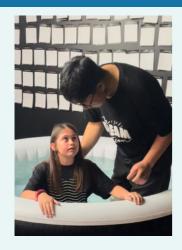






Moth plant is spreading quickly, killing our native plants. Our Enviro Team has joined our local community to help get on top of controlling this pest plant and win some prize money for their efforts! Ella Briscoe joins Mrs Bycroft at assembly to inform our students about the competition that is open to schools.

#### **CELEBRATING WITH OUR STUDENTS**



Celebrating with Anuscke van Zyl... Anuscke was baptised at Elim Christian Centre, Botany last Sunday.

It is an absolute privilege for us to walk alongside our students in their spiritual journeys.



A proud moment for Luka Lotu-liga (Year 3) when his older sister, Hope was selected as the ANZ coin toss kid Hope is here with Captain of New Zealand Tom Latham and Captain of Sri Lanka Dasun Shanaka. New Zealand Black Caps v Sri Lanka, 1st Twenty20 International cricket match at Eden Park in Auckland, New Zealand. Sunday 2 April 2023. Photo: Andrew Cornaga



Juwon Kim in Year 2 joined his family on stage at Elim Christian Centre to celebrate his Dad, Ps Hye Won Kim, being formally ordained as a Pastor. This joyous occasion was made extra special with Ps Kim's parents visiting from Korea. Juwon's sister, Yewon is in Year 8.

### HERITAGE ASSEMBLY

A day to remember and honour our 'seven in heaven', and acknowledge a significant event in the history of Elim Christian College. Mr Hutchinson spoke about his friend, Tony McCLean and his mantra to the sports teams he coached..."Remember who you are playing for." At a sports practice this week, a student could be heard repeating this. Their legacy lives on...









#### WOMEN'S REFUGE

Thank you Elim te whānau for your generosity towards our initiative to bless Women's Refuge. Mrs Van Leeuwen visited the centre in Pakuranga to hand deliver all our donations.

Kia ora.



The winning house for Term 1 is EZEKIEL! House Leaders
Astin Holmes and Abigail Kahl proudly received the House trophy on behalf of the students in their House. The Ezekiel House students enjoyed a free mufti on Tuesday.



## CULTURAL DAY - INDIAN / KOREAN / SOUTH AFRICAN

What a splash of colour Golflands Campus was on Wednesday when kaimahi and tamariki trialled a term Cultural Day for Year 1-6. We usually celebrate Language Weeks throughout the year but miss some cultures that form a significant part of who we are at the Golflands Campus. This term, we celebrated the Indian, Korean and South African cultures. The day was dedicated to learning more about the people and culture and how these countries were connected to New Zealand. Another highlight was parental support, seeing parents come and go with trays of cultural eats that proved very popular with our tamariki. Again, the passion of our kaimahi was seen in how they themselves dressed and in how they presented the relevant information to our tamariki. Ka pai!





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## BUDDY BENCH - THANK YOU, YEARS 2 AND 3



This term, the Year 2 and 3 students had identified a problem on our playground. The problem was that some children felt lonely at times during play. The students in Rooms 1-2 and Rooms 5-6 suggested we make a buddy bench.

This week, we painted the buddy bench. We chose the colours blue and white to match our Elim colours. The Buddy Bench will be open for use in Term 2.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Johnson for donating the bench to our school.











## **ARISE PTA NEWS**

We want to update our parent community on PTA plans for this year. Our focus this year is shade; we are currently getting quotes for shade sails and umbrellas. Our plans include the field and outside the library on the Middle Years side. We are still looking at doing some concrete art, a chess board, etc. We are waiting for individual prices, and hoping to get the plastic chess pieces so both Junior and Middle Years can use them. Our main fundraiser this year will be a "fun run/obstacle course on the 26th of May.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Laura Vosloo and Sharlene Sampson





ARISE PTA has provided giant Jenga sets for our students to play with at lunch time. These can be checked in and out of the library. Lots of fun!





## **ELIM COMMUNITY NEWS**





PLEASE NOTE THAT
SUSHI IS NOW
AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS,
AS WELL AS SUBWAY.

#### **KELLY CLUB**

With the school holidays just around the corner, we want to mention that we have an April Holiday Programme that's ready to go (that will run from the Golflands Campus school hall)!

We have an Easter Day, a Slime Day, a Seriously Silly Science Day, a NERF Day and more! To see the full April Holiday Programme Timetable go to https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/KC-Elim-2023-April-Holiday-Programme-Timetable.pdf.
To book go to www.kellyclub.co.nz/elim - Please note spaces are limited so book ASAP to secure a spot.

Please get in touch with Brendon at 021 156 6256 or elim@kellyclub.co.nz if you have any questions.





#### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

#### STUDENT HANDBOOK:

This can be located on our website for easy reference: https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook/

#### **EOTC BLANKET CONSENT FORM for GCJY:**

https://forms.gle/8ZsueccMrWg1EWne8

#### **INTERNET USER AGREEMENT:**

(For Years 4-6 students only)

Please fill out the internet user agreement as soon as possible https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/JY-Student-Device-and-BYOD-UA-for-school-website.pdf