



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau Welcome back to Term 3. I hope the term started well and your holidays were a fantastic time to make memories with your children. Please take note of the planned activities for this term, as shown on the permission slip.

Our focus for this term is God helps us to grow and change. Each year level will be exploring the old and the new within their inquiries.

We welcomed our international students into our Elim school community and pray they will enjoy their time at Elim.

Looking ahead please see the reminders below:

Permission slips

Permission slips for Term 3 have been sent out, please fill these in as soon as possible as there are a few year levels going on trips and need the information to finalise planning of these trips.

If Parents would like to be Parent Helpers on the trip or during the disco, please make sure you have a current Police vetting at our school. Our school office can help if you have any questions. Do take into consideration if applying that it could take up to 6 weeks to be completed.

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.

The first part of this term's memory verse is from **Galatians 6: 4 - 9** (NLT)

Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

We hope the conversation starters in the homework sheets supports conversation with your child each week to deepen their understanding and application of the term's scripture verses.

May you and your family have a blessed term.

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Brieta Groenewald

Deputy Principal

(Golflands Campus Junior Years)

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 0-3 Run4Bibles

Cross Country

Tuesday, 4 August **and**
save date Thursday, 6 August

ATTENTION



**Parent Evening with Speaker:
Jo Robertson at the Golflands
Hall**

Wednesday, 5 August at 7pm

ATTENTION



Hosanna week

Monday, 10 August to
Friday, 14 August

Travelwise week

Monday, 17 August to
Friday, 21 August

Year 2 MOTAT Trip

Friday, 21 August

Year 4 MOTAT Trip

Wednesday, 26 August

Mufti day - Fundraiser for TNT Trust

Thursday, 27 August

Year 3 MOTAT Trip

Tuesday, 1 September

Year 1 Howick Historical Village Trip

Wednesday, 2 September

SMART WATCH AND EARLY PICK UP REMINDERS

REMINDER

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A friendly reminder regarding the correct process for picking up students early for medical or personal appointments during school hours. Recently, we have had instances where parents called or messaged their child's smartwatch directly to instruct them to come down to the office. While we completely understand the desire to save time, students should not be contacted on their smartwatches or personal devices during school hours. Direct contact creates disruptions in the classroom and bypasses essential student sign-out and safety protocols.

How Early Pick-Ups Work

To ensure a smooth, safe, and efficient pickup process, please follow these steps:

1. **Fill out the Online Form:** Complete our online early departure form on the school website/app prior to the pickup time.
2. **Office Notification:** Our administrative team will notify the teacher and arrange for your child to be ready and waiting in the hall/office area at the designated time.
3. **Arrive & Sign Out:** When you arrive, simply present yourself at the main office to sign your child out.

Please take a moment to remind your child that smartwatches should remain on "School Mode" during instructional hours and that students should not use their smartwatches to phone or message anyone. Also keep in mind that these watches are very expensive and school can not be held responsible if it gets lost or damaged.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support in keeping our school safe, organized, and focused on learning.

Don't forget!

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

KINDO - LUNCH ORDERS

Elim Christian College

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

MON & FRI

SUBWAY

TUES, WEDS & FRI



U-SUSHI

THURS

PITA PIT

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MYKINDO APP IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH ANDROID AND IPHONE

PARENT EVENING - COMING UP

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES with Jo Robertson

Parents will leave with an understanding of the online and offline world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

- ✓ The online landscape: why and how young people are using tech
- ✓ Screen time, gaming, and social media use
- ✓ Understanding online risks: pornography, exploitation, and grooming.
- ✓ Practical strategies: filtering, games and privacy
- ✓ Counter messages, consent & and conversation starters.



For Parents, Caregivers & Grandparents of children aged 4-18-years-old.

Jo Robertson, an experienced therapist and researcher, brings over 17 years of experience working with children, youth, and parents.

Please save the date:

5 August 2026 at 7pm in
the Golflands Hall

www.trichychatparenting.com



JUNIOR YEARS PHASE 2 - RUN4BIBLES

Despite the cold, the sunshine made for a beautiful day, and our Run4Bibles (Cross Country) event was a fantastic success! Our runners showed incredible determination as they ran or speed-walked the course. I loved watching how they encouraged one another and gave their very best. We are so proud of the perseverance, sportsmanship, and positive attitudes displayed by all our students.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers. Your willingness to give your time and effort throughout the day helped to make our event a great success.

Congratulations to our school community for raising approximately \$7000 for the Run4Bibles programme! Your generosity will help purchase Bibles to be distributed to people, helping share the message of the Gospel.

Congratulations also to all of our students, especially those who placed in the top three of their year groups:

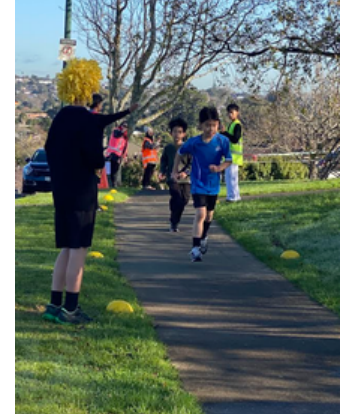
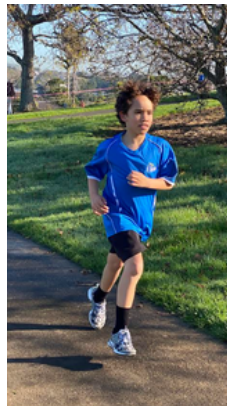
Year 4 Boys

1st Janco Engelbrecht
2nd Daniel Tan
3rd Timothy Zhou



Year 4 Girls

1st Eliana Pearce
2nd Dylan Spurdle
3rd Cameila Fox



Year 5 Boys

1st Lian Rossouw
2nd Nathan Lobb
3rd Matthew Stapp

Year 5 Girls

1st Ryalie Spurdle
2nd Eadlin Small
3rd Sienna Pilkington



Year 6 Boys

1st Nicky Metclaf
2nd Ethan Hoon
3rd Fergus Pistorius

Year 6 Girls

1st Vesper McLaren
2nd Hadley Spurdle
3rd Angelique Koole

Well done, everyone, on making the Phase 2, 2026 Run4Bibles such a fun and memorable event.

RUN4BIBLES - CROSS COUNTRY - TERM 3



This coming week is our final push for sponsors. Every \$7 raised provides a Bible for a person in South Africa who does not have one. So far we have raised **\$7220!** What an amazing effort! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this important cause.

Please encourage your child to gather sponsors. Please note that cash donations will not be accepted, so all donations must be made online. Students can sign up and collect sponsorships using the link below. This online system makes collecting sponsors quick and easy. Also, if you have family overseas, they can pay using their credit card.

Please use this link to fund the fundraising website:

<https://bl.org.nz/fundraising-team.php?id=10397>

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT AND FINISHING THE RACE!

Since 2009, and with the support of thousands of students across Australia and New Zealand, we have seen more than 340,000 students in South African public schools receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Many of these students are individuals with their own history of pain, rejection and hurt. Nombemu's mother is a member of the occult. When she discovered a Bible in Nombemu's schoolbag she tore the Bible in pieces, burnt it, doused it in water and threw it in the trash. Nell was abandoned by her parents and only saved from an orphanage by being taken in by a lady in their small community. Though the lady acted in love, this lady's son abused Nell and made her feel worthless. Irene felt so helpless and alone that she nearly took her own life. Steven was abandoned by his father at a young age and left alone with his mother, they felt like foreigners in their own village and were treated as outcasts.

Now let's share the impact that Run4Bibles has had on public school communities in **South Africa**. As God's Word is taken into these schools and students are taught of the God who created them, who loves them and has a plan and purpose for them, their lives are transformed. These students are inspired to be a positive influence in their schools, with

their friends and in their families.

Many of these students have brought other family members to faith and still others have used the resources they learned from to begin outreach in their wider communities. Students in **South**

African public schools are so desperate

to read the Bible that one of our Coordinators in the school told us a story of how a student had 'stolen' a Bible from her classroom! These students have heard and responded to the call and can say: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have served the Lord faithfully". 2 Tim 4:7 ERV



HOW?

Run4Bibles is designed to easily attach to any event your school is already running. This could be your Cross Country, athletics or swimming carnival, read-a-thon or any other event you are engaged in. This initiative encourages students to respond to participate and "fight the good fight to finish the race".

WHY SOUTH AFRICA?

In 2009 God opened a door for Bible League to get Bibles back into public schools. We were able to minister directly to these students, to speak into their situations, to open up possibilities in their future they may have never seen before and invite them into the life that God destined them to live.



CALENDAR ART FUNDRAISER – ORDER NOW!



Our students' Calendar Art is now available to order, and the artwork is absolutely beautiful! We have been so impressed by the creativity, imagination, and effort that has gone into every piece.

These personalised products make wonderful Christmas presents and thoughtful gifts for family and loved ones.

To place your order online:

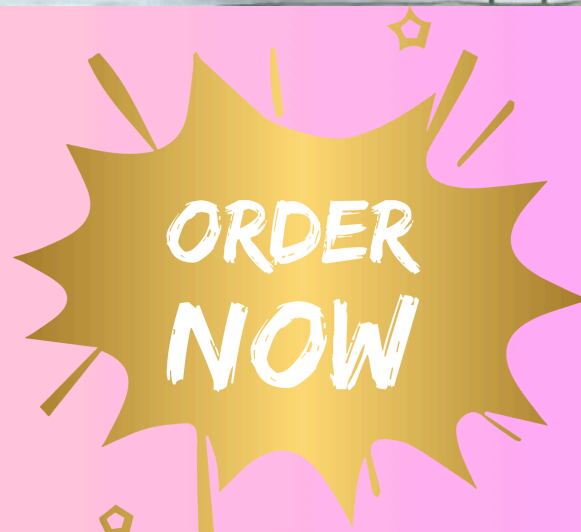
1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Enter the Entrance Code: KZ753
3. Enter your child's room number and name when prompted.

Ordering is now open and will close at 11:59 pm on Monday, 17 August.

Each student has brought home a personalised flyer featuring their artwork and ordering details. We encourage all families to support this fundraiser, as every purchase helps raise valuable funds for our school.

If you would like to see examples of the products before ordering, a selection of samples is on display at the school reception.

Thank you for your support!
Mrs Taylor



The poster features a light green background with stylized green leaves in the corners. The leaves are of various shapes, including some with prominent veins and others that are more elongated and pointed.

INVITATION TO PRAY

HOSANNA WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

Junior Years Teachers would like to invite
ARISE Parents to pray over students and staff
at our Hosanna Week Assembly.

MONDAY 10 AUGUST 8:45AM-9:30AM

If you are available to pray over students and staff,
please RSVP via email to Mrs Anna van Leeuwen
by Friday 7th August 2026
anna.vanleeuwen@elim.school.nz

STEPPED ATTENDANCE LETTERS (STAR)

As you may be aware, the New Zealand government has set the target for schools to reach an attendance rate of 80% attendance for students - 90% of each term by the year 2030, nationwide.

As part of this response, the school is responsible for carefully tracking attendance and informing families about absence rates. One guideline from the government for schools to do this is by Stepped Attendance Response Letters.

A stepped attendance letter informs a family that the school is aware that a student has reached a certain level of absence. The letter also has various suggestions of steps forward. The ministry has requested a letter to be sent to a family when a child has had 5, 10 and 15 days absence during a term.

Please note that these letters are automatically sent out from our student management system once your child has reached one of their absence thresholds.

If you have informed the school of absences, for whatever reason, our student management system will count it towards the absence tally.

The government is very clear about what is considered an Explained (Justified) absence and an Explained (Unjustified) absence, however any absence from school is likely to impact a student's learning progress.

If students are missing school due to frequent medical absences, a member of our Senior Leadership will make contact with parents / caregivers. Our aim is to offer assistance, if required, to ensure there are no barriers to your child returning to school.

As stated in the STAR emails, attendance has a direct impact on achievement and engagement at school. As a school, it is our responsibility to ensure that we are doing everything we can to make sure our students are thriving in their academic journey.

To achieve at school, students need to be at school, and as a school, we are committed to working with your family and your child.

Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences



GOOD

Good chance of success

WORRYING

Less chance of success

CONCERNING

Hard to make progress

SERIOUS CONCERN

Very hard to make progress

Step Progression:

less than 5 days absent in that term

Step Progression:

less than 10 days absent in that term

Step Progression:

less than 15 days absent in that term

IN CONFIDENCE



Counties Manukau East Area



Mountain Bike Theft Alert – LOCK IT, RECORD IT, PROTECT IT.

There has been a recent increase in Mountain Bike thefts, particularly from school grounds.

What

What is happening:

- Police have seen an increase in Mountain Bikes thefts over recent months.
- Offenders are targeting secured bikes and cutting locks and chains to steal them.
- Thefts are occurring in both daytime and after hours.
- High-value Mountain Bikes are being targeted.

Where

Where we noticing the offending:

- Inside school grounds.
- Apartment complexes.
- Public bike racks.
- Bicycle storage areas and sheds.
- Locations where bikes are left unattended for extended periods.

How

How you can help:

- Always secure your bike with a high-quality, heavy duty bike lock.
- Secure your bike in areas covered by CCTV whenever possible.
- Record you bike's make, model, serial number and take clear photographs.
- Report any suspicious behaviour to Police immediately.
- If your bike is tampered with or stolen, report to Police as soon as possible (providing a detailed description, including photographs and identifying features).

SAVE THE DATE

Elim Christian College



OUT OF THIS WORLD

JUNIOR
DISCO
YEARS 0-6

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

5.30PM - 7PM



Elim Christian College

WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for parent volunteers to join our Mission Control Crew for our Junior Years Disco - Out of This World!! - which is landing on Friday 18 September.

This event won't get off the ground without your help! We need at least two parent volunteers from every year level, plus a stellar crew to help with food service, security, MC duties, decorations gurus to assist Olivia, and event support on the night.

Please contact Michelle Tsai (021 329 318) to join the crew.

OUT JUNIOR
OF THIS DISCO
WORLD YEARS 9-6

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

5.30PM - 7PM

As part of school requirements, only police-checked adults can help inside the hall, so if you'd like to be involved and haven't yet completed a police check, please visit the school office now as it takes up to 5 weeks to come through.