



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

As winter draws to a close, we reflect on the season of growth and renewal that lies ahead. We hope this newsletter finds you and your family well, and that you have been enjoying the winter season.

This term our focus for Bible is on the story of Moses, highlighting lessons of perseverance, patience and pukuahuwhenua (diligence). It has been wonderful to see our students growing in their understanding and application of these teachings.

Important reminders below:

Intention to withdraw:

A reminder of withdrawal of students (Year 1 to Year 12)

All formal notifications to withdraw from Elim Christian College will be required in writing, giving one term's notice. Therefore, if your child is not returning in 2027, please download a Leavers Form using the link below and email the completed form to enrolments@elim.school.nz by the end of Term 3 - Friday 25th September 2026.

Leavers Form: <https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Student-Leaving-Form.pdf>

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact the Enrolment Team at enrolments@elim.school.nz.

Volunteers Needed:

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with various activities and events. If you have a heart for service and would like to get involved, please contact your child's pastoral care teacher or Team Leader. Your support enriches our school community.

As we transition from winter to spring, let us pray for renewal and growth in our hearts and minds. May we embrace the new season with hope and joy, and continue to reflect Christ's love in all that we do.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Thank you for your continued support and for being a vital part of our school community.

Ngā mihi nui

Mrs Brieta Groenewald Deputy Principal
(Golflands Campus Junior Years)

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Music Celebration Assembly
Friday, 28 August at 2pm

Year 3 MOTAT Trip
Tuesday, 1 September

Year 1 Howick Historical Village
Trip

Wednesday, 2 September



Father's Day Assembly
Friday, 4 September at 1.45pm



Book week
Monday, 7 September to
Friday, 11 September

Book Character Parade
Friday, 11 September at 8.45am

Cultural Day
Wednesday, 16 September

SMART WATCH AND EARLY PICK UP REMINDERS

Don't forget!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

REMINDER

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

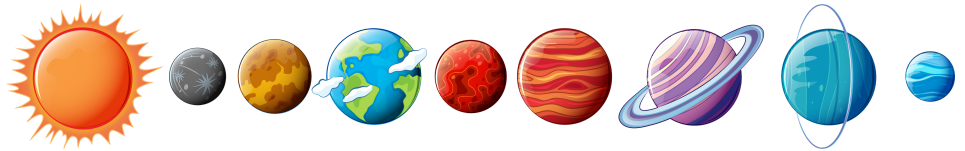
To ensure a smooth, safe, and efficient pickup process, please follow these steps:

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.

ARISE PARENTS



Our Junior Years Disco – Out of This World! – is fast approaching. Details can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter.

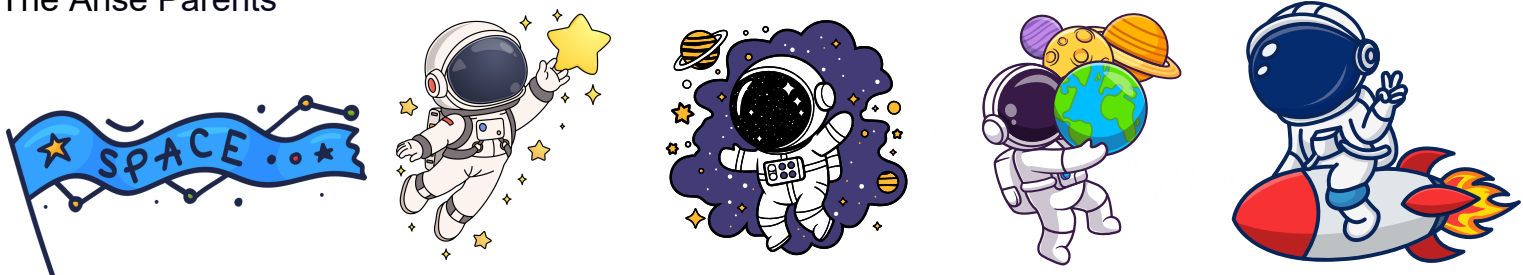
Parent helpers:

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the many parent helpers who have already signed up to help on the night. **Our Mission Control crew is now full**, and we are incredibly grateful for the wonderful support from our fellow parents.

Cardboard boxes:

Can you help us create an out-of-this-world experience? We are looking for large cardboard boxes or refrigerator boxes to help transform the hall into a space-themed adventure for the disco. If you can help, please contact Olivia Tuck on 027 665 6563.

The Arise Parents



JUNIOR YEARS PHASE 1 - RUN4BIBLES

Our Y0–3 runners have been training hard and were ready to run their hearts out at our Run4Bibles race! They showed incredible bravery, determination and perseverance as they raced around the track, giving it their very best. The atmosphere was fantastic as our runners were cheered on by our parents, whose encouragement helped keep those little legs moving right to the finish line!

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who helped marshal, cheered on our runners and lent a hand with packing up. Your support helped make the day such a success! We are incredibly proud of every child who took on the challenge and crossed the finish line in our Run4Bibles Cross Country Race. What an achievement!

Congratulations to our runners who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their races.

Year 0 Girls

1. Erin Small
2. Lexi Lam
3. Juliet Thomas

Year 0 Boys

1. Isaiah Green
2. Misheck Pamhidzai
3. Levi Acraman-Tuimaseve

Year 1 Girls

1. Sophia Tuck
2. Zuri Mbebe
3. Abigail Lowe

Year 1 Boys

1. Rufus Wong
2. Joshua Cherry
3. Ayaan Herath

Year 2 Girls

1. Amoné Senekal
2. Kiera Spurdle
3. Harley Lim

Year 2 Boys

1. Noah Cunningham
2. Ryan Wang
3. Beauden Spurdle

Year 3 Girls

1. Hannah Lowe
2. Samara Verma
3. Julie Zhu

Year 3 Boys

1. Eddy Thomas
2. Jay Pilkington
3. Zion Renata-Paul



CONGRATULATIONS

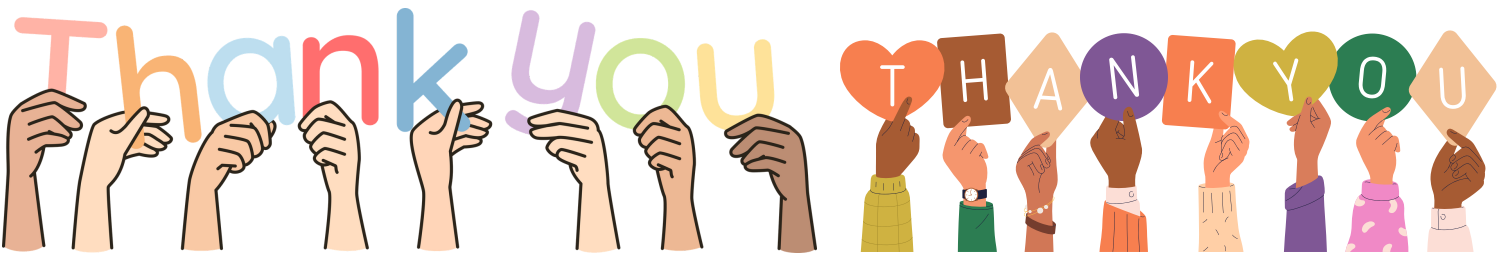
You did it!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Run4Bibles fundraiser. Well done to every student who ran the cross country, it was awesome to see students doing their best and running for a good cause.

A huge congratulations to our top three fundraisers: Grayson Harman, Luke Tan and Nina Dippenaar.

In total we raised \$8049 which will provide 1113 South African students with Bibles and biblical resources to help transform their lives in Jesus. Ka pai!



TRAVELWISE WEEK - NEXT WEEK!

Travelwise Week

Monday
17th August

Colouring in
at the
library
during lunch
time.

Tuesday
18th August

Wear your
trainers with
your school
uniform.

Wednesday
19th August

Be travelwise!
Walk, bike or
scooter to
school.

Thursday
20th August

Lunch Time
activities in
Room 5.

Friday
21st August

Meet at Bob
Charles
Reserve at
8:10! Wear
bright fluoro
colours over
your
uniform.



WEARABLE ARTS - TOGETHER WE GROW

What happens when you challenge year five and six students to take items destined for the landfill and turn them into wearable art? Our students amazed and astounded us at assembly last Friday with their gorgeous garments. There was a cacophony of cool creations from moss covered clothing to milk bottle top creations and repurposed bags. The students rose to the challenge and below are their finished projects.



SPIRIT OF THE FOREST by Hannah, Leah, and Phoebe



BAGS OF BEAUTY by Imogene and Sophia



GARBAGE BAG TRANSFORMED by Eadlin and Leera



FLOWERS
BLOOM by Chloe
C, Sofia G, and
Sophie W



THE GARDEN STORY

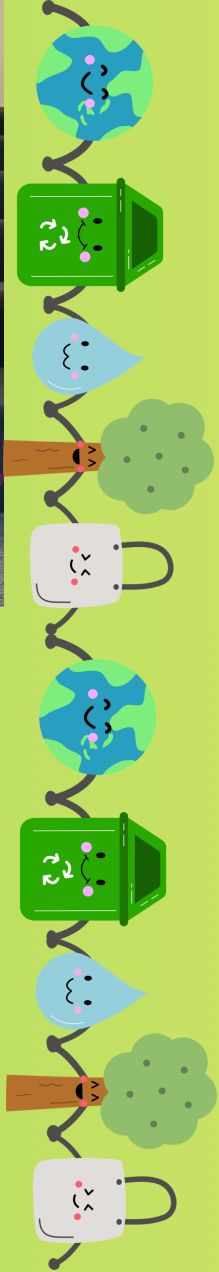
by Chloe S,
Joanna, and Harper



THE CLEAN EARTH by Charysse and Lana



BUTTERFLIES BLOOM by Aria, Keira,
and Sophia D



HOSANNA WEEK

Hosanna Week is a special week at Elim Christian College where students and teachers have the opportunity to draw closer to God in worship and prayer. We are reminded of the privilege that it is to worship Jesus at school in New Zealand!



Our Junior Years students began Hosanna Week with an extended time of praise and worship as our amazing ARISE Parent Community prayed blessings over every student and teacher. During the week our Student Voice Representatives visited classes and shared scripture and special messages of encouragement about how God helps grow good things in us and how we can stand tall in our faith as believers of God. At lunchtimes students had the opportunity to colour scriptures in the library while others wrote their own prayers for our prayer wall.



All Golflands Campus students gathered on Friday morning to praise and worship God together. Sienna Sampson, one of our senior prefects from the Botany Campus shared a powerful encouragement with our students reminding us that "God sees us, knows us and loves us deeply".

CALENDAR ART FUNDRAISER – FINAL CHANCE TO ORDER



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:

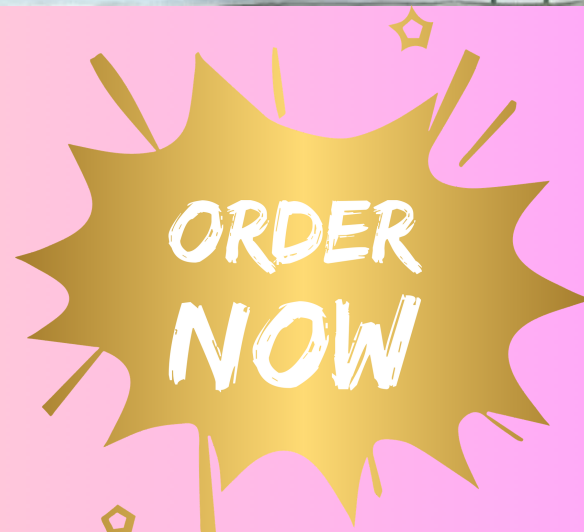
1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Enter the Entrance Code: KZ753
3. Enter your child's room number and name when prompted.

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



FATHERS DAY ASSEMBLY

***FRIDAY,
4 SEPTEMBER
2026 AT 1.45PM***



**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!
BRING ALONG THE
SIGNIFICANT SUPERHERO
IN YOUR LIFE!**

LOCATION – SCHOOL HALL

**FUNKY SOCKS COMPETITION
YOU ARE WELCOME TO GET CREATIVE TO
DECORATE A MASTERPIECE OF SOCK FASHION**



BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!



This year our annual Book Week is from Monday 7th to Friday 11th
September.

Book Week is an exciting celebration of books and reading! We host a Scholastic Book Fair in our library with hundreds of fun, engaging, and affordable books for kids to discover.

Volunteers needed!

Join our volunteer team to:

Help organise and merchandise displays

Offer a helping hand with set-up or pack-down

Help shoppers find their perfect books

Operate the EFTPos machines before and/or after school.

We are so grateful for your support. Please contact Mrs Galbraith if you would like to help in any way. Claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz



LET'S GROW READERS!

 SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs

CULTURAL DAY - WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

We want to celebrate all the different cultures in our school. Our special cultural day will be on Wednesday, 16th September.

As part of the celebration we would like our students to experience different cultural activities run by Parents throughout the week during lunch times.

Some of these activities may include:

- learning a cultural dance or song
- doing a cultural craft
- learning some basic greetings / words in another language
- hearing about some cultural traditions
- viewing and learning about traditional cultural items or
- learning and playing a new cultural game.



We are blessed to have many students from different cultures as part of our school. In order for this week to be authentic and a success, we need Parents and/or extended family members to come along to school to share their culture and skills with our students.

If you are able to help us out for a few hours during the week 14th September – 18th September, we would be grateful. Please email Mrs Groenewald (brieta.groenewald@elim.school.nz) by Friday, 4th September if you are able to assist in any way. **Please keep in mind all Parent Helpers need to have a current Police vetting at our school.**

LANGUAGE WEEKS IN TERM 3:

These languages are being celebrated during Term 3 and 4, however our Cultural Week will be held in Week 9 of Term 3.

Tongan Language Week: 16 August – 22 August

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Maori Language Week): 14 September – 20 September 2024

Fijian Language Week: 4 October – 10 October

Niuean Language Week: 18 October – 24 October

We wish to celebrate the diverse make up of our school community with a fun day filled with learning.



SAVE THE DATE

Elim Christian College



OUT OF THIS WORLD

JUNIOR
DISCO
YEARS 0-6

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

5.30PM - 7PM

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).