



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

What a privilege it was to host our amazing Mothers, Grandmothers and Significant Women in our lives during our Mother's Day Assembly on Friday, 8th May. Thank you to the special women in our student's lives, we hope you felt appreciated and could feel the love from your children throughout the special assembly.

This term, our school is excited to begin using SMART (Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool), a brand-new digital tool introduced by the Ministry of Education. Designed for students in Years 3–10, SMART helps us move away from old-fashioned "high-stakes" exams and toward a clearer, more helpful way of tracking progress, kind of like a learning map for each student.

We'll be using SMART twice a year (in Terms 2 and 4). These sessions are designed to be low-stress and interactive. Think of it like a "check-in" that gives us a GPS for your child's learning journey in Reading, Writing, and Maths. We are thrilled to have this data to help us tailor our teaching and share even clearer next steps with families at home!

A few important reminders:

- **Parking on yellow lines and making u-turns in driveways:** Parents, please don't park on yellow lines or make u-turns in driveways. We would appreciate your support with this in keeping our students safe.
- Students sitting on the steps in front of the school until 8.15am before they can go up to their classrooms.
- Parents waiting in front of the office/library until the bell goes at 3pm before going up to their child's classrooms.
- Parents coming in from the other entrances at Simon Owen Place and Montecito Place, please wait by the gate till 3pm before coming in to your child's classroom (especially if you are using the Montecito gate).

Coming back to our focus this term: **God wants us to celebrate life** and reminds us that celebrating life involves remaining steadfast in faith and prayer, trusting that God is working all things together for our good.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV): "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

May you and your family have a blessed term.

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Brieta Groenewald

Deputy Principal (Golflands Campus Junior Years)

TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Wednesdays, 29 April – 17 June

Māori Parents Hui

Tuesday, 19 May at 6pm

ARISE Parents meeting at Botany Campus

Wednesday, 20 May at 6pm

Mufti Day

Thursday, 21 May

Celebration Assembly (led by Years 4 – 6)

Friday, 29 May at 2pm

King's Birthday - Public holiday

Monday, 1 June
(School closed)

Pacific Parents Fono

Wednesday, 10 June at 6pm

Celebration Assembly (led by Years 0 – 3)

Friday, 19 June at 2pm

Winning House - Free Mufti Day

Wednesday, 1 July

Ministry Provided Teacher Development Day

(School is closed for years 0 – 6)

Thursday, 2 July

Last day of Term 2

Friday, 3 July

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 this year.

AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE

Please fill in this form to enrol your child with the Auckland Regional Dental Service if you haven't already been signed up.

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/ARDS-Dental-Form.pdf>

Completed forms should be emailed directly to: ARDS.Botany@waitematadhb.govt.nz

ELIM PARENTS HUI

Elim Whānau Hui

Nau mai haere mai!

Join us for a kai, kōrero & performance from
our Kapa Haka

May 19th 6-8pm @ Golflands Campus Staffroom
Please RSVP **May 15th**

ELIM PARENTS FONO



TALOFA LAVA
KIA ORANA
FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU
MALO E LELEI
BULA VINAKA

MR JULIAN ADAMSON AND THE
LEADERSHIP TEAM WARMLY INVITE YOU
TO JOIN US FOR KAI & CONNECTION

ELIM PACIFIC PARENTS FONO

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2026
6 - 8PM

STAFF ROOM, GOLFLANDS CAMPUS

SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED

PLEASE RSVP BY
MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026
VIA THIS [LINK](#)

MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY, 8 MAY 2026



Last week, our Year 1 and 2 students had the privilege of leading our special Mother's Day Assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity to honour and celebrate the amazing mothers and special women in our lives. Some of our Year 1 and 2 students took on special roles as MCs and in presenting prayers for our mums. They did an incredible job.

The students worked hard to prepare songs, poems, and presentations to express their love and appreciation. It was heartwarming to see their confidence, enthusiasm, and joy as they performed in front of their families and the school community.

Thank you to all the mums, grandmothers, and special guests who joined us for this special occasion. We hope you felt loved and appreciated.

We are also grateful to all the staff and students who helped make the assembly such a meaningful and memorable event.



HAPPY
Mother's Day



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

May you be like **Sarah** and realise that age doesn't matter. trust and believe that all things are possible in God's perfect time and season.

Be a **Rebekah** and never forget that true beauty lies within.

Be a **Ruth**, loyal in all your relationships, walk the extra mile and don't quit when things get tough.

Be a **Hannah**, never cease to pray, it will never be in vain.

Be an **Esther**, bold and courageous to stand for the truth, to voice your opinion and fight for the good of others even when it means to sacrifice yourself.

Be a **Mary**, humble and submissive. You don't have to be great for God to use you, you just need to obey.

Be a **Mary Magdalene**, never let mistakes or the judgment of other people stop you from experiencing the joy of God.



SPORT AT ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - JUNIOR YEARS

Our Year 5/6 learners are busy preparing for upcoming sporting events. **Hockey** training is taking place on Friday mornings before school, with support from an older sibling helping coach and encourage the team.

Our **soccer** boys and girls have recently completed trials, with training now underway on Friday afternoons. We are very grateful to Mr Nair who will assist with the coaching of our teams. The children have shown great commitment, teamwork, and determination as they continue to improve their skills each week. They will be representing our school at the HPPA tournaments later in June.

Our **gymnasts** are also preparing to showcase their skills at trials next week before beginning training for the Term 3 gymnastic competition.

Our Junior **Basketball** program has started strongly in 2026. Now that our Term 1 ABS run coaching sessions have come to a close, we have two combined teams, the Year 3/4 Thunder and the Year 5/6 Kings, playing in the locally run Underdog Basketball League. They love playing together, and are learning basketball skills, team play and more about the game each week.

Huge mihi to all our supportive parents, especially those coaching and managing the teams. Ka mau te wehi!

THE GREAT BRICK COMPETITION 2026 - LUKE TAN

Luke Tan from Room 8, recently participated in the Great Brick Lego Competition at Buckland Hall. Despite feeling nervous at first, Luke showed great māia by stepping out of his comfort zone and taking part in the competition.

Competing in the freebuild category, Luke created an imaginative Space Station for four aliens living in outer space. Although he did not place, he gained valuable experience, grew in confidence, and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. Luke was also interviewed by Kea Kids News, where he proudly shared that he attends Elim Christian College.



TRAVELWISE

Last week was a fantastic success as our community stepped up for Travelwise Week! We encourage families to embrace the "Park and Walk" approach — parking a little further from the school gates and letting students walk to school. This simple change will make a world of difference, noticeably easing congestion at the front of the school and giving our students a healthy, active start to their day.

Safety was also front and center! We were impressed to see so many students wearing bright clothing to stay visible on the roads. Whether walking the footpaths or using the Kea Crossing, our students showed they know exactly how to stay safe and seen.

A huge thank you to all the parents and students who participated in making our school zone safer and more active last week. Let's keep those healthy habits going!

BEEP BEEP! DAY with **TIMMY TIME**
saving little lives

Activity card 3
crossing roads

Organized by **Brake**
the road safety charity

We find safe places to cross the road

These activities will help you introduce key road safety concepts to very young children. You can read the narrative in the yellow boxes and run the activities with children of all ages and abilities, using the resources provided in your Beep Beep! Day action pack.

Learning outcomes

The activities on this card will help children learn and understand:

- How to cross roads at safe crossing places
- To hold hands with an adult when crossing roads
- Key road safety concepts and vocabulary
- How adults can help keep them safe near roads.

Let's talk about road safety

Use the following keywords when talking to children about road safety: **red, green, stop, wait, look, listen, hold hands, car, traffic, safe, danger, slow, fast, road, crash.**

Timmy Time - helping young children learn about road safety

Timmy's youth and inexperience make him the perfect character to help very young children learn important lessons about road safety. As Timmy and his friends head off to kindergarten, they have lots to learn about the important things in life, including caring for other people and doing 'the right thing'.

We're taking part in a special day to help us learn how to stay safe near roads. We're taking part in a Beep Beep! Day and our friends from Timmy Time are going to help us learn about road safety.

Today, Timmy is going to help us learn how to find a safe place to cross the road when we go for a walk. Walking is fun and it is good for our bodies. It keeps us healthy and it is good for the planet. When we walk, we want our journeys to be safe, so we always walk with an adult and we hold our adult's hand.

Sometimes when we go for a walk, we need to **cross the road**. Who can tell me some reasons why we might need to cross a road? (To get to the other side/school/ the park, etc.)

Can anyone tell me a **safe place** to cross the road? (Zebra crossing/traffic lights/footbridge/school crossing patrol. Show children pictures of different crossing places).

Why do we have to be careful when we cross the road? (Traffic could hit us/it is harder for drivers to see us because we are small. What could happen if a car hit you? (We could get hurt.) Why? (Because cars are big and heavy/fast!)

How do we cross roads?

Zebra crossings

have black and white stripes like a zebra and are marked with flashing amber lights on top of stripy poles called 'Belisha beacons'. At a zebra crossing you must **stop, look, listen** and wait for cars travelling in both directions to stop before you start crossing the road.

Traffic lights

have a button press to show someone's waiting to cross. The **'red man'** means it is not safe to cross and children must stop and wait. The **'green man'** means it is safe to cross but you must check first that the traffic has stopped. Some crossings make a 'beeping' sound to tell people who can't see when it is safe to cross.

Tell children that whatever type of crossing they use, they must always hold an adult's hand while crossing, and keep looking and listening for traffic.

brake.org.nz/families

#BeepBeepDay

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOL

Elim Christian College

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
JOIN US AS WE
PRAY FOR THE
SCHOOL



SATURDAY, 23RD MAY
2-3PM

MEET AT THE GOLFLANDS
CAMPUS GATES

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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MYKINDO APP
IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH ANDROID AND IPHONE