Elim Christian College

A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

In **2 Peter 1:5-8, 10**, the Bible gives us advice on how to grow strong in our faith, just like plants grow in spring. Here's how it works:

- **Faith**: Think of it like planting a seed in your heart.
- **Goodness**: Water the seed with good actions.
- **Knowledge**: Add sunlight by learning more about God.
- **Self-control**: Make sure the plant is not overwatered or too dry— balance your choices.
- **Perseverance**: Keep caring for the plant, even when it's hard.
- **Godliness**: Make the plant healthy and strong, just like how you should act kindly.
- **Love**: Share the love and care with others, like how plants grow better with sunshine and good soil.

Think of a beautiful flower that blooms when you grow in all these ways. Reading your Bible and following God closely, you'll stay on the right path, just like a plant that thrives in spring, and be welcomed into God's forever home. This is a message we share with our students.

Important reminders below:

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

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.

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

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

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Music Celebration Assembly
Friday, 28 August t 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

Winning House Mufti day
Thursday, 24 September

Volunteers Morning Tea (10.45am - 11.15am)
Thursday, 24 September

Last day of Term 3
Friday, 25 September

TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

First day of Term 4
Monday, 12 October

Last day of Term 4
Thursday, 10 December

HPPA CROSS COUNTRY

On Your Marks, Get Set, Go! – HPPA Cross Country

What a beautiful day for our HPPA Cross Country! Our Year 4–6 runners showed incredible determination, running fast, giving their best, and never giving up. We are so proud of every child who took part, and of the way they encouraged and supported their teammates throughout the event.

A huge thank you to our amazing parents who transported our runners and helped with supervision. We are so grateful that you gave up your time to support our students and helped make the day such a great success. Well done, runners. We are very proud of you!



























HPPA NETBALL

Under clear blue skies and a chilly winter breeze, eight enthusiastic Year 5 & 6 netballers headed to Lloyd Elsmore Park on Tuesday 25 August for the annual HPPA Non-Competitive Netball Fun Day.

Across six action-packed games, our players showed incredible heart, developing their court communication and skills with every single pass.

While official scores and placings aren't kept for this participation-focused event, the team's skill shone through as they notched up impressive wins in 4 out of their 6 matches!

It was a fantastic day of sportsmanship, growth, and high-energy fun. Well done to all eight players for representing our school with such pride! A big thank you must also go to our parent helpers as well as our parent cheerleading squad who showed up to support the team.









HPPA GYMNASTICS

Our Year 3–6 gymnasts had a fantastic day representing Elim Christian College at the HPPA Gymnastics Competition. The students demonstrated impressive skill, courage and determination throughout their routines. We were especially proud of how they encouraged one another, displayed excellent sportsmanship and represented our school with pride.

Congratulations to the following students and teams who achieved placings:

Year 6 Girls

- Hadley Spurdle — 6th place
- Amy Koen — 2nd place
- Hadley Spurdle, Amy Koen, Maddison Stoltz and Angelique Koole — 2nd place overall in the team event

Year 4 Girls

- Dylan Spurdle - 7th place

Year 3 Girls

- Hannah Lowe - 2nd place
- Hannah Lowe, Olivia Bartlem, Sophia Huang - 3rd place overall in the team event

Well done to all our gymnasts for their hard work and wonderful effort. Thank you to everyone who supported the students and helped make the day such a success!













HPPA GYMNASTICS

























TRAVELWISE WEEK

Travel Wise Week is always such a fun week at school, seeing the kids arrive by scooter, bike and on foot! On Wednesday, the Travel Wise team stood at the pedestrian crossing, waving signs and reminding our whānau to slow down and take extra care around the school. Spot prizes were also handed out at random to students wearing their helmets and keeping themselves safe on the footpath. Friday's BIG WALK was a fantastic turnout, with everyone dressed in bright fluorescent colours as we made our way to school on foot. A huge thank you to our Elim families for your wonderful support and for helping make Travel Wise Week such a success!













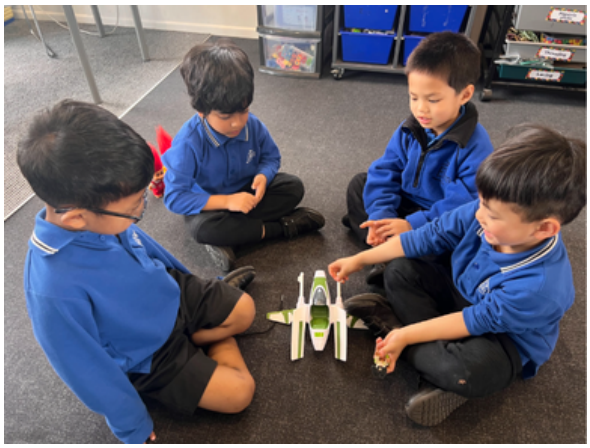
YEAR 0

Learning how to be part of a school community is a big transition for our newest students to Elim - they learn school routines and expectations, how to make new friends and respect others and our school environment.

In our New Entrants classroom, our students are having fun learning to name letters and say their sounds, count numbers, describe shapes and make collections of five! Fridays are for 'Show and Tell' where students can bring one special item to school to talk about with their classmates. Learning to communicate with others can help our students to build friendships, listen and answer questions and build conversations around interesting topics!





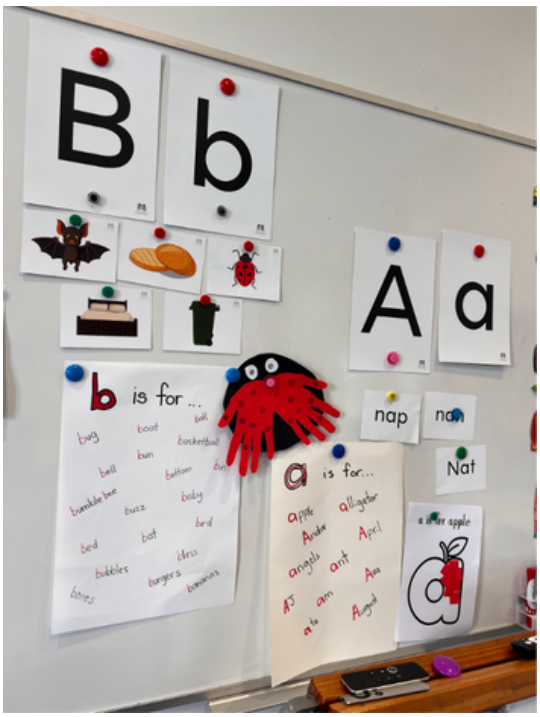


















YEAR 1

For Maths this term the Year 1's have been busy exploring **spheres, shapes and numbers** through lots of hands-on learning! We investigated the properties of cubes, cuboids and spheres. Our tamariki got creative making their very own **bubble wands using pipe cleaners**, experimenting with different shapes and discovering how they could create bubbles. They also used playdough to see what 2D shapes make up 3D shapes.We have also been **building towers**, developing our problem-solving, perseverance and teamwork skills, while practising our maths by **counting on** and thinking carefully about numbers.

This term we are also learning about the elements of music and how we can make different rhythm patterns using instruments and our bodies. In PE we have been exploring the world of Gymnastics, learning how to roll safely and balance along the beam; while in Bible lessons, we are learning about how God had a plan for Moses' life.

Throughout our learning, we have been demonstrating **Pukuahwhenua – diligence**, showing determination, care and perseverance as we work through challenges and learn new skills.
It has been wonderful to see our tamariki learning through play, curiosity and collaboration!

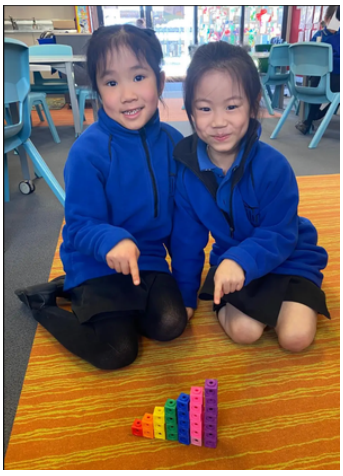












YEAR 2

This term for Inquiry learning, our Year 2 students have been learning about continuity and change: past and present. We are exploring what life was like in the past and comparing it to our lives today, with a special focus on how schools and toys have evolved.

The children have been absolutely fascinated to discover how different classrooms were in the late 1800s. To bring this learning to life, we held a classroom role-play with teachers dressing up as strict 'olden days' teachers to teach cursive writing, arithmetic, school rules, and manners. We even invited our school's Executive Officer, Raewyn, into the classroom to act as the strict principal! The students behaved exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoyed the historical reenactment.

Alongside our classroom drama, we also took a school trip to MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology)! During our visit, the students saw these historical items for themselves. They got a closer look at what it was like to write with slates and quills, and explored the fascinating technological changes in old toys, vehicles, and schools over the years.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see first-hand how technology has advanced, while also recognising the things that have stayed the same.













YEAR 3 - LEARNING THROUGH CREATIVITY IN YEAR 3!

Our Year 3 students have been having so much fun learning through hands-on and creative experiences! As part of our Inquiry learning, students enjoyed making their own paper, exploring how paper is created and discovering the creativity that comes with making something from scratch.

We also travelled back in time during Reading as we learned about how pens and pencils have changed over time and how writing tools were invented. To bring this learning to life, students had the opportunity to write using feathers as quills! They loved experiencing what writing might have been like before the pencils and pens we use today.

Our Music and Te Reo Māori learning were combined, and the students had an absolute blast practising the waiata “E Rere Taku Poi.” They enjoyed learning the words, rhythm and movements while working together and building their confidence.

It has been wonderful to see our students creating, exploring, singing and learning together. Their enthusiasm and excitement have made these experiences especially memorable!

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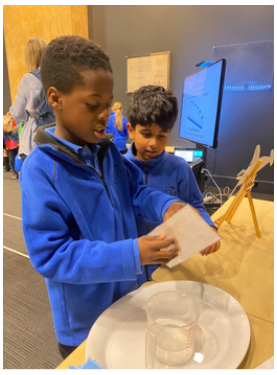

YEAR 4

This week, our Year 4 students took off on an exciting journey into the physics of aviation during a visit to the Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) for the hands-on Fantastic Flight education session. Students explored the core forces of flight — lift, drag, thrust, and weight — putting their knowledge to the test by designing and launching their own custom flying contraptions.

Walking through MOTAT allowed students to get up close with historical vehicles, bringing our current Inquiry topic, Transport: Then and Now, to life. This trip served as the perfect culmination to our study of historical transport while sparking curiosity for our upcoming Term 4 unit on Flight.

Our young aviators returned with high spirits and big ideas! A big thank you goes to our wonderful parent helpers, because without your support this trip would not have been possible.

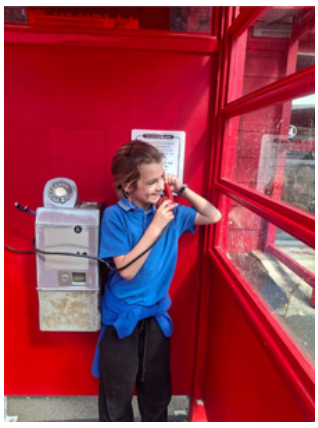


























YEAR 5 & 6 - GUEST SPEAKER - MRS YVETTE BRITTEN

The Year 5 & 6 team was blessed to host Mrs Yvette Britten for a workshop focused on navigating friendships, bullying, and big feelings. Mrs Britten shared practical, Christ-centered strategies to help our students grow in wisdom and maturity:

- The **'I Feel, When, Because, Please' Framework:** A simple communication tool to help students express their thoughts and feelings clearly and respectfully.
- The **'U' of Friendship**: A visual prompt encouraging students to reflect on whether their social circles are open and welcoming to others or closed off.
- The **'Stand Up' Test:** A challenge prompting students to consider how they can courageously step in and support peers who are experiencing bullying.
- The **Nana Test**: A practical check asking, "Would my Nana, or someone I love and respect, be pleased with how I'm acting and speaking right now?"

This workshop gave our students valuable tools to deepen their character and walk in God's grace. We look forward to seeing our Year 5 & 6 students put these principles into action as positive role models across our school community.















YEAR 5 & 6 - SPEECH COMPETITIONS

The Year 5 and 6 team held our Elim speech competition in Week 3 of this term, and what a spectacular event it was! Students put a tremendous amount of effort into writing and presenting their speeches. We were privileged to have had amazing judges come and judge the semi-finals and finals at school. We thank Mrs Galbraith, Mrs Bester, Mrs Van Leeuwen and Mr Adamson for being great judges.

The in-school competition finalists were:

- **Traditional Speech:** Mac David Biasbas, Hadley Spurdle, Aria Lomberg, Madelyn Willoughby, Coco Vosloo
- **Flash Talk:** Keira Arnold, Morgan Sit, Emmanuel Nair
- **Rap:** Vesper McLaren, Sienna Pilkington

On Monday, 17th August, Mrs. Arnold took our representatives to the **Rehu Tai Speech Competition**. Our students performed incredibly well, we are incredibly proud of how well they represented our school, and we returned with four awards:

- **Speech:** Mac David Biasbas (Rm 11, Year 6) – 'Honouring our roots, Empowering our voices and Inspiring the Future'. Mac David spoke with great passion and poise in a very challenging competition.
- **Flash Talk:** Keira Arnold (Rm 14, Year 5) – 'Weaving Our Future Together'. **A huge congratulations to Keira for winning first place!**
- **Rap:** Vesper McLaren (Rm 12, Year 6) – 'If I was In Charge'. Vesper did a wonderful job, **earning second place.**
- **Spoken Word:** Sienna Pilkington (Rm 14, Year 5) – 'Leaving a Legacy'. A brilliant achievement for Sienna, **who was also awarded second place.**

We are extremely proud of all our finalists for their hard work and dedication throughout the class heats, semi-finals, and finals. Congratulations to all our talented students for their fantastic presentations.













YEAR 5 & 6 - BIBLE

The Year 5 & 6s joined Mrs James for an engaging workshop on forgiveness. The highlight was a memorable skit where Miss Stewart was chained to Mrs James, demonstrating how holding onto resentment ties us down and creates frustration in our lives.

Mrs James explained that when we hold onto unforgiveness, resentment grows and can hold us back from the life Jesus wants for us. After watching a couple of videos, we discussed how we all make mistakes, but through Jesus' example, we can always find and offer forgiveness.

We will continue to develop our understanding of forgiveness and what it looks like in our day to day lives as a Year 5 & 6 group.

Here are the links that you can watch at home with your child:

How to Forgive Others
Forgiveness by Matthew West









FATHERS DAY ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 1.45PM



ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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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

BOOK PARADE : 11TH SEPTEMBER
CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS A FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER

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.





DISCO TICKETS ON SALE NOW

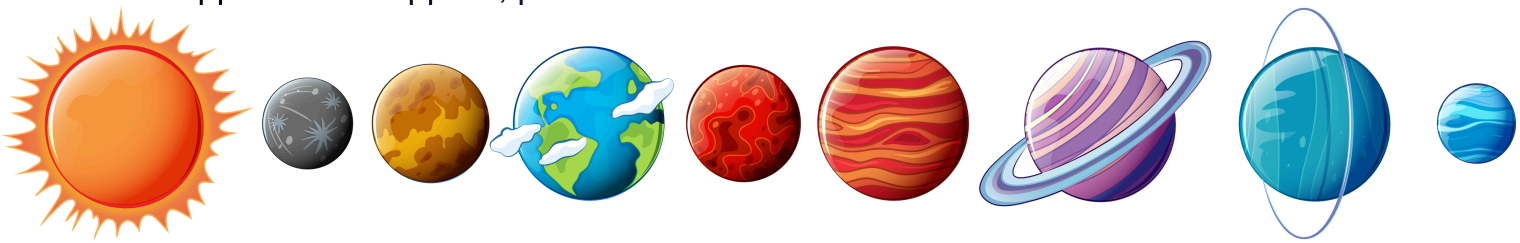
Out of This World!! Junior Years Disco tickets are now on sale!

Join us for an out-of-this-world evening of music, dancing, pizza, treats and space-themed fun. Every ticket includes two slices of pizza, a drink and a sweet treat.

This year, we'll also have a dedicated Space Sanctuary available throughout the evening. The Space Sanctuary is a calm, supervised space where astronauts can take a break from the noise and excitement of the disco, enjoy some quiet time, and recharge before returning to the dance floor.

Get your tickets on Kindo now! Ticket sales close on Thursday 3 September, so don't miss out. https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/shop/kindo/disco

Important: All astronauts must be signed in and signed out by the parent or caregiver specified on the Kindo order. Mission Control (parent helper) spaces are now full, and we are currently only able to accommodate additional parent helpers where a child has severe allergies or requires additional support. If this applies, please contact Michelle Tsai on 021 329 318.



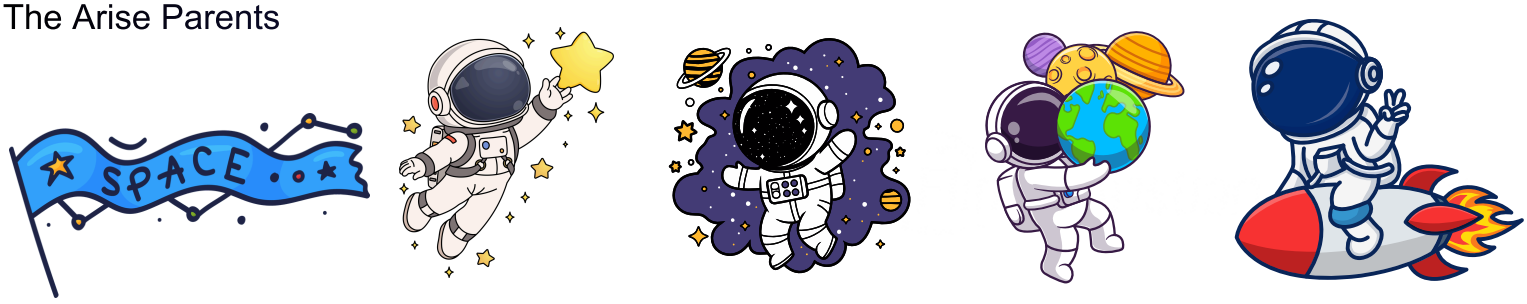
ARISE PARENTS

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





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OUT OF THIS WORLD

JUNIOR DISCO
YEARS 0-6

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
5.30PM - 7PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW VIA THE KINDO APP

$12
INCLUDES

PIZZA, A DRINK AND A SWEET TREAT

GET READY FOR AN EVENING OF:

- MUSIC
- GAMES
- SPOT PRIZES
- FUN WITH FRIENDS

WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST SPACE INSPIRED OUTFIT AND JOIN US FOR THE BIGGEST PARTY IN THE GALAXY!