



## Golflands Campus Middle Years Newsletter

### Term 2 Week 9 2021

Kia Ora Golflands Campus Middle Years Whānau

As we reach the end of another dynamic and busy term I would like to acknowledge and thank all the parents and caregivers who support our learning initiatives and who constantly encourage our learners to keep trying, to keep pursuing excellence. To those who deal with failure, to give it a go once more. We learn from failure; we learn from repetition. Results at the end of an assessment or a term include the attitudes to learning and the learning habits. These soft skills are what we hope will develop our students into lifelong learners. This partnership of education is a fascinating one.

To those who attended the **Student Led Conferences** I am sure you found your students' ability to explain their learning most satisfying. Our students have come a long way and we all agree that they have a long way to go. I am confident when I say this on behalf of the teachers, *"We believe in your children, we know they have so much more to achieve. It really is a delight to be a part of their individual journeys."*

At the start of the term, I asked what conversations happen at your table? Taking time to actively listen to your child during a busy schedule is extremely important. Establishing a routine of talk and **listen time** is essential to growing connections in these vibrant teenage years. Do you listen to broadcasts? Podcasts? Do you listen to a Christian Radio station? What have you recently taken time to listen to? **Active listening** is a learning competency that teachers at Elim are constantly trying to encourage and emphasize. In our open spaces this can be difficult. We disallow the general use of earphones and listening to music during learning. We expect silence when we are addressing a group as this is a form of **respect**. Key questions to help direct active listening are: "what did they say?" and "was there a change in the tone of the speaker's voice when they addressed you?". Good listening is a lifelong skill and worth improving.

The end of this term signals the end of a significant teaching journey with Elim Christian College for **Mrs Robyn Powell**. We have enjoyed a 16-year parenthood with her. We will miss your dynamic style Mrs Powell.

The **parent fundraising group** led by Laura Vosloo and Sharlene Sampson hosted a sold-out Movie Fundraiser. Thank you for supporting them. Next term we will feature more details of the fundraising initiatives.



Top photo (from left): Jedida, Emily, Isabella, Bobby-Jean & Rishona.

Bottom photo (from left): Jasper, Gavrie, Anton, Jarrell, Isaiah, Christopher, Joshua, and Oliver.



Each year the **year 9 students** are delighted by the receiving of a pocket New Testament bible from **Gideons International**. Melvin Peters said that he was blessed to have been welcomed so warmly into our school and was really impressed at the authentic gratitude of those receiving this ministry gift. The word of God is alive and true to all who read and seek it. One of my greatest delights is seeing youngsters seek the truth and pursue the truth. **It is the truth manifest in our Lord Jesus Christ that sets us free.** It is that which redeems us and anchors our hearts to an eternal hope and life with him. This is our greatest and most precious hope for all our students here at Elim Christian College.



A lovely candid of these Y9 boys reading their bibles at lunchtime.



On Monday 14th June, several of our Year 9 and 10 students participated in the 2021 Spelling Bee Aotearoa New Zealand. The spelling bee consisted of a written test of 100 words administered by Education Perfect. 50 of these words came from the official Spelling Bee Aotearoa New Zealand Wordlist and the remaining 50 were unseen. We were thrilled to hear that six of our students (Timothy Suresh, Oscar Wong, Caitlyn Chong, Shalom Kim, Chiara Samuel and Roah Cho) were selected as semi-finalists. These students will represent Elim at the regional semi-final to be held in Auckland on 14th August.



*School leaders sharing and having fun and games*



Botany Campus prefects visit The Middle Years Student leaders.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July The Middle Years student leaders enjoyed some frank discussions around the transition to Senior College and life in general at our Botany Campus. The Prefects prayed together, discussed homework strategies and the earnest importance of taking responsibility for tasks that lead to successful assessment submission. Our Senior Head Boy Xavier Kim said that one of the important things about a school leader is to use discernment and not get involved in too many activities that compromise academic achievement. Thank you Mr Stephen Briscoe for bringing the troops to our campus.



*Senior Prefects with Middle Years leaders*

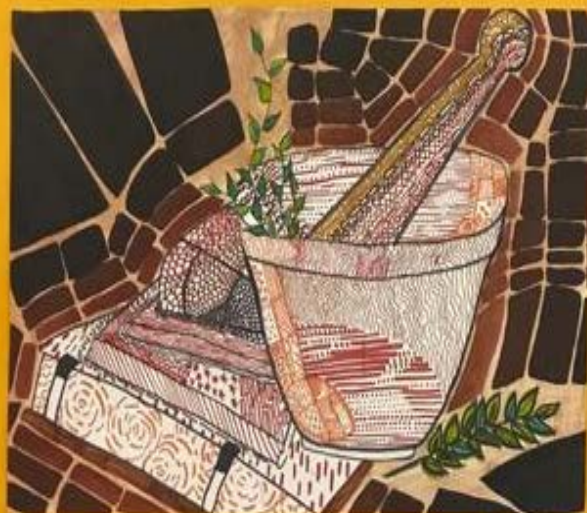
This photo display is the Year 10 Business Studies students hosting their lunchtime product sale. The profit tax of 10% from the event is a donation to World Vision this year.







Year 9/10 Art  
Title: 'African Mask' (2018)  
Medium: Paper, Colours, Pencils, Markers



Year 9/10 Art  
Title: 'Mortar and Pestle' (2018)  
Medium: Paper, Colours, Pencils, Markers



Year 9/10 Art  
Title: 'Teapot' (2018)  
Medium: Paper, Colours, Pencils, Markers



Year 9/10 Art  
Title: 'Abstract Figure' (2018)  
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This is part of our Year 9 Whānau spaces Identity Palm.

**The Auckland Christian Schools netball tournament took place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.** It was quite possibly the coldest, blustериest, wettest day of the year! Well done to over 50 girls who competed.



We are proud of our boys U/17 basketball team who are having a good season – they are coached by Aaron Koh one of our past student. Miss Gibson had this to say of Aaron: 'He is exceptional! And so well-mannered but the perfect balance of control to manage these boys. So impressed with how Aaron has grown!'



Last Y9 Technology class for Semester 1 - We made "Sweet Party Finger foods".



Egg Master chef winners with the Judge Mr MacKenzie.



*Mr Burton addressing a group of parents at the Open Day last week.*

Year 7 and 8 Worship band and Mrs Powell's class leading a Whanau assembly.



### **Sports round up:**

Elim / Sancta Rugby team playing Auckland Grammar we won 61- 0 - Great game boys!



Upcoming dates and events: PLEASE make time to visit our Botany Campus Careers Expo next Monday afternoon.



Invites you to  
**CAREERS EXPO 2021**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**2pm – 5pm**

Elim Christian College

Botany Campus Gymnasium

You are invited to an opportunity not to be missed.  
Middle Years students & whanau are welcome to attend from 3pm  
onwards.



A reminder that **school finishes** for the term on the **9th of July at 3pm**. Term 3 starts on the 26th of July.