

### ELIM COMMUNITY GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers & Whānau,

A big thank you to all our dads, fathers and special men in our lives who attended our Father's Day assembly last Friday. What a privilege it was to celebrate and honour them at our special assembly. A special thanks to Mr Len Buttner for being our guest speaker and for encouraging our fathers to speak life and blessing over their children's lives.

#### Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

"After this I looked before me and there was a great multitude of people that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb".

Parents are the backbone of any family. They are the source of endless love and support their entire lives, for their children! Thank you so much for supporting our school during Cultural Week and for modelling what it means to be a community that serves one another with love. They say 'it takes a village to raise a child' and we are grateful that each parent is part of our Elim village. You help to build our Elim community, valuing all parts of what each student, family and staff member brings to school.

We want to thank each and every parent who volunteered to come into school during our cultural week to share their culture with our students. It was great to have experts encouraging and motivating our students to learn more about and value each other's culture. We honour and bless you for your commitment to making our Cultural Week such a tremendous success!

As we are fast approaching the end of Term 3, we ask our students to continue demonstrating our school's kotahitanga values: manaākitanga (respect), maiā (courage), pukuahuwhenua (diligence) & aroha (kindness). Let's finish well with respectful for ourselves and others, wearing our school uniform proudly, giving our best efforts in all areas of learning and supporting each other.

We look forward to seeing our students show their best dance moves at the Junior Years Glam Disco tonight and our annual Book Week in Week 9! Keep a close eye on all the information you need to know about the Book Fair, Book Parade and our final school events for Term 3.

God bless you! Mrs Brieta Groenewald Deputy Principal (Golflands Campus Junior Years)

#### **TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS**

HPPA NETBALL TOURNAMENT 14 SEPTEMBER

SECKA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL 14 SEPTEMBER

BOOK WEEK & BOOK FAIR 11-15 SEPTEMBER

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE 15 SEPTEMBER 9:30AM

MUFTI DAY 20 SEPTEMBER

YEAR 3 & 4 SCIENCE CHALLENGE 20 SEPTEMBER

HPPA MANDARIN & CANTONESE SPEECH COMPETITION 21 SEPTEMBER

WINNING HOUSE MUFTI DAY 22 SEPTEMBER

TERM 3 ENDS FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 3PM

TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

### **BOOK WEEK IS HERE!**

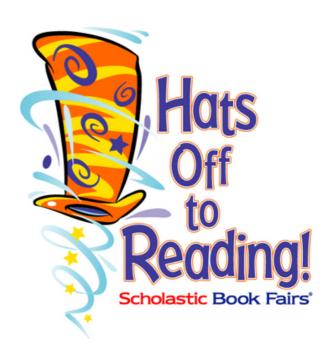
Our wonderful Book Week is next week from 11 - 15th September. We will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in our Library.

It will be open to parents/families every morning from 08:30 – 09:30am and again in the afternoons from 02:30 – 03:30pm.

Please come and have a look! There are some fabulous books at reasonable prices. There is also cute stationery available.

Now is a great time to start stocking up for birthday or Christmas presents. I am also still looking for parent helpers.

If you are available to help at the times mentioned above, please could you either pop in and see me, or email me at Claire.galbraith@elim.school.nz.



### THE BOOK PARADE!

On Friday 15th September, our annual Book Parade event is happening in the Golflands Campus Hall at 9:30am. All Junior Years students are invited to participate by dressing up as a character from a beloved book they enjoy reading! You'll also get to witness many of our teachers transform into book characters as well! To participate in the event, all students who dress up must bring the physical book which their character is from with them. Parents and families are all welcome to come and witness the exciting event hosted by our beloved Librarian extraordinaire, Mrs Claire Galbraith.



## FATHERS DAY ASSEMBLY



# **MARIMBA FESTIVAL**

Our incredible students from both the Mt Albert and Golflands Junior Years campuses participated in the ONZA Marimba Festival at the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium on Saturday 2nd September. Our incredible Music specialist teacher, Mrs Yung Chang, led our tuned percussion groups (selected Year 5-6 students) to learn and practice a repertoire of 11 pieces of music that would eventually be performed together alongside hundreds of students from other schools across the region! It was a very happy and exciting experience for the students. They worked very hard learning these music and did a fantastic job!



# **CULTURAL WEEK HIGHLIGHTS**

Kia ora / Talofa lava / Malo e lelei / Bula Vinaka / Kia orana / Fakaalofa lahi atu / Ni hao Our classrooms and playground were filled with students and parents wearing vibrant colours of traditional outfits and flags to celebrate Cultural Day! Throughout the week our parent volunteers put on incredible displays to share and celebrate the different cultures represented at our school - and we are richer for it! There was everything from making wontons, lantern crafts, artefacts, traditional folk tales, games and performances. It was an opportunity for our students to show off their culture and appreciate the culture of their peers and the families they represent.

We had a special focus celebrating our Pacific Nations, Te Reo Māori, New Zealand Sign Language & Chinese Language in alignment with our Language Weeks this term.

Te Wiki o te reo Māori (Māori Language Week) is happening from 11th - 15th September. Our teachers have been giving opportunities for students to use new words in te reo Māori in classes in meaningful ways during Cultural Week.







THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE ON BEHALF OF THE ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND THE GOLFLANDS CAMPUS DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIME.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AROUND THIS MATTER, WE ENABLE POSITIVE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR SAFETY AND OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

#### SOME TIPS TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING ROAD USER SAFETY:

WE APPRECIATE CHILDREN BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL BUT IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE WITH YOUR CHILDREN, SAFETY IS STILL MORE IMPORTANT. YOU CAN SIMPLY TAKE THEM TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN IN.

**PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE U-TURNS**, RATHER USE THE SIDE STREETS OR LOOP AROUND BOB CHARLES DRIVE TO GO THE OTHER WAY.

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SIDE ENTRANCES: SIMON OWEN AND MONTECITO PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO ROAD RULES IN THESE RESIDENTIAL ROADS.

IT IS AGAINST THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO PARK WITHIN 1 METRE OF A DRIVEWAY.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK ON YELLOW NO-PARKING LINES.

NO DOUBLE PARKING IS PERMITTED.

NO VEHICLES ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUS BAY DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET, HOWEVER PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OTHER FAMILIES ARE ALSO BATTLING THE POOR WEATHER. CHILD SAFETY REMAINS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SO ROAD RULES STILL MUST BE ADHERED TO. ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE PAVEMENT SIDE, NOT THE ROADSIDE.

ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY AT ALL TIMES.

#### Year 1 Rainbow Walking Experiment

Last week Friday the Year 1 children looked at the concept of absorption. We compared how ordinary paper and kitchen towel can soak up water. We placed a piece of writing paper and kitchen paper towel into coloured water. The writing paper was the control in our experiment. We noticed within minutes that the kitchen towel rapidly absorbed the colour water, whilst the writing paper did not. We looked at why the paper towel had better absorption compared to the piece of paper and discovered that paper towel contains cellulose which is a substance that comes from plants. We learnt that certain types of paper and cotton is made from plants. Our two take away words for this last week's Science experiment were 'cellulose' and 'absorption.' We have added these words to our Room 7 and 8 'star word' board.



#### Year 2 visit to SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's

Our adventurous Year 2 Shining Stars explorers dived into the fascinating world of marine life during their recent visit to Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium! Our young scientists were on a quest to uncover the secrets of sea life, discovering amazing creatures and their unique habitats. They had a fun-filled underwater journey filled with wonder and excitement as they learn fun facts about the sea creatures and added to their knowledge bank for this term's rocky shore inquiry learning! A huge thank you to our incredible parent helpers who kept their groups happy, safe and learning throughout the day! We appreciate you!



#### Year 3 SuperHeroes HQ

The Year 3 students have been focusing on narrative writing this term. Room 1 has been learning about comic strips and how to hook your reader. We have laminated a handful of comic strips and placed them outside our classroom. Please come and see our comic strips outside Room 1.



On Wednesday, this week, the Year 3 students got to design a class tapa cloth. Each student cut a siapo/tapa design, creating a symmetrical motif to place on colour paper. It has been a wonderful week celebrating each student's cultural background and hear the many languages that are spoken at home.



#### Year 3-4 Gymnastics Skills

This term the Year 3 and 4 team have been working together developing their gymnastics skills. Gymnastics is an important part of our Physical Education programme because it helps develop body management - students learn to control their bodies while moving, it builds strength, flexibility and balance which can transfer to every other sport and helps develop gross and fine motor skills. It also develops pukuahuwhenua (diligence) as students have to practise and give constant effort to achieve and be attentive to their body and persistent in learning. The students have been learning a range of movements and static stances and are now using these to create their own gymnastics routine with a group.



#### Year 4 Safari Team

Year 4's have been super blessed to have Mrs Thein-Xie organise a wonton making session for us. We enjoyed wrapping the wontons but the best part of course, was eating them at the end!



#### Year 5-6 WERO White Water Park

The year 5-6 team have been to WERO whitewater park this week where they learned how to safely do river crossings, whitewater rafting and down river floats. This helps build water confidence and prepare for survival situations. It was an exciting adventure for all the students!



### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



### Term 2 & 3 Uniform Expectations:

Kotahitanga value for this term is *pukuahuwhenua* which means diligence.

Our students should all take ownership of this value by wearing our Elim uniform diligently, neatly and correctly.

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.

We are very proud of our school uniform and what we represent. We thank you for continued commitment to school community throughout the school year.

### Leavers form

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 2024, please download a Leavers Form using the link below and email the completed form to <u>enrolments@elim.school.nz</u> by the end of Term 3 - Friday 22nd September 2023.

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

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

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Kelly Club**

See the new information regarding Kelly Club's after school care and holiday programme. Please note that the Holiday Programme will be run at Willowbank Primary School.

#### Weekly Themes:

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Kelly Club Afterschool Care Information**





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#### Bricks4Kidz After School LEGO STEAM Term 3 Programme Information



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