



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

There has been a lot of wonderful learning taking place across our Year 1–6 classes, which you will see highlighted throughout this newsletter. It has been encouraging to see students having fun while learning and continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding that God knows each of us personally, and has created us all uniquely and with purpose.

Over the past few weeks, students have also enjoyed several sporting opportunities. Our cricket team participated in the HPPA Cricket Tournament and the Year 5–13 Elim Swimming Sports Day was a fantastic event. Students showed incredible whānau spirit as they competed for whānau points and proudly demonstrated their swimming abilities. It was wonderful to see students encouraging one another and celebrating each other's efforts.

Our Scripture focus for the second half of the term centres on 1 Peter 3:8–12, which calls us to show Manaakitanga (Respect) by being tenderhearted and humble, and to "search for peace and work to maintain it." We encourage families to bring this scripture to life at home through a "Blessing Challenge"—encouraging children to respond to unkindness with a kind word—or by reflecting together in the evenings on how they showed a tender heart at school. As we look ahead to the Easter season, our classes will continue this journey by digging deeper into the significance of the cross and resurrection, exploring the profound hope and grace found in the Easter story.

Next week, we have two exciting events on the horizon: Travelwise Week and Cultural Day. For Travelwise Week, we encourage students to use active and safe ways to get to school, such as walking, biking, or scooting; if you live further away, we suggest a "Park and Stride" by dropping your child a block or two from the gates. Please see further details about Travelwise week on the next page. Additionally, next Tuesday, March 17th, will be our Cultural Day. We invite all students to come dressed in clothing that represents their heritage as we celebrate our diverse community and acknowledge how God has created us all unique and different.

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Anna van Leeuwen - Assistant Lead  
(Golflands Campus Junior Years)

### TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Fridays, 13 February until 27 March**

Weekly swimming lessons for  
Year 4 - 6 Students

#### **Travelwise week**

Monday, 16 March - Friday, 20 March

#### **Cultural Day**

Tuesday, 17 March

#### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Wednesday, 25 March

#### **Winning House Mufti Day**

Monday, 30 March

#### **Year 5 Camp**

Tuesday, 31 March - Thursday,  
2 April

#### **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).

#### **Elim Māori Parents Hui**

New date: Tuesday, 28 April



**Last day of Term 1**

Thursday, 2 April

*He is Risen!*

# 2026 NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS - TERMS 3 & 4

If you have a younger sibling of a current student who will turn 5 in 2026 and you have not yet submitted an application form, please do so as soon as possible using this link: <https://forms.gle/D8Mo1KmSC97tAiN17>

Please include scanned PDF copies of all the required supporting documentation, a list of which may be found on the online application page.

## 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.

## TRAVELWISE WEEK - 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### TRAVELWISE WEEK

MARCH 16 -20



Monday: Make a poster competition in Room 5 @ lunchtime

Tuesday: Cultural Day

Wednesday: Walk or Ride to school being Travelwise.

Thursday: Trendy Trainers  
Wear your trainers to school.

Friday: Be Bright! Be Seen! Big Walk at Bob Charles Reserve @ 8:10am .

### TRAVELWISE WEEK

MARCH 16 -20

Friday: Be Bright! Be Seen!  
Wear your brightest accessories over your school uniform. Meet at Bob Charles Reserve on Friday 20th March at 8:10am for the Big Walk with the Travelwise Team. .



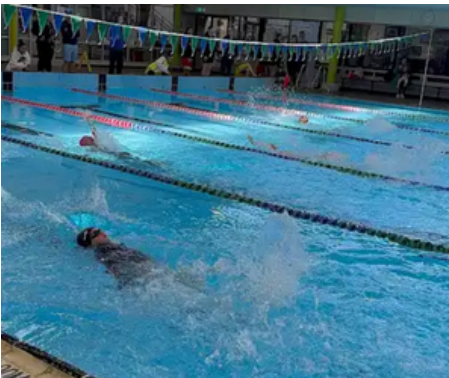
# ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE JUNIOR YEARS SPORT

## ELIM SWIMMING SPORTS

Our Elim Swimming Sports was a fantastic event that gave our learners the opportunity to showcase their swimming talents and develop their confidence in the water. It was wonderful to see so many students participating enthusiastically and giving their best in each race. The day was filled with excitement, encouragement, and great sportsmanship as learners cheered on their classmates and celebrated each other's efforts.

We were very proud of all the swimmers who demonstrated perseverance, courage, and determination throughout the event. Whether they were racing competitively or simply trying their best, every student contributed to making the day enjoyable and memorable.

A big thank you goes to our parent helpers who supported the event and helped everything run smoothly. Your time, effort, and encouragement made this event possible. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you again at future school events.



## HPPA CRICKET

Our Year 5 and 6 learners proudly represented Elim at the HPPA Cricket Tournament. The team gave their best effort in every game and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. While we won some games and lost others, our learners showed perseverance, teamwork, and a positive attitude on and off the field.

A big thank you to Nav Johnson for coaching the team and helping our learners develop and improve their cricket skills. We are also very grateful to the parents who came along to support and encourage our team.

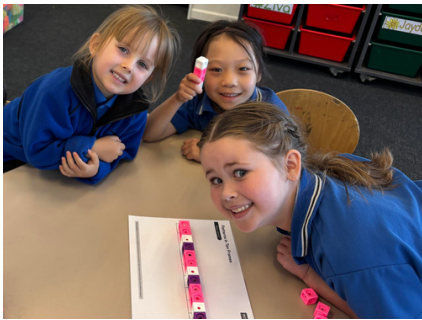


# YEAR 1

The Year 1 Sparklers have had a fantastic start to the year! It has been so exciting to welcome many new faces into our classes. We have been busy learning our routines and expectations, helping us set ourselves up for a successful year ahead.

In Bible, we have been learning about our unique identity in Christ and how God created the world. The theme of identity continues through our inquiry this term as we explore all the things that make each of us unique. In maths, we have been matching, sorting, ordering, counting, and making and finding patterns. Our structured literacy programme is now up and running, and we are learning how letters make sounds, sounds make words, and words make sentences. In PE, we have been practising how to bounce and pass balls, building our coordination and teamwork. Of course, we are also making sure to spend plenty of time with Jesus through worship and daily devotions.

We are looking forward to learning, growing, and discovering together as the term continues and can't wait to celebrate the upcoming season of Easter with you!



# YEAR 2

Our Year 2 students have been actively developing their small ball skills during Physical Education. They teamed up with buddies to practice control through short-distance throws and bounce passes, before moving on to challenging solo and partner wall-tosses. Beyond just catching and throwing, these engaging games help our students develop vital lifelong skills. Through active participation, the children are increasing confidence by building competence in motor skills, body and spatial awareness, running and dodging with a focus on being "better than before". They also learn to share, take turns, and work positively with their peers.

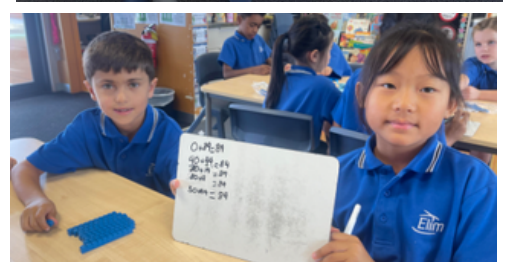
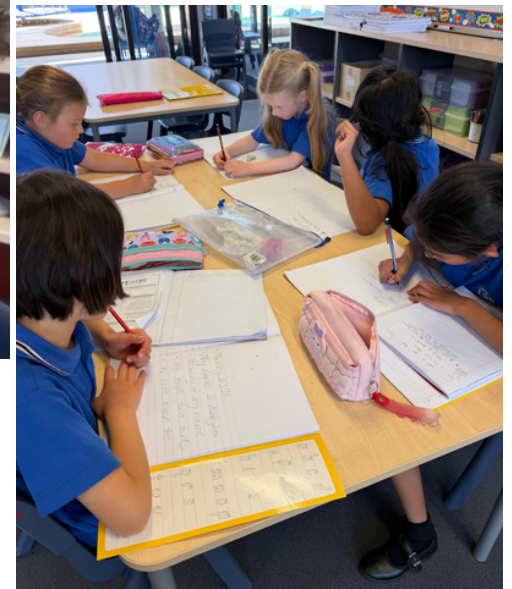
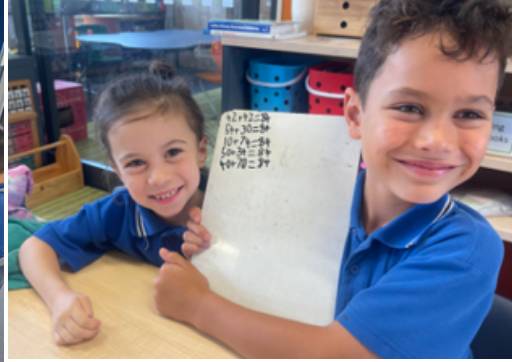
Our inquiry focus this term is all about ourselves. The children have been exploring their unique identities and expressing themselves by drawing beautiful self-portraits. We have also spent valuable time discussing our emotions. Students are learning how to identify different feelings and exploring healthy, practical strategies to process and manage those emotions in the classroom and at home.



# YEAR 3

We have had a great start to 2026 in our Year 3 Superheroes Team! We have been working hard in maths learning about place value and how to share our strategies. In literacy, we have been learning about nouns, verbs, and punctuation to help us write simple sentences. We have also been diving deep into books, practising how to retell stories in detail while building our vocabulary. For inquiry, we have been working on our "God Made Me" topic, where we have enjoyed sharing our hobbies and discovering the meaning of our names.

We cannot wait to see what amazing learning we get up to for the rest of this term!



# YEAR 4

The Year 4 students have been learning about cultural diversity this term. As part of this, we had the wonderful opportunity to learn about the Philippines with the help of one of our parents. We discovered more about Filipino culture, tasted some delicious Filipino treats, and learned a traditional Filipino dance called Tinikling. We also enjoyed learning a Filipino folk song. A big thank you to Mrs Aravelo for generously sharing her culture and experiences with our class.

This term, students have also been exploring the work of the famous artist Pablo Picasso. We learned about his unique Cubist style and used it as inspiration to create our own self-portraits. The results are fantastic, and the students should be very proud of their creative work!



# YEAR 5 & 6

The Year 5–6 students have made a wonderful start to the year. They have settled quickly into classroom routines and have been enthusiastically exploring our inquiry topic of identity. Through this learning, students have been reflecting on their own God-given identity and the importance of their whānau (family). They have been expressing their ideas through a variety of writing forms, including reports, poems, and narratives, showing thoughtful reflection and creativity. Students even created their own math bookmarks based on the perimeter and area of the letters in letters.

In addition to their classroom learning, students have been enjoying their Friday swimming sessions. These lessons have focused on building swimming skills and developing water confidence, and it has been great to see students encouraging one another as they practise and improve.

Some students had a shared experience learning more about bees, wild NZ bees and how honey is made. They got to see the bees in the hive with Mr Singleton and try some honey on bread and honeycomb.

In our STEM lessons, our students have been learning about the respiratory and digestive systems with Mrs Voisey. As students learn about the respiratory system, they are reminded of God's wonderful design and how each part of our body has been created with a purpose.



# ENTRY AND EXIT TO OUR SCHOOL SITE

Junior Years students are encouraged to enter and exit from the Golflands Drive gate unless accompanied by a Middle Years sibling, as the side gates (at Simon Owen Place and Montecito Place) will be locked at 8:45am in the morning and at 3:10pm in the afternoon. (These side gates will not be open on days that Middle Years students are off site.)

All students arriving after 8:40am must sign in at the school office.

## TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND OUR SCHOOL

This is a courtesy note 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.

### Some tips to assist with improving 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 late.

Please use the Kea crossing before and after school.

Please do not u-turn in front of the school. Rather, use the side streets to loop around Bob Charles Drive to get to the other side.

It is against traffic laws to park within 1 metre of a driveway.

You are not permitted to park on yellow no-parking lines.

No traffic is to enter the school bus bay during pick-up and drop-off times.

No double parking is permitted.

Child safety remains the highest priority and so all road rules must be followed around our school.





# Cultural Day!

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Dress up in Your  
**CULTURAL CLOTHING!**  
at School!

**Celebrate Your Culture!**  
**Share Your Heritage!**

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