



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Welcome back into Week 2, we hope you had a blessed Waitangi day and look forward to the term ahead. All of our classes have been settling into their new routines and getting to know their new teachers. Thank you to all the Parents who came to our Welcome to our Learning Spaces Evening, it was a pleasure to see so many Parents attend this special night.

Please take note of the planned activities for the term as shown on the permission slips and make sure that you fill in the permission forms as soon as possible.

Swimming started today and we do need Parent Helpers to help on Fridays. Please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher if you are able to help and have a current Police vetting.

Cultural Day: as part of celebrating God knows all about me, we are celebrating all the different cultures in our school. Our special cultural day will be on Tuesday, 17 March. More information will follow.

ELIM Māori Parents Hui: Nau mai, Haere mai - Mr Adamson, and the schoolwide leadership team warmly invite you to join us for our first Hui in the Staffroom on Wednesday, 18th March 6pm - 8pm. Invitations and more information will be sent out soon.

If there are any Parents able to help coach or manage sports teams this term - could you please get into contact with the office at golflands@elim.school.nz

Our focus for this term is God knows all about me and wants me to understand my identity in Christ. This fits in perfectly with our special verse: Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

The Hebrew word translated as "plan" also means thoughts, intention, and purpose. When God says, "I know the plans I have for you," he says he knows what we do not know and has a plan for our lives regardless of our current circumstances. He knows the big picture for us and for those around us, from the beginning of time until the end of time. (Bible Study Tools).

Have a blessed term.

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

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Fridays, 13 February until 27 March:

Weekly swimming lessons for
Year 4 - 6 Students

Thursday, 5 March:

**Ministry Provided Teacher
Development Day (Year 1 - 8)**

(No Year 1-8 students at school this day)

Travelwise week

Monday, 16 March - Friday, 20 March

Cultural Day

Tuesday, 17 March

Elim Māori Parents Hui

Wednesday, 18 March at 6pm

Tuesday, 31 March - Thursday, 2 April

Year 5 Camp

Easter assembly

(Years 0-4 at Golflands)

Thursday, 2 April

Easter assembly

(Years 6 - 13 at Botany Campus)

Thursday, 2 April

(More information to follow).

Last day of Term 1

Thursday, 2 April

UNIFORM

Please refer to the school website for requirements and further information regarding uniform expectations. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

<https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook/uniform>

Please note:

- Short-sleeved polo shirts must be worn in Terms 1/4.
- Year 0-6 students must wear a regulation uniform sun hat in Terms 1 and 4, when outside. No hat -No play. Students will be required to stay under the shade of the veranda.
- Sandals may only be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Shoes and socks may be worn all year round.
- For girls whose hair reaches the collar, it must be tied up and off the face at all times. Hair for boys must not reach the collar and must be off the face at all times. If it is tied up a single black hair tie is permitted.

ABSENCES

We ask that all students arriving after 8:40am sign in at the office using the electronic tablet provided. The office staff will assist younger children with this.

Parents / Caregivers will be contacted where ongoing patterns of lateness continue. It is expected that all students are on site before the 8:30am bell.

If your child will be more than half an hour late to school, need to be picked up early or will be absent - please fill in the Absence Web Form on our school website before 9am on that day:

https://www.elim.school.nz/absence_form/

MEDICATION

Please remember that no medication should be in student's bags - hand in all medication at the office for safe keeping. If a student needs medication, they need to come to the office for their medication.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

School finishes at 3pm. Parents, please wait at the reception until the 3pm bell before you go up to your child's classroom. It is expected that all students will be off site by 3.30pm, if not involved in a supervised after-school activity. The front gate will be locked at 3.30pm.

IMPORTANT LINKS AND PERMISSION SLIPS

Student handbook: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

Internet User Agreement: (For Years 3-6 students only)

Students will bring home a copy of this agreement in their homework books, please read the Elim Christian College Internet Use Policy with your child and have them sign it. Parents are also required to complete the online parent form: <https://forms.gle/BKW46gv7KwyR6ZxWA>

EOTC Form: <https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/GC-Y1-9-EOTC-Blanket-Consent.pdf>

Term 1 Permission slip: <https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/JY-Permission-Slip-T1-2026.pdf>

POLICE VETTING

Please make sure your police-vetting documentation is up to date if you are keen to support with school activities. There is a \$10 administration fee to process Police Vetting Forms. Please ensure this is done as soon as possible, if you want to be a Parent Helper during our swimming sessions this term.

SWIMMING - YEAR 4 - 6

Swimming at Lloyd Elmore – Term 1

The John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation has invited Elim Christian College to participate in their Community Swim programme. Please see below for the dates and times for your child's lessons; this information will also be included in Term 1, 2024's permission / information notice:

Starts: Friday, 13 February 2026 and Last Friday of swimming: 27 March 2026

10.00am - Room 11 (Year 6) (Bus leaves at 9.30am)

10.30am - Room 3 (Year 4)

11.00am - Room 2 (Year 4)

11.30am - Room 1 (Year 4)

12.30 pm - Room 14 (Year 5)

1.00pm - Room 12 (Year 6)

1.30pm - Room 15 (Year 5)

2.00pm - Room 13 (Year 5/6)

The Community Swim Bus will pick each group up approximately 30 minutes before each lesson.

Please let your child's Pastoral Care Teacher know if you can help supervise these sessions, and come on the bus to ensure we have the correct adult/child ratio for safety reasons.

If we do not have enough adult helpers we will not be able to attend the lesson.

Please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher as soon as possible if you are able to assist. Police vetting is required for all Parent Helpers. If you need more information about Police Vetting please email golflands@elim.school.nz

Your child will be taking part in swimming lessons with Community Swim. Seven 30-minute learn to swim lessons are delivered by qualified swimming instructors from the Swimgym swim school. The children are transported to and from school in special Community Swim buses.

The goal of the Community Swim Programme is to enable all children to develop the basic life skill of swimming and water survival skills. This aids them to realize the opportunities that await when the door to the world of aquatics is opened.

If your child owns a pair of goggles, we recommend they bring these along as this will assist considerably with their learning to swim. If your child has long hair, please ensure this is tied up for swimming.

LUNCH ORDERS

There are a number of options for students to buy food for lunch during the week. We do encourage students to bring a healthy packed lunch from home most days. In the event students do not have lunch or would prefer to purchase something please see the information below.

All lunch orders are done through Kindo. Please note that all containers from our lunch providers must be taken home to be disposed off. The bins at school cannot accommodate this volume of rubbish.

KINDO - LUNCH ORDERS

Elim Christian College

Ordering your
SCHOOL LUNCH
is easy via **KINDO APP**

**MON &
FRI**

SUBWAY



**TUES,
WEDS &
FRI**



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IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH ANDROID AND IPHONE



STUDENT SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE ON BEHALF OF THE ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND THE GOLFLANDS CAMPUS DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIME.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AROUND THIS MATTER, WE ENABLE POSITIVE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR SAFETY AND OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

SOME TIPS TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING ROAD USER SAFETY:

WE APPRECIATE CHILDREN BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL BUT IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE WITH YOUR CHILDREN, SAFETY IS STILL MORE IMPORTANT. YOU CAN SIMPLY TAKE THEM TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN IN.

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE U-TURNS, RATHER USE THE SIDE STREETS OR LOOP AROUND BOB CHARLES DRIVE TO GO THE OTHER WAY.

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SIDE ENTRANCES: SIMON OWEN AND MONTECITO PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO ROAD RULES IN THESE RESIDENTIAL ROADS.

IT IS AGAINST THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO PARK WITHIN 1 METRE OF A DRIVEWAY.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK ON YELLOW NO-PARKING LINES.

NO DOUBLE PARKING IS PERMITTED.

NO VEHICLES ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUS BAY DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET, HOWEVER PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OTHER FAMILIES ARE ALSO BATTLING THE POOR WEATHER. **CHILD SAFETY REMAINS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SO ROAD RULES STILL MUST BE ADHERED TO.** ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE PAVEMENT SIDE, NOT THE ROADSIDE.

ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY AT ALL TIMES.