



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

We hope you had a great week and looking forward to the long weekend. We are in Week 6, moving quickly towards the end of the term however there are still multiple events happening this term.

### A few reminders:

#### Attendance:

We are continuing to focus on student attendance. Please let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent as stated by the Ministry of Education.

We know that winter is here with all its chills, bugs and colds. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. Health New Zealand's guidance for schools and parents help make that call.

#### Uniform:

As the winter months set in please ensure that your students arrive at school with adequate rain and/or cold weather gear. Please have every item named as we do our best to avoid piles of lost property. If you would like to donate items to the lost property and secondhand uniform sales then please hand items in at the office.

#### Police vetting:

Police vetting - we have multiple opportunities for our students this term and again in Term 3. If Parents would like to volunteer - please make sure that you are Police vetted by the school.

The office will be able to answer any questions and help you apply for your police vetting.

Our memory verse for the second part of our term: Joshua 1: 7-9 Have I not commanded you "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

God was calling Joshua to lead by knowing where his strength came from and courageously trusting that God was/is still in control. God is expecting the same of us today - to courageously trust that God is in control.

May you and your family trust in God and courageously go where He leads you.

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

#### 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

### TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ATTENTION**

#### Parent Evening with Speaker: Jo Robertson

Wednesday, 5 August



# 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](mailto:ARDS.Botany@waitematadhb.govt.nz)

## KINDO - LUNCH ORDERS

Elim Christian College

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

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## ELIM PARENTS FONO

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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](#)

# ARISE PARENTS - CHAT, SNACK AND CREATE EVENING

On Tuesday, 25th May, we welcomed twenty-five wonderful women to our first Chat, Snack and Create evening at our Golflands Campus.

It was a joy to see everyone enjoying delicious food, meaningful conversation, and plenty of laughter. We were inspired by the beautiful artwork created—painted magnetic canvases that will serve as a special reminder of the evening while also helping display their children's achievements and creations.

A big thank you to Botany Starbucks for generously providing prizes for the first and last mums to arrive—because it truly does take coffee to get both you and your children ready for a weekday event! We also appreciate ProfessionNail for donating prizes, including one for the mum with the most paint on her (which brought lots of laughter) and another for a lucky surprise recipient.

We are blessed with incredible, faith-filled women in our school community, and it was a privilege to celebrate and acknowledge some of them—especially with Mother's Day approaching.

To every mum at Elim, thank you. As fellow mums, we understand the challenges of balancing home, work, school, sports, and everything in between.

## Amy, Hayley, Olivia, and Shenali



*Grateful,  
Thankful and Blessed*



# YEAR 0-1

It has been a busy and exciting time for the Year 0/1 Sparklers! A highlight of the term was welcoming our new entrant class in Room 19, which has been steadily growing and bringing wonderful enthusiasm for learning. We also loved co-organising the Mother's Day assembly and singing a special song to celebrate the blessing our mums are to us.

We have been exploring the Patriarchs of Genesis and learning how we can show māia (courage) with God's help. Our literacy sessions are buzzing; we are introducing new sounds—including our very first trigraph, "-tch"—and using whiteboards daily to practice writing and mastering sound changes through word chains.

Mathematics has taken us both inside and outside the classroom as we investigate position, comparing/ordering, and addition. Meanwhile, our weekly PE lessons remain a favorite for refining large ball and gross motor skills. Science brought plenty of excitement as we explored the different states of water, with holding blocks of ice being a clear highlight! We are now looking ahead to our poetry recitals next week and cannot wait to see what else this term holds.

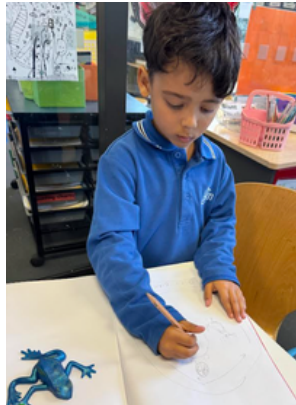
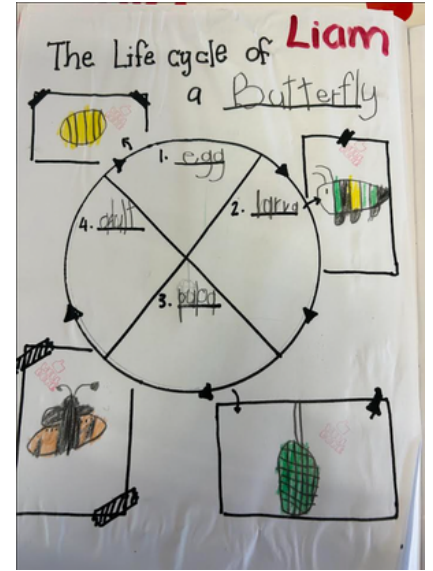
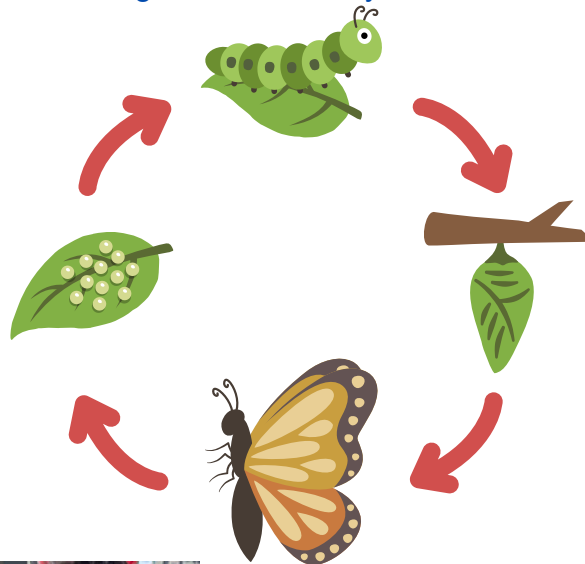
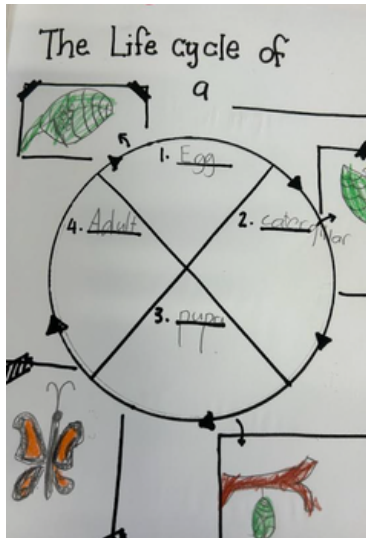


# YEAR 2

This week, the Year 2 cohort focused on exploring the life cycle of the butterfly as part of our inquiry into the life cycles of frogs, chickens, butterflies, mammals, and insects.

Students were introduced to rich scientific vocabulary, including metamorphosis, offspring, transformation, and entomology (the study of insects). They examined each stage of the butterfly's transformation in detail, from egg to caterpillar, chrysalis, and adult butterfly.

Students were highly engaged in their learning and are developing a clear understanding that living things grow and change through predictable stages in their life cycles.



## LIFE CYCLE OF A FROG

1. EGG
2. TADPOLE hatches from an egg
3. TADPOLE begins to grow rear legs
4. TADPOLE with rear and front legs
5. FROG its tail has disappeared!

**FACTS unleashed**

- 1 A female Frog lays up to 4,000 eggs. Each egg is protected by thick, clear jelly.
- 2 A tadpole is hatched from an egg after about 10 days. It breathes through its gills.
- 3 At 8 weeks, it begins to grow hind legs.
- 4 At 10 to 11 weeks, the tadpole grows front legs. Gills begin to disappear and the tadpole starts to breathe with its lungs by swimming to the top of the water to breathe air.
- 5 At 12 to 14 weeks, the tail disappears. It is now a frog!

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# YEAR 3

Last week for our 'Kitchen Science' Inquiry learning, our focus was on bread. In reading, we expanded our vocabulary with words like yeast, knead, and dough through our shared class text all about bread. In writing, we practised writing complex sentences using subordinating conjunctions about making bread.

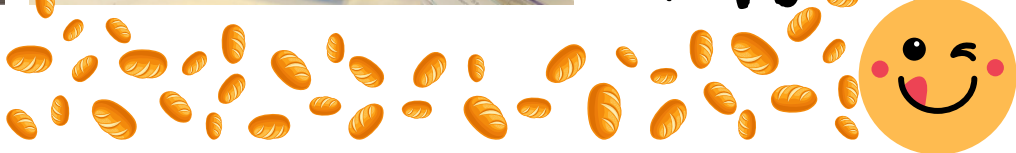
Our first attempt at making bread in a breadmaker turned out into a floury mess because we forgot the mixing blade. It was a perfect, real-world lesson in scientific resilience and the importance of trying again!

Luckily, our second attempt in the oven produced a delicious fluffy loaf. We were also lucky to have a visit from a fabulous parent who walked us through the fascinating chemistry behind how sourdough bread is made. The students loved learning about the science of yeast, but especially loved the taste-testing at the end!



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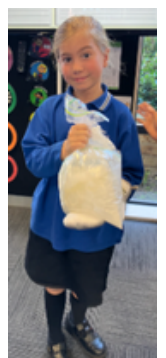
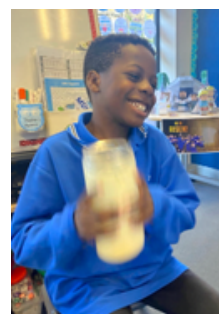
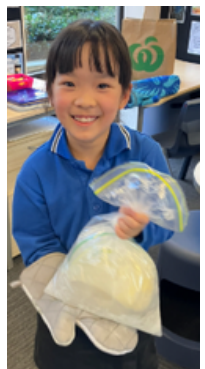
YUM!



# YEAR 4

This term in Mathematics, the Year 4 students have been learning about multiplication and division. Students have explored patterns within times tables to help them solve unknown facts more efficiently. We have also been learning about the relationship between multiplication and division and discovering that they are inverse operations (ask your child what this means!). Students have shown great growth in explaining their mathematical thinking and finding proof to justify their answers. They are developing confidence in using a range of strategies to solve multiplication and division problems.

In Inquiry, we have been learning about Kitchen Chemistry and exploring the differences between physical and chemical changes. Students have enjoyed investigating these concepts through a range of hands-on experiments, including making ice cream in a bag, making their own butter, and conducting exciting yeast and balloon experiments. Through these activities, students have been developing their observation skills and learning to identify the signs of different types of changes in matter.



# YEAR 5-6

## Museum in a Van Visits Year 5 & 6

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a fantastic visit from Aaron, a paleontologist educator from the Auckland Museum. He arrived with a van packed full of incredible fossils and an absolute wealth of knowledge about New Zealand's prehistoric past.

The students also learned about Joan Wiffen, the remarkable New Zealander who discovered that dinosaurs did indeed live in New Zealand. Our students were even able to see and touch one of her actual dinosaur fossil discoveries. The hands-on experience was a highlight for everyone, as students got to touch and examine a mix of real fossils and replicas. Perhaps the biggest crowd-pleaser of the day? Getting to hold coprolite, which is the scientific name for fossilized dinosaur poo!



# YEAR 5-6 - PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been making the most of the clear autumn days, taking their PE lessons outside onto the courts and the field. Lately, we have been focusing on essential ball skills, including passing, throwing, catching, dodging, and intercepting. It has been fantastic to see the students confidently transferring these skills into their playground games during morning tea and lunchtime.



# YEAR 5-6 - FOSSIL MAKING

As part of our inquiry learning, some of our Year 5 and 6 classes recently had the chance to create their own fossils out of clay. The students explored two distinct types: body fossils, which are the preserved remains of an animal or plant (like shells, bones, teeth, and leaves), and trace fossils, which are the evidence left behind by living things (such as footprints, tracks, or nests). Using plastic animals, leaves, and their own hands to mold the clay, the students loved creating these fossils.



# YEAR 5-6 - WRITING FROM ABIGAIL-ROSE HEATHER

Friday 15 May

The day Auckland Museum came to Elim.

Did you know that extinct animals lived in New Zealand more than a million years ago?

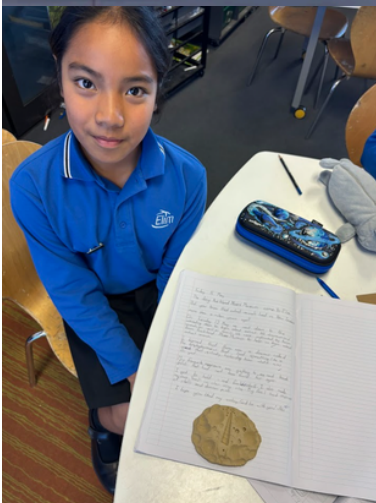
On Tuesday 12 May we went down to the cascading stairs to learn about extinct NZ dinosaurs and animals, as well as fossils. We were instructed by Aaron from Auckland Museum to help us learn about extinct animals. ✓

I learned that there was a dinosaur called the Cryolophosaurus that had something like a crest that, actually, nobody knows what it was for yet. ✓

My favourite experience was getting to see and touch fossils that had not been found for ages.

I got to hold a real fossilised shell. I also made my own "fossil" in class using clay. My fossil had imprints of shells and dinosaur prints.

I hope you liked my writing, God be with you! -Abi ✓✓



# 2026 NZCF EAST AUCKLAND INTERSCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship on 20th May at Point View Primary School. There were 16 schools and 38 teams from across the region.

We entered four teams made up of 18 students. For most of our players, this was their very first time representing Elim at a chess tournament, with only two students having previous representative experience. Despite our young and inexperienced squad, all students showed determination, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our teams finished in 14th, 15th, 29th, and 30th places overall. While there is still plenty of room for growth, this was a valuable and enjoyable experience for everyone involved, and one we can certainly build on in the future.

Most importantly, our students represented the school exceptionally well. Their behaviour, attitude, and support for one another were outstanding and drew positive comments throughout the event.

A big thank you goes to Barbara Langridge for her invaluable support of our Chess programme. Thank you too to our parent helpers, Ankita Thomas and Cindy Zhang, for their support and assistance on the day. We greatly appreciate the time and encouragement they gave to our students.

We look forward to continuing to develop our chess programme and returning even stronger next year.





ELIM WOMEN'S  
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REPLENISH  
WEEKEND 2026

## *Promises*

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT

The name for this year is PROMISES. But it is more than a theme — it is a prophetic invitation. An invitation to step into the promises of God that are sealed, sure, and eternal.

Throughout Scripture, we see a faithful God who speaks and keeps His word. From generation to generation, His promises endure. What He has spoken, He will fulfil. In Christ, every promise finds its "Yes," and we are invited to respond with our own resounding "Amen" — a declaration of trust, surrender, and faith.

Replenish 2026 centres on this truth: the promises of God are not distant or delayed. They are alive, active, and available to be walked into. We believe there will be moments over this weekend where faith is stirred, hope is restored, and women are reminded that what God has promised over their lives still stands.

May this be a weekend where women encounter God, are filled afresh, and leave with renewed confidence to walk boldly in His call — anchored in the promises He has made. Get ready for Replenish 2026.

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