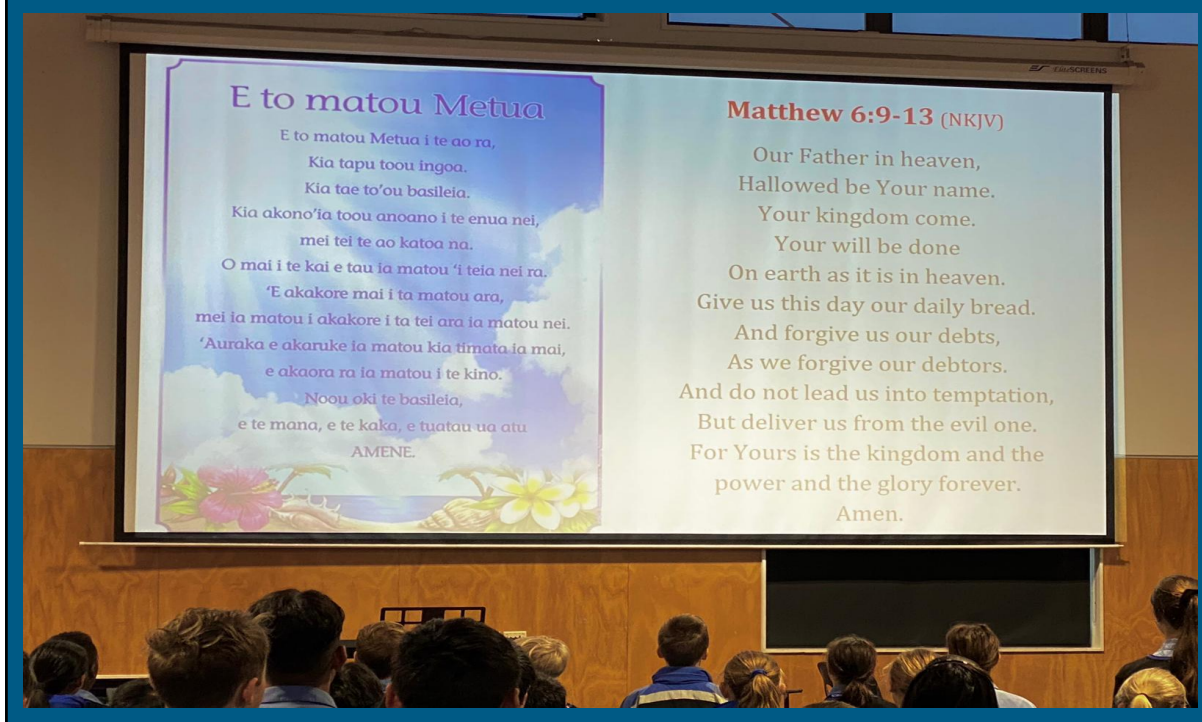


Middle Years newsletter 13th of August 2021



Kia Ora parents, caregivers & whānau.

Can you say the Lord's Prayer in another language? On Friday in assembly we gave it a go in Cook Island Māori. I was privileged in 2010 and again in 2016 to visit Israel. I recall standing in the gardens of the Pater Noster church atop the Mount of Olives and marveled at the embedded long mosaic tiles. The Lord's Prayer is painted in over 140 languages.

Week 3 seems to have flown by. Our activities for learning and participation are vast. I want to highlight a few routines that are appreciated by teachers. Students who **arrive** at school every day on time. Students who pitch up to class **ready** for learning with the correct book and **charged devices**. Students who are always in the **correct uniform** and especially our PE students who always remember to bring the correct **PE uniform**. Students who travel by bus and never leave an item behind. Students who **take their food wrappings home** or those who use the correct bins at school and never leave a mess where they sit at lunchtime. Students and especially our boys who do their best and **avoid kicking balls** at lunchtimes **over the fences**. Well done. Thank you parents who leave early so your children can get to school on time. Thank you for sitting with your child and **coaching them to do their homework**. Finish their reading. Memorise their scripture. Thank you for insisting on devices left in the kitchen or away from their bedrooms so that our students do not get into habits of all nighters online. Thank you for insisting on **good sleep routines**. Please know that these **regular daily routines are important and appreciated by all our teachers**. Do please talk to your child about keeping on with these great habits.

Worship Camp

Worship Workshop Day 6th August 2021

Over one hundred students from all three campuses came together at Eastgate Christian Centre for a day of praise, worship, inspiration and learning on Friday 3 July. The day was led by our Worship leaders Nathan Bird and Angus Grainger. They presented three workshops; leading from the stage, playing your part, and Nashville numbers. Mr Burton shared a message on the posture of worship and Miss Gibson shared a message entitled 'Image Bearers'. Feedback from students was very positive, with one sharing "my highlight was working and having fun with others from other campuses. I also loved worshipping God because He made time for us so we should make time for Him." Students took the opportunity to farewell Worship leader Angus Grainger who leaves Elim to pursue opportunities as a music producer. Thank you Mrs Kerry Ackerman for facilitating this day as a first for our combined campuses.

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Our collective hope is that our students will love learning, love others and love God. That they will remain curious about every aspect of His kingdom that will never end!

Significant Music Achievement in Flute

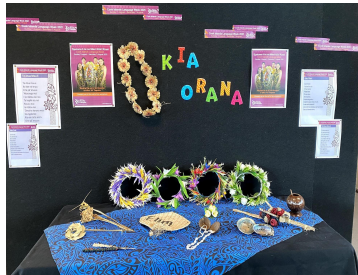
We are so proud of **Sarang Kang** in Year10 for achieving the ABRSM Flute Grade 8 exam which had to be recorded due to Covid. She had to play four songs with no rest between pieces. Her final results were 140/150. That is a distinction for Grade 8. Well done Sarang.



Cook Islands language week celebration

Last Friday we celebrated **Cook Island Language week**. Thank you to parents who donated delicious food items for a very special shared lunch. The Chop Suey and the Banana Poke were finished first - yummy! The Pizza delivery was also a huge treat! I echo Miss Gibson's comment "we value your partnership". We could not do this without you. One of our senior girls, **Joycinda Pakipaki**, delivered an impacting speech on identity and the various challenges and delights of navigating her own journey as Cook Island Māori. She also educated us with a beautiful Cook Island dance item. This gift of beauty and courage was received with joyful applause. Thank you Joycinda.

We are delighted to announce that **Harmon Cornish** once again achieved great results as he represented our school at the Cook Island Speech competition. The standard was extremely high and Harmon achieved a 3rd place with a score of 86%. Harmon went on to deliver this speech later that day at the Ministry of Education offices. Thank you **Judy** for your tireless advocacy and support of Cook Island Identity here at Elim.



Cook Island Language Week Display in our school foyer.

Harmon Cornish presenting his prizewinning speech to the entire MY assembly.



Joycinda Pakipaki performing a traditional Cook Island dance.

Please note these Upcoming dates

24th August: Puberty talk - Year 7 Evening 27-28 August: Chinese and Cultural camp

Farewell to Mrs Ashleigh Booyesen

God bless you and go ahead of you for the safe arrival of your baby girl.

ICAS- Independent Assessments run by Kip McGrath



Our first round of **ICAS exams** started on Thursday 12th August. These examinations are independent of our school programs and awards and are facilitated by Kip McGrath.

Training



Well done to the basketball and hockey teams who train each morning and practice on the top field many afternoons. A big shout out to the coaches and Mr Paul Gray who invest many hours into our students.

PLEASE remember to check the updates in Schoology for sporting events and notices.

Hosanna Week- A chance to be intentional in celebrating love for Jesus

Every day this week we have created intentional spaces for students to connect with each other and with God for Hosanna Week. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Monday:** lunchtime movie watching an episode of 'The Chosen' series
- **Wednesday:** Buddy Tutor classes / Worship focus with guest Jeremy Jacob
- **Thursday:** Pizza and Prayer with a time to share student testimonies (special shout outs to Sam Hills and Dominic Dogger who shared their powerful testimonies so well)
- **Friday:** Combined celebration Y0-10 assembly with guest speaker Pastor Danielle Joynt / Y10 Worship Band set at morning tea / Q&A Panel with Oxygen Youth team.

What a jam packed, Holy Spirit-filled, incredibly powerful week it has been! We never want to forget just how privileged we are to get to do this in our school context.



SCHOOLGY. Access to the Gradebook:

We have now been using our Middle Years **online Gradebook** since late 2019. This has been a massive learning curve for all involved and our Middle Years leadership team remains confident of this system. I want to thank you for your patience and support of myself and the teaching team on this journey.

The Online Gradebook allows teachers to share grades, missed deadlines, incomplete notifications and **curriculum level achievement** with you as work is marked. Small tasks or **formative grades** and larger more comprehensive assignments and assessments or **summative grades** are all important for effective learning at Middle Years. This system allows you to see your child's work and progress as it happens. We no longer need to share mid- year and end of year reports because you have the information available at all times. In **December** your child's gradebook can be **downloaded** as a **complete record of learning**.

Comments in the gradebook show attitudes to learning and relationships as well as the next step in the learning journey.

If you have a question please email me or your child's subject teacher who will respond within 2-3 days.

Mandy Heim, Middle Years Lead