



Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell  
of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

Highlights from the past two weeks:

We are thankful for a great Fono evening, thank you to  
our Pacific families who gave up their time to come to  
school and share their stories and experiences.

Travelwise week went well and students enjoyed the  
different activities, Zara the Zebra was a big hit.

Well done to our gymnastics team who participated in the  
HPPA Gymnastics Competition - you made Elim proud.  
Thank you Mrs Lee for the guidance and thank you to  
Esther Nickoley for helping the students with their  
routines.

Reading is a great way to explore the world around you  
and like Dr Seuss says "The more that you read, the more  
things you will know, the more that you learn, the more  
places you'll go". Thank you Mrs Wilson for the reading  
tips for Parents shared in this newsletter.

We look forward to our Father's day assembly, Cultural  
Week and Book Week that are coming up.

God bless you!

Brieta Groenewald  
DP Junior Years

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**HPPA Netball 31st**

**August**

**Father's Day**

**Assembly 1st**

**September 8:45am**

**Marimba Music**

**Festival**

**2nd September**

**HPPA Football**

**5th & 7th September**

**Gymnastics Champions of  
Champions Competition**

**7th September**

**Cultural Day 6th**

**September**

**School Glam Disco**

**8th September**

**5pm - 7pm**

**Book Week**

**11th - 15th September**

# YEAR 0 & 1

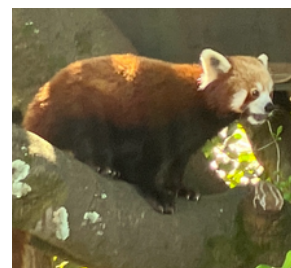
The year 0 & 1 student's inquiry focus this term is 'living things!' They did an interesting experiment with flowers and dye. The year 0 and 1 students talked about how the water travels from the roots in plants and then into the leaves and flowers. They looked at the meaning of 'xylem' and how this special plant-like tissue inside the stem, helps the water move up the plant. After just 24 hours they came back to an exciting array of colours and observed that the flowers and leaves had turned blue, red and yellow. What a great learning experience they had!



We also had a Wacky Wednesday this week. The children and teachers had fun dressing up in some interesting ways - odd socks, odd shoes, wearing clothes backwards, wacky hairstyles and many other creative outfits. The daily routine was turned upside down and the classroom was rearranged with tables wearing socks or shoes and chairs wearing dress ups. We read the book Wacky Wednesday by Dr Seuss.

# YEAR 4 ZOO TRIP

In Year 4 we have been learning about world biomes. This week our students visited the Auckland Zoo where we learnt about the adaptations that different grassland animals make to live in their unique biome. We have connected this to how God designs each animal uniquely to exist in its habitat. The students learnt that lions use their tails as fly swats among many other interesting facts. Giraffes get a lot of water from eating leaves because they are at risk from predators when they stoop to drink water close to the ground. Meerkats have built shades that act as sunglasses to protect their eyes from the sun. They also take turns to be the sentry, which means one individual will stand at the highest lookout while the rest of the group looks for food. When they sense danger, they will bark which signals for all the meerkats to either get out or get in, depending on what and where the danger is. The students will now turn their focus towards creating their own grasslands diorama to bring together all of the amazing knowledge they have gathered.



# TRAVELWISE WEEK

What an amazing Travelwise week we had in week 5! It was great to see students and families crossing at the pedestrian crossing in the mornings and afternoons. Even Zara the Zebra crossed our pedestrian crossing on Tuesday morning. Zara was very popular with the students; she received high-5's, hugs and even some parents were caught asking for a photograph with Zara.



Our Travelwise Team mentioned they saw students coming to school on bikes, scooters and even skateboards. We are hoping to organise a Wheel's Day in Term 4 when we have more sunshine.



Our lunchtime activities were run by the Travelwise Team. It was great to have students participate in the Road Safety board games provided by Auckland Transport and our Road Safety Kahoot which was very popular with over 50 students attending.



Each day, our Travelwise Team handed out 'Caught being Travelwise' tickets, 'Wheels' and 'Walking Parents Rock' tickets. We placed the tickets in a box and pulled out 3 names.



Congratulations to Connor Lovell in Year 1, Josephine (Nathaniel & Olivia Naidu's Mum), and Haylee Agutters in Year 5 for winning Burger Fuel Vouchers.

Huge Congratulations to Daniel House for winning the Travelwise Cup this term.

Let's continue to be travelwise to keep our tamariki safe when arriving and leaving school.



# FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS

## HPPA GYMNASTICS

Our 14 talented Elim students flipped, twirled, tumbled, and balanced their way for God's glory at the recent HPPA gymnastics competition on the 16th of August. With determination, positive attitudes and sportsmanship, the gymnasts showcased their skills and brought back impressive achievements. We congratulate Chloe Hwang for clinching 3rd place in the Year 5 Girls category, Jason Dykgraaf for coming in 4th in the Year 4 Boys category, Megan Engelbrecht for coming in 4th in the Year 4 Girls category, as well as Ria Kim for coming in 7th in the Year 3 Girls category. They will be competing in the Champion of Champions competition on the 7th of September. A big shoutout to our coach, Esther Nickoley, from Middle Years and Mrs Natalia Lee for guiding these gymnasts over the past couple of weeks.



## YEAR 5 & 6 SPEECH FINALISTS:

Our year 5 and 6 students have been busy writing and presenting their speeches, flash talks and raps. Our two finalists Kirsten Gray and Kaleb Arnold went to Elm Park school to represent Elim Christian College at the HPPA Rehu Tai speech competitions. The theme was Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship). Kirsten presented a speech about preventing rubbish pollution, and Kaleb presented a flash talk on being Kaitiakitanga for poverty. Well done to these students!



# READING TIPS FOR PARENTS

How to help your child as they begin their reading journey...

## Read more!

- Read **TOGETHER** as much as you can
- **POINT** to the words: this will help your child match the words with the print
- Let them **SEE** you reading, **TALK** about interesting facts or ideas you read about in the news, at work or in your nighttime novel
- Read a **VARIETY** of texts: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, letters, print in the environment etc

Research tells us that young children whose parents read to them daily have been exposed to at least 290,000 more words by the time they enter school than kids who aren't read to regularly. All that exposure is likely to make it easier for kids to expand their vocabularies and understand the variety of texts they'll need to read as they get older, both inside school and out.

## Make reading fun!

- Give lots of **ENCOURAGEMENT** when your child is learning to read
- Keep reading time **POSITIVE** and **RELAXING**, for some children learning to read is hard



In the beginning stages of reading your child may need help with decoding (sounding out unknown words). Older students might need help too, as learning the many patterns of the English Code may take some time and lots of practice and encouragement.

- Help your child sound out new words e.g. b-a-g or sh-ir-t
- If they don't know a word, help them with the sounds or read it together



For more ideas on how to help your child with using their decodable reading book [Parent Videos - YouTube](#)



For older children: make them lifelong readers...

- Take them to the library to pursue their interests, books about rugby or cooking, sewing or caring for animals
- Set aside time when everyone turns off the TV and devices and makes time for reading



- Read the book and watch the movie, make popcorn and have a movie night
- Make reading a regular and enjoyable part of your family routine



## Ask questions, make predictions and connections:

- Discuss how the book makes your child feel
- Compare and contrast the main characters in the story
- Draw parallels between characters and real life situations faced by kids
- Draw parallels between characters in the story and those in books read previously
- Discuss "what-if" scenarios and make predictions about what happens next
- Discuss "what would you do if this happened to you?" scenarios
- Talk about what a character did and what it tells you about her

# NOTICES

## FATHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY



Fathers, Uncles, Grandfathers and other significant men, you are warmly invited to our Father's Day Assembly on Friday 1st September at 8:40am. We want to acknowledge and thank you for the special part you play in your child's life. Come along and be celebrated and blessed by our students.

## JUNIOR YEARS GLAM DISCO

Our ARISE parents are planning a great fundraiser disco for our students. You can purchase \$3 tickets on the Kindo app or at the door. Snacks and glow sticks will be for sale on the night (cash sales). We look forward to seeing your child come along and have fun with their friends on the dance floor.

## BOOK WEEK - 11th - 15th September

Book week is fast approaching. If you would be available to help Mrs Galbraith run the Scholastics Book Fair in the library before and after school during this week, please contact her at [claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz](mailto:claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz). We will also be holding our annual book parade on Friday 15th September, students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and celebrate the joy of books and reading.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Seeking Team Members for our

## Book Fair!

Book Fair dates: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Volunteer at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair!

It will be an exciting celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, and affordable books for kids to discover.

Become a Book Fair Team Member and you could:

- ✓ organize and merchandise displays
- ✓ help with sales either before or after school
- ✓ offer a helping hand – set up or pack up; or
- ✓ help shoppers of all ages find their perfect book!

We are so grateful for your support!!

Contact: Claire Galbraith [Claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz](mailto:Claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz)

SCHOLASTIC



Good morning, Fathers / Dads / Special Men in our tamariki's lives.

You are invited to our Junior Years Father's Day Assembly.

When: 1 September 2023

Time: 8:50am – 9:50am

Where: GC Hall

Remember to wear your Funky socks as there will be prizes up for grabs.

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**\$3** **Elim Christian College** Pizza, Chips & Snacks & Glow sticks Cash sales

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**JUNIOR YEARS GLAM DISCO**

Come dressed in your best!

**Friday 8 September**

**5:00-7:00pm**

**Golflands Hall**

Wristbands will be delivered to your child's classroom on the day for entry. Door sales available on the night.

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Whether it's a Dad, Uncle, Grandad or Poppa in your life, make them feel extra special this Father's Day with our eZlunch giveaway. Every lunch order gets you a chance to win one of THREE \$50 'Bunnings' vouchers.

Order **eZlunch** for delivery from **Monday 21 August - Friday 1 September 2023** to be in the draw to WIN!

Three vouchers, three winners!

The winners will be drawn on **Friday 1 September** and notified by email/phone. Go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) to start ordering.

# BOOKARAMA IS COMING!

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- Lawn Heat and Leisure, 64A Ti Rakau Dr, Pakuranga, 8 Whitford-Maraitai Rd (next to BP)
- The Café Botany Downs, Inside Danske Mobler, Botany Town Centre

# BOOKARAMA

## SALE ON 4 TO 8 OCTOBER SOMERVILLE INTERMEDIATE 39 SOMERVILLE ROAD

**GOOD CONDITION PRE-LOVED BOOKS, PUZZLES, DVDs, CDs AND LPs**

**EARLY BIRD AFTERNOON**  
Wed, 4 Oct, 12pm – 6pm  
**\$25 ENTRY**

**GENERAL SALE**  
• Thurs, 5 Oct 9am – 6pm  
• Fri, 6 Oct 9am – 6pm  
• Sat, 7 Oct 9am – 6pm  
• Sun, 8 Oct 9am – 3pm

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**DID YOU KNOW? CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES INCREASED IN 2023!**

We welcome:  
Year 0 to 8 at Elm Christian College

After-school options:  
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- Provides a safe, nurturing environment to create and play

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Combines your child's model building & engineering skills with Wado "drag and drop" coding and robotics

**TUESDAYS**  
Junior Robotics Level 1 Coding Introduction (Year 0-6)  
Date: 18 Jul - 19 Sep (10 weeks)  
Time: 3:15 – 4:15pm  
Location: School Library  
Term Cost: \$260  
Early Bird: \$234 (Book before 17/07)

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<b>KELLY CLUB</b> <b>THEME: Fun Fathers!</b> Term 3 Week 7, 28th August 2023					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00 – 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 – 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Soup, Garlic Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Toasties & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cookies & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Zip Zap Boing	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Crab Football	Game: Tug O War	Game: Turkey Tag
3:45 – 4:30 pm	<b>CRAFT</b> Paper Roll Dads	<b>GAME</b> Dad's Army	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Popping Chalk	<b>SPORT</b> Father's Cricket Match	<b>COOKING</b> Dad's Hot Dogs
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking
4:50 – 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Game: Camper & Tents & Projects	Game: The Warm Wind Blows & Projects	Game: Train Stations & Projects	Game: What's the Time Wally? & Projects	Game: Zombie Tag & Projects

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