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RĀMERE (FRIDAY) 30 HŌNGONGOI / HŪRAE 2021

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*Fortnightly update from the Golflands Junior Years Assistant Campus Leads*

### **Week 1 Term 3 2021**

Kia Orana parents, caregivers & whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3!

We trust you enjoyed the school holidays with your families. It has been pleasing to see our students coming back to school, excited and full of enthusiasm for the term ahead.

#### **New Students:**

A warm welcome to the following students who have joined us this term: Milané R, Keira A, Morgan L, Matthew S, Amy v d B, Sophia M, Ezra H, and Lana J. We look forward to being part of your learning journey.

#### **Uniform Reminder:**

Just a reminder that this term students are to wear their winter uniforms. Our teachers are on the lookout and awarding House Points and Teno Pai's to students who are wearing their uniforms with pride. If you are unsure about any aspect of our school uniform, please visit our school website, or speak to our office team. Thank you for supporting us with this from home.

#### **Pick Ups & Drop Offs:**

It's a timely reminder at the start of a new term that school starts at **8:40am** and finishes at **3:00pm**. Students who arrive at school early, will need to wait on the steps outside the school reception area until **8:15am**, when teachers are on duty.

To ease congestion around the school, please make an effort to park further down the road and encourage your children to walk whenever possible.

We are grateful to have a parent volunteer, Mrs Laura Vosloo, continue to run a Walking School Bus every Friday for our students. 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](mailto:neetha.mudhan@elim.school.nz). Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**WHEN:** Every Friday morning

**TIME:** 8:15am

**WHERE:** Bob Charles Park (24 Bob Charles Drive)

**WHY:** To ease congestion in front of the school.

### **Upcoming Events for GCJY:**

#### **Week 2:** **Cook Islands Language Week**

**Monday 2nd August:**  
Worship Assembly 8:45am  
(Parents welcome to attend)

**Wednesday 4th August:**  
Run4Bibles Cross Country

#### **Week 3:** **Hosanna Week**

**Monday 9th August:**  
Hosanna Assembly 8:45am  
(Parents welcome to attend)

**Tuesday 10th August:**  
Teacher Only Day  
(School will be closed)

**Thursday 12th August:**  
ICAS: Digital Technologies

#### **Week 4:**

**Tuesday 17th August:**  
HPPA Cross Country

**Wednesday 18th August**  
Regional Chess Tournament  
& HPPA Football Tournament

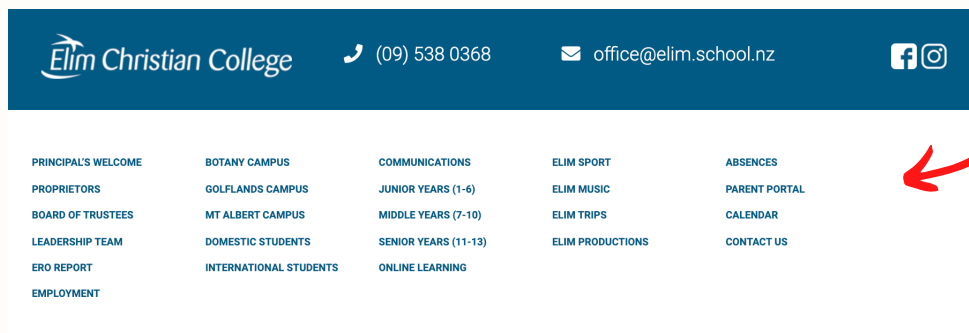
**Thursday 19th August:**  
ICAS: English

**Friday 20th August**  
HPPA Interschool Netball

## New Website: [elim.school.nz](http://elim.school.nz)

We have recently launched our new and improved school website.

Please note, logging student absences and accessing the Parent Portal can now be found at the bottom of the website in the footer menu. We ask that our parents continue to ensure absences are logged in a timely manner so our office team can ensure that students are accounted for.



## Food Technology Initiative:

This term our Year 5 & 6 students have been invited to take part in a culinary experience, where they get to work in small groups and put their cooking and baking skills to the test. This week our first groups of students successfully made delicious muesli bars to enjoy.

Thank you to Chloe Tallot and Jules Lotu-liga for sharing your expertise with our students this week.



## Te Ako Lego

This term also brings the start of our new Lego Therapy initiative, appropriately named 'Te Ako Lego'. Ako refers to the reciprocal nature of learning from one another. This is fitting as this initiative fosters teamwork, problem solving, resilience and the ability to communicate effectively with others.

We are running Te Ako Lego sessions this term for our Year 5 & 6 students, and will then invite our Year 3 & 4 students to take part.

Thank you again for the Lego donations and the enthusiasm shown for this new initiative.

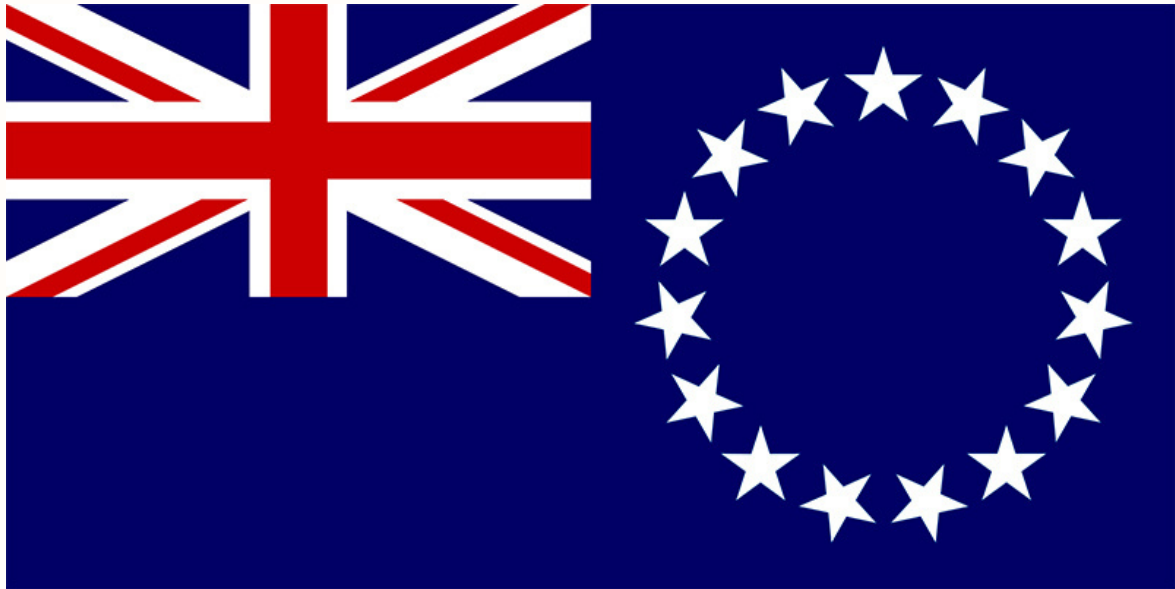


**Cook Islands Language Week:**

Our students are looking forward to experiencing Cook Islands Language Week, taking place next week.

Throughout the week our students will take part in a range of cultural activities to learn more about this beautiful culture.

We are blessed to be part of a multicultural community where our diversity can be celebrated.



As we start this new term, please continue to encourage your children to take hold of the many opportunities available to them at Elim Christian College - Junior Years.

Our Kotahitanga focus this term is Pukuahuwhenua (Diligence). This is a value that we hold in high regard and strive to develop in each of our students. As we actively teach and acknowledge this value throughout the term, we encourage you to talk about what diligence means and what it 'looks like' for your own child. A verse we often talk about in regard to diligence is:

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.  
Colossians 3:23**

We believe that every child has God-given gifts, and no one knows that more than you, as parents.

Thank you for continuing to support your children from home and staying connected to your child's teachers.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead, full of rich learning experiences. I have asked our teams to share with you a brief overview of what the term ahead looks like for your children.

Please enjoy reading the following briefs.

Ngā mihi nui

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# TERM 3

## CLASSROOM PROGRAMMES



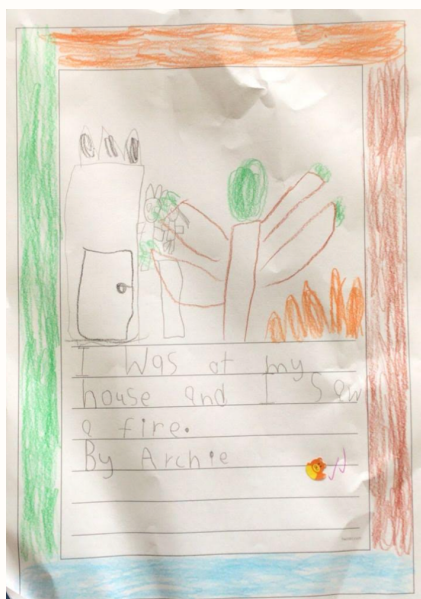
### Year 0/1

Welcome back to Term 3!

This week we have been sharing and writing about our wonderful holiday experiences. Our focus this term is "God calls us to serve".

In Bible we are currently learning about the Fruits of the Spirit and how we can use the Fruits of the Spirit to serve others. In Inquiry we are focusing on "The Living World" and we are very excited to be learning about Bees. We look forward to exploring the different roles bees have within a hive, how bees make honey, how bees interact with their environment and why bees are important.

Term 3 is going to be a fantastic term filled with lots of rich learning, we can't wait!



### Year 2

It's great to see all of our Shining Stars again after the holidays!

We are excited about the term ahead. Our theme this term is 'Community' which we will explore in number of subject areas.

In Science, we will be learning about the Living World where we will explore and learn about Rocky Shore communities.

We have an exciting trip planned to Kelly Tarlton's later in the term which we are really looking forward to.





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### Year 3

Our new topic is 'Community' and especially our "Backyard Biome".

A biome is a large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things. Major biomes include tundra, forests, grasslands, and deserts. Ecosystems and food webs exist within each biome. We will focus specifically on our own 'backyard' and ecosystems, habitats and food webs for New Zealand native wildlife.

We will be visiting the Auckland Zoo to learn more about the wonderful adaptations that help animals to thrive in their habitat. We will encourage our students to become active serving members of their community.

Please let us know if you are able to contribute to our understanding of this topic.



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### Year 4

In the Safari team, our learners will be focusing on "The Living World". Specifically, we will be putting our Science hats on to explore the different biomes and climates around the world. We will dive deeper into the ecosystems within the habitats of the African Savanna and how the animals function and thrive in their community.

We are very excited to go on our trip to the Auckland Zoo to investigate how animals are adapted to their habitat and observe animal features and behaviors in action! We are very excited to share our learning journey with you this term.

### Year 5 & 6

The Forest Team has begun to embark on what it means to serve within a community. Our big ideas this term relate to Food Technology, Space, Animation and Film.

In week 9, the Year 5 & 6 students will visit the Auckland Stardome Observatory and Planetarium and participate in a space enrichment programme.

Leading up to this trip, students will compile their learning into Stop Motion projects that they will present to others. During the Stardome expedition, students will compare their in-class learning with the knowledge of the space experts!

The Forest Teachers are beyond excited to provide our students with unforgettable learning experiences this term!

