Elim Christian College

A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

What a great term we've had at Elim! Our focus this term was **GOD helps us grow and change.** This has been evident in all the successful activities and events that have happened throughout the term. To name a few: Year level class trips, Hosanna week, Travelwise week, Cultural day, Father's day and an amazing Bookweek.

Thank you to every student who took part in these activities and events. Thank you to the Parents who volunteered and Teachers who helped our students grow in all areas of their learning.

Important reminders below:

ARISE Parents in Prayer:
If you are able, we extend a warm invite to join our ARISE Parents in Prayer, please make contact or just show up. This is an integral part of our Parent community and our school appreciate your prayers.

Uniform:

Please see the summer uniform requirements. Please have every item named as we do our best to avoid piles of lost property.

Athletics days:

If there are any Parents able to help during our Athletics days, please could you contact Mrs Edith Preiss - edith.preiss@elim.school.nz

Prize Giving dates:

Year 0-2 Nativity: Tuesday, 1st December at 8.45am
Year 3 - 4: Thursday, 3rd December at 8.45am
Year 5 - 6 and Graduation: Friday 4th December at 8.45am

For the coming holidays, our prayer for each student, family member and staff member:

"May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."'

God bless you all and have a fantastic holiday break!

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

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Last day of Term 3
Friday, 25 September

HOLIDAY

TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

First day of Term 4
Monday, 12 October

Year 5 & 6 Maritime Museum Trip
Tuesday, 20 October /
Wednesday, 21 October /
Friday, 23 October

Mufti day - Christmas Box
Thursday, 22 October

Phase 1 (Year 0-3) hosted Celebration Assembly
Friday, 23 October

Labour Day - Public holiday
Monday, 26 October

Phase 1 (Year 0-3) Athletics Fun Day
Tuesday, 27 October
(Save day: 29 October)

Phase 2 (Year 4-6) Athletics Day
Tuesday, 3 November
(Save day: 5 November)

Grandparents Assembly
Friday, 6 November

Last day of Term 4
Thursday, 10 December

BOOK WEEK 2026 - CATCH THE READING BUG!

What a fantastic Book Week we had in Week 8. Our Junior Campus was filled with excitement, imagination and, most importantly, a love of books and reading.

Each day brought the anticipation of our Mystery Readers, who surprised our students with special stories and memorable reading moments. Our Stop, Drop and Read activity encouraged everyone to pause, find a cosy spot and enjoy a good book.

Our Book Character Parade was a spectacular celebration of books and creativity. With music playing, the parade came alive with vibrant colours, huge smiles and an incredible array of book characters. Our students looked fantastic in their creative and wonderfully detailed costumes, transforming our hall into a magical world of stories. From much-loved favourites to imaginative and unexpected characters, there was lots to admire. The energy, laughter and excitement were infectious as everyone proudly paraded their costumes. It was a joyful, colourful and fun-filled celebration that truly captured the magic of books and the wonderful imaginations of our students (and their parents!)

We are also thrilled to celebrate our best-ever Book Fair sales! A huge thank you to our families for your incredible support. These purchases will benefit our school through Scholastic Rewards, helping us add even more wonderful books and resources to our library.

A very special thank you goes to our amazing parent helpers and teachers for all their time, energy and enthusiasm in making Book Week such a success.
What a wonderful celebration of books and reading!

Mrs Claire Galbraith









HPPA MATHEX COMPETITION

Four of our Year 6 students, guided by Mrs Schick, represented our school at the HPPA Mathex Competition at Sunnyhills School on Tuesday 15 September.

This high-energy competition brings together 24 East Auckland schools to put their math skills to the test. Teams race against the clock, tackling up to 25 word problems across all areas of the mathematics curriculum in just 30 minutes. Success demands sharp problem-solving, quick thinking, and tight coordination.

In a loud, high-pressure arena, our team showed remarkable grit and collaboration. They tackled every challenge head-on and secured a fantastic 9th-equal finish overall. While they just missed the podium, we couldn't be prouder of their hard work, stellar teamwork, and great sportsmanship from practice to competition day. A big thank you to our parents who supported us on the day.

Our team members were: Chloe Shen, Gideon Otte, Mac David Biasbas and Morgan Sit.











HPPA CHINESE SPEECH COMPETITION

Well done to all the students who took part in our in-school Chinese Speech Competition: Morgan Sit, Albert Chen, Leo Wang, and Tyler Wang. Writing and delivering a speech in Chinese—while incorporating proper posture and expression—requires great courage and effort. We commend all participants for their dedication and confidence.

Last week, Albert Chen and Morgan Sit represented our school in the HPPA Mandarin and Cantonese Speech Competition. Competing against many talented speakers, they delivered their speeches with poise and confidence, and we recognise the excellent effort and achievement in their presentations. Special congratulations to **Morgan Sit** for placing second with his Cantonese speech!





STUDENTS EXCELLING...

Jesse Nel and his rugby team won the under 10 Regional competition at the **Taupõ Global Games Rugby tournament**. They won every single one of their matches and came home with a beautiful trophy. They are the first team from their club to ever be undefeated at the Taupõ Global Games rugby tournament.







Esther Wang's experience at the **Youth Grand Prix Australia competition**.

Esther placed in the Top 30 out of 121 dancers in the Pre-Competitive Classical category, and she was also fortunate to receive a Vaganova International Program Summer Program Scholarship.

Her trio and troupe also both achieved Top 12 in the Ensemble category, which was such a wonderful result for her and her teammates.

Esther's hard work and dedication truly paid off, as she embraced the challenge of performing on the big stage and showed incredible growth throughout this special, memorable experience.





CULTURAL WEEK AT GOLFLANDS

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori began with an incredible Kapa Haka performance. The students shared a variety of waiata, including poi and haka, led by **Matua Troy**.

Students wore cultural clothing on Wednesday, and we celebrated with a whole-school midweek cultural assembly. This included a Six60 Pepeha performance by Year 5–6 students, along with some Sasa moves led by Isaac and Jed Viliamu. The school joined in with waiata (songs) and karakia (prayer) that uplift and exalt the Lord. Several impressive Samoan siva were also performed by students from Years 3–9. Special thanks go to **Herem Sakuria**, who generously gave her time throughout the year to teach the children these dances. **Pasifika Parents** also kindly brought in traditional food to bless the staff during Wednesday lunchtime.

Thank you to **Shenali Peiris** and some of our Sri Lankan Parents for sharing with our students interesting facts and crafts about **Sri Lanka**.

Throughout the week, classroom teachers focused on exploring a range of cultures, from **Māori** to **Pasifika** to **Chinese**. Activities included writing Chinese characters, joining in dances, welcoming parent visitors and tasting traditional foods.

It was an exciting week of wonderful, vibrant learning and cultural celebration.



















TERM 4 UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Refer to the school website for requirements - https://www.elim.school.nz/uniform/.

Please ensure that all items are clearly named.

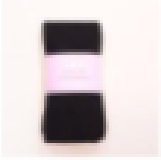
Please note:

- Short-sleeved polo shirts must be worn in Term 4.
- School sun hat is compulsory in Term 1 and 4.
- Shoes must be polishable.
- PE uniform: Regulation P.E. uniform shirt and shorts is compulsory for all Year 5 and 6 students, and for all students who are representing the school in a sports team.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: Student Handbook

Please support this by checking your child is wearing the correct uniform and refer to the Student Handbook on our school website for a complete guide of our uniform expectations.

TERM 4 UNIFORM REMINDERS

Plain royal blue bucket hat (compulsory)		**YES**
Black trackpants		**NO**
Long sleeve polo shirt		**NO**
Tights		**NO**
Socks	BOYS and GIRLS Black knee- length socks, to be worn with closed-in shoes (no short socks)	
Shoes	Black polishable, lace-up shoes with no trim of any colour. *No sneakers, canvas or street shoes.* Black sandals with a back strap, (no socks) are an option in Terms 1 and 4	

OUT OF THIS WORLD DISCO

A huge thank you to everyone who made our junior years disco such a fantastic night! The kids had an absolute blast dancing away.

An event like this couldn't happen without our amazing Elim community. A big thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who pitched in with setup, supervision, pizza, pack-down and everything in between - you were a superstar Mission Control crew!

We'd also like to extend a special shoutout to **Mel Botha (Majestic Moments by Mel)** for generously sponsoring the incredible photo backdrop outside, **PAK'nSAVE Highland Park** for their generous sponsorship, and **Domino's Highland Park** for supplying pizza with free and on-time delivery. Your support made a huge difference.

Congratulations to our competition winners!

- Best Dressed Girl: Ayla Ferrari
- Best Dressed Boy: Timothy Restrepo
- Galaxy Competition: Room 14 (Year 5)

And big congratulations to all the Space Explorers who displayed Elim Christian character and earned a wand on the night. We hope you all enjoy your prizes!

Thank you all for your support in creating such a fun, memorable night for our kids, and for helping raise over **$2,600** for our school!

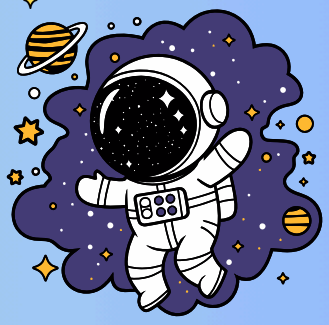
Michelle Tsai, Olivia Tuck & the ARISE parents

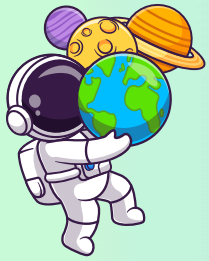


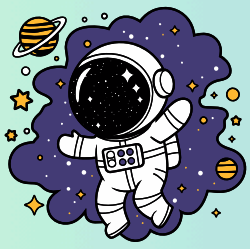
















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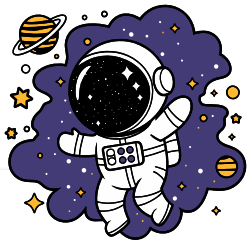


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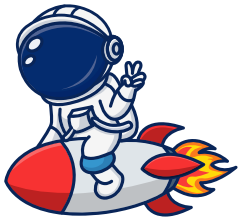


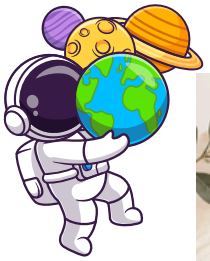
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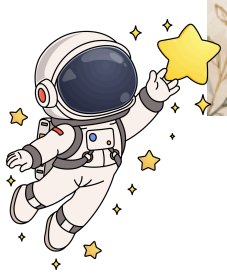
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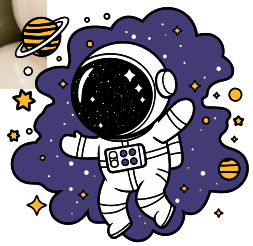
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