

## Middle Years newsletter 30th of July 2021

Kia ora parents, caregivers & whānau.

Welcome back to those who have returned and a warm welcome to the few new families who have joined the Elim School Whānau. I trust you were able to have some good family refreshment time during the holidays. Next week we welcome Mrs **Zelda Vermeulen** to our teaching team for the remainder of the year. As we start Term 3, we are aware of the demands for the end of year grades, awards, prizes and diligence certificates. Learning and achievement indicators along the curriculum levels continue to be our absolute focus this term. Please let me know if you have not yet accessed your child's grade book in Schoology. We do not issue a traditional report in the Middle Years.

The **record of learning** is downloaded from your child's Schoology account. Further information about the end of year report download will be sent in term 4. Although it happens for a range of reasons, it is not ideal when students have regular incomplete or missing grades.

This is the term to ensure all work, whether it is a quiz, a kōrero (discussion thread) as a formative assessment item or a CAT (common assessment task/ project or test) as a summative assessment at the end of unit grade, needs to be done completely.

**Mrs Christine Earl**, our SENCo lead, recently reminded me of an important truth:

"Quantity time is as important as quality time for our learners."

Staff and students alike are delighted with the new **learning venue signage**. Thank you to our BOT and proprietors who provide us with superb facilities. Here are a few of them:



We are thrilled with the progress of our **Spelling Bee team**. They will be “spelling off” at the semi finals on Monday the 23rd of August at the Q Theater Auckland Centre at 4.30pm. This is a really impressive achievement. Spell Well -have fun: Shalom Kim, Chiara Samuel, Roah Cho, Timothy Suresh, Caitlyn Chong, Oscar Wong.

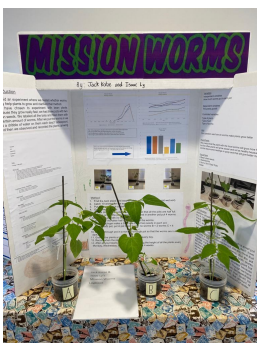
All Middle Years students were invited and challenged to take part in the nationwide Education Perfect English challenge. At the time of typing this newsletter we are in 7th place nationwide. We have three new students who have reached Credit level (Sophie Qi, Alayna Finlay & Jacqui Oh) and Carol Chai has moved up to Bronze. Mrs Bergh has set the Vero/Challenge for ECC students. We have the potential to climb much higher up the rankings. There are a whole range of awards from Credit through to Elite which students can work towards.

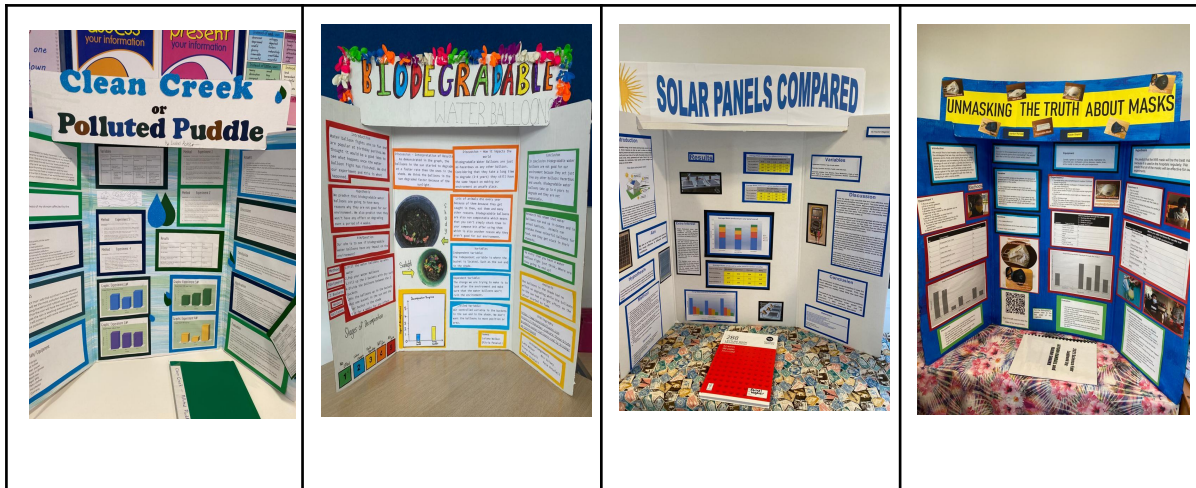
On Wednesday at assembly we celebrated our **sporting achievements** from term 2. Thank you to Mrs Kimberly Borthwick and Mr Paul Gray for their organisation of many teams in a range of sports. We congratulated individual achievement as well as team achievements. **We have over 67% of our Middle Years students involved in a sport.** This is fantastic! Do read the **sports round up** at the end of this newsletter.

It is always a delight when teachers get to see ex Elim students doing well in their chosen career. On Friday we had **Pastor Joshua Singh**, encouraging us with three words. **Purpose. Patterns. Proverbs.** Please ask your child to explain this. World Vision Ambassador Luke thanked one of our WV **fundraising teams and presented** them with an award for their efforts during the 40 hour Famine week. The combined total for the school was \$39,883.33 for people in abject poverty.

<p>Pastor Joshua Singh with from the left; Harmon Cornish, Dominic Dogger, Ethan Henning, Milena Ramos and David Sadiq at the back.</p>			<p>World Vision Ambassador, Luke with the Elim team: Rishona Lal, Isabella Neumann, Kei McNeil, Mathias Zeng, Kayla Goh, Caitlyn Chong, Mr Haworth</p>
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**Y8 Science Fair projects** were on display in the last week of term. Mr Steve Wollaston, Mrs Nicola Voisey and Mrs Angeline Huebert said they were impressed with the range and depth of **student scientific investigations**. Our primary students were able to view the displays. It was really neat to hear our Year 8 students ably explaining each hypothesis as various people visited their Science board. Thank you for supporting your kids to read and research independently. Have you seen the films Flash of Genius and October Sky- two highly recommend family films about science experiments that influenced our world.





**Our Year 10 creative design staging students** have worked diligently to produce **theme walls**. Well done year 10's they look stunning!



**An important request from our office staff:** If you are planning to pick your child up from school during the day, please send a note with the child in the morning, or call the office at least 30 minutes prior to your arrival. This allows our office staff time to collect your child before you arrive. Please be aware that pickups during interval and lunchtime are really difficult because the students are spread throughout the school and this can lead to some frustration if parents or caregivers are in a hurry. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As always I encourage you to embrace the delight of God's holy word with your children. **Galatians 6v9-10** says to never stop doing what is right. Be truthful, show up for instruction, try your best and commit to learning even if failure is encountered along the way.

Kindly,  
**Mandy Heim, B.Prim Ed, B Ed ( Hons) Dip Special Ed**  
**Middle Years Lead**

## **TERM 2 SPORTS REPORT by Mrs Kimberly Borthwick**

Term 2 was a cracker of events! We started the term with our winter season competitions from the first week back. We had many one-day tournaments and an extremely successful week long sports camp in Matamata. A big thank you to all our students for getting involved and our coaches and parents for their continued support and partnership with sports here at Elim. We would not be able to compete in the many tournaments without your incredible support!

Here's a recap of what our students took part in:

### **SOUTH EASTERN ZONE TENNIS**

Our first event was the SEZ Tennis Tournament on Wednesday 5th May. We had a total of 5 students compete in the tournament.

Luca Bland, Ryan Taylor and Jasmine Bonello competed in the singles event and Caleb Driller and Alex Cave in the Boys Doubles event. The students had a wonderful day competing.

Congratulations to Luca Bland who placed 2nd overall for the Boys Singles event.

### **AUCKLAND INTERZONE ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to our Year 7 Girls Team who placed 3rd at the South Eastern Zone Orienteering event at the end of Term 1, qualifying them to compete in the Interzone Auckland Championships.

Eliana Koh, Rachel Wagener, Madeleine Mensah and Claudia Price.

This was held in May, on Kuegler Farm in Bombay. The team did extremely well considering the big leap of difficulty from the previous event at Lloyd Elsmore Park. It was a very well run event, and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. Congratulations girls! Special thanks to Mr Wagener for taking the team.

### **SOUTH EASTERN ZONE BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL**

This year we had teams entered into the Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Boys and a mixed Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Team into the Year 8 Girls SEZ Football Tournaments.

These were held at St Kentigern College. Our Year 8 Boys team made the quarter final, placing 6th overall. Our Year 7 Boys team made it into the Semi-final and placed 4th overall. There were some excellent games won, and students thoroughly enjoyed their day. Well done to all the students who represented Elim.

Special thanks to our Year 10 students coaches for training and preparing the teams in the lead up to the tournament. Cael Samuel and Munashe Zvavahera - Year 8 Team and Sam Molloy and Ethan Spurdle - Year 7 Team.

Also a big thanks to our Senior Students from Botany Campus who helped referee games at the Year 8 Boys Tournament.

## **SOUTH EASTERN ZONE BADMINTON**

We had 8 students compete in the SEZ Badminton Tournament, despite this being held on a TOD. Well done to the students who came in on your day off to represent our school at this event!

Congratulations to our students who competed in:

Boys Singles - Luca Bland & Ethan Money

Girls Singles - Carol Chai & Mia Xi

Boys Doubles - Sam Rickerby & Sam Zeng

Girls Doubles - Sophia Weng & Frea Carnice

Well done to Mia Xu who placed 2nd overall for the Girls Singles event.

## **SOUTH EASTERN ZONE GYMNASTICS**

Well done to our students who competed at the SEZ Gymnastics event on the 11th June. This year we had x4 girls represent Elim in the Y8 Girls Twister Division. Camryn Delpert, Abigail Browne, Shannyn Thyse and Renee Schick. Massive thank you to Mrs Hayley De Jager who trained the team in the lead up to the event.

Colbie De Jager in Year 7 also competed in the Open Junior Advanced Division, and placed 2nd overall. Well done Colbie and a huge congratulations in qualifying to represent our zone by competing at the Auckland Interzone Champions of Championships event later this term. We wish you all the best!



## **ELIM MIDDLE YEARS CROSS COUNTRY**

On the 12th May we held our annual Middle Years Cross Country event. This was a wonderful day and our students ran exceptionally well.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped marshall the course and all those who came out to support the event and cheer on your children running. Special thanks to **Mrs Karen Rickerby** and to **Mr Richard Wagener** who helped set up the course early in the morning and pack down after the event, along with assisting with the running of the event to ensure the success of the day. Also, a massive thank you to the **Rickerby family** for the donation of reels of tape for the event.

Our Year 9 and Year 10 students went on to compete at the Central South Eastern Zone event. Our Year 7 & Year 8 students are preparing for the South Eastern Zone event which is coming up next month.

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the top 3.

### **Elim Cross Country Results**

#### **Year 7 Boys**

1st - Jack Kotze  
2nd- Jayden Hassen  
3rd - Ryan Taylor

#### **Year 7 Girls**

1st - Rachel Wagener  
2nd - Ailidh McKinnon  
3rd - Renee Schick

#### **Year 8 Boys**

1st - Samuel Rickerby  
2nd - Luca Bland  
3rd - Ethan Cope

#### **Year 8 Girls**

1st - Camryn Delpont  
2nd - Hadassah de Ridder  
3rd - Olivia Hoete

#### **Year 9 Boys**

1st - Joshua Lush  
2nd - Gabriel Narayan  
3rd - Gaius Christie

#### **Year 9 Girls**

1st - Jenna Smit  
2nd - Lucy Beale  
3rd - Hannah Chou

#### **Year 10 Boys**

1st - Samuel Molloy  
2nd - Luca Papesch  
3rd - Jonothan Sewell

#### **Year 10 Girls**

1st - Brooklyn Williams  
2nd - Abigail Neumann  
3rd - Samantha Lush



### **CEZ CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to all our Year 9 and 10 students who went on to represent Elim at the Central South Eastern Zone Cross Country event held at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Hannah Chou, Jenna Smit, Gaius Christie  
Samuel Forbes Brown, Keagan Wolsky,  
Luca Papesch, Jonathan Sewell



## **SOUTH EASTERN ZONE TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT**



Seven students represented Elim in the SEZ Table Tennis Tournament at the end of last term.

From Left: Alex Cave, Donovan Reckling, Bayly Dranfield, Caleb Driller, Luca Bland, Luca Holmes, Carol Chai.

These students had a great day competing.

Congratulations to Carol Chai who placed 2nd in her group.

## **AUCKLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT**

This year we had a total of 13 teams from across all 3 campuses competing in the Auckland Christian Schools Netball Tournament, held at the Howick Pakuranga Netball Courts. Four of these teams were from our Golflands Middle Years Campus.

Special thanks to our wonderful ex students and parent volunteers who assisted with umpiring and management of teams. Also a big thank you to our current students who helped with umpiring and assisting with the running of the event. It is a big event to run each year and it would not have been possible to provide the opportunity for so many teams to compete without the support.

We had a total of 36 teams playing from across the Auckland Christian Schools Cluster, from Year 5 - Year 13. It was a wonderful day and the girls played exceptionally well regardless of the constantly changing wild weather. There was some great competition, and plenty of talent displayed throughout the day.

Congratulations to all our teams who participated and well done to those who placed in the top 3.

2nd Place - Y7/8 Elim Eagles

3rd Place - Y7/8 Elim Diamonds

1st Place - Y9/10 Elim Saints



### **AUCKLAND GYMSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On Thursday 17th June, we had 3 students representing Elim at the Auckland Gymsports Championships.

Jenna Smit (Y9), Micah-Rose Galway (Y9) both competed in Artistic Gymnastics and Briana Hall (Y12) in Tumbling.

Well done to all 3 girls who competed.

Congratulations to Micah-Rose who placed 2nd in Step 4 division and Jenna Smit placing 4th in the Step 6 division.



### **AUCKLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS 7 A SIDE MIXED FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

We were very excited to be able to send teams to represent Elim at the ACS Football Tournament in Term 2.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the tournament for the past 3 years was unable to go ahead. This year, there was no interference and our students were extremely excited to be able to play. Despite the weather our students had a wonderful day and represented our school exceptionally.



There were 4 teams entered from our Golflands Middle Years Campus and we had a number of our Year 10 students attend as referees for the day. Thank you so much to these students for volunteering to give up their day to referee our teams!

Cael Samuel, Ethan Spurdle, Noah Milne, Noah Willis, Chad Anderson, Munashe Zvavahera, Micah Guyan

Also a big thank you to our parent helpers who attended for the day to manage our teams.

Congratulations to all 4 of our teams who placed in the top 3. It made for an exciting final of Elim v Elim.

7/8 Eagles = 1<sup>st</sup> Place                      9/10 Royals = 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Y7/8 Comets = 2<sup>nd</sup> Place                  9/10 Saints = 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



## **SPORTS CAMP**

Sports camp, as always, is a highlight of the year for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. From the 14th - 18th June, we took a group of 37 Year 7 & 8 students to represent Elim at the Combined Sports Camp for 2021. Each year we take a team down to Totara Springs Christian Camp, Matamata to compete against a number of other schools for the week in a wide variety of sports.

This year we had a record number of students trial for the team, which was very exciting to see. Thank you to everyone who trialed.

The team spent 6 weeks in the lead up to camp training for their sports during lunchtimes, along with our chant for the annual cheer competition. This is a full on week, filled with sports, sports and more sports! It's an amazing opportunity for students and often remains a highlight over their school years. Our team this year was nothing short of exceptional in the way they displayed themselves on and off the field/court and towards other teams. They put everything they had into their games and it paid off! We are extremely proud of our team.

They placed 2nd overall by only .5 of a point! It was extremely close and the team can be extremely proud of themselves and their achievements.

**Results:**

**Runner up:** Triathlon, Mini Golf, Boys Table Tennis, Petanque, Darts, Chess, Caged Soccer, Boys Volleyball and Netball

**1st Place:** Girls Indoor Soccer, Wallball, Human Foosball, 1st = Softball – with Te Rapa, Tennis, Boys Indoor Soccer, Boys Hockey and Boys Basketball

A massive thank you to our parent support for the week. Whether you came down to support for the whole week, or just visited for the day. Was awesome to have you down there to cheer the team on.



**SOUTH EASTERN ZONE BOYS & GIRLS HOCKEY**

Congratulations to our teams who played in the SEZ Boys & Girls Hockey Tournaments on the 22nd and 24th June. This was held at Lloyd Elsmore Hockey Fields where students competed against other local schools within our zone.

Thanks to our Y10 students who coached them in the lead up to the tournament. Keagan Wolsky, Zach Stone and Abigail Neumann.

**WINTER SPORTS SEASON UPDATE**

We have had a number of sports teams competing in a range of codes over the past term and they are now over halfway through the season with the remainder of the competition wrapping up this term. We wish all our teams the very best for the remainder of your season!

Below is an update for the sports that have completed their season competition at the end of Term 2.

Congratulations to our Badminton teams. We had 3 teams competing in the East Auckland Secondary Schools Competition, playing at Lloyd Elsmore Badminton and Li-Ning Badminton Centres.

Well done to our Elim B1 and Elim B2 teams who had an exciting final against each other to battle out final placings of the B grade. Congratulations to our Elim B1 team who placed 1st.

Our Table Tennis teams have also done well. Our C1 Team placed 1st in C Grade, and D1 Team placed 2nd in the D Grade. Both teams have qualified for the Auckland Table Tennis Team Championships, later this term. Well done and we wish you all the best for the tournament.

We also had an 8 aside Girls Hockey team playing in the Auckland Hockey competition. They have been training weekly, with our Boys team under the excellent coaching of Mrs Jane Stone. The team placed 3rd in an exciting final against Sancta Maria College. Well done girls!! Thank you to Mrs Bronwyn Neumann and Mrs Ruth Beale for managing the team over the season. And now we wish these teams all the best for the Term 3 competition.

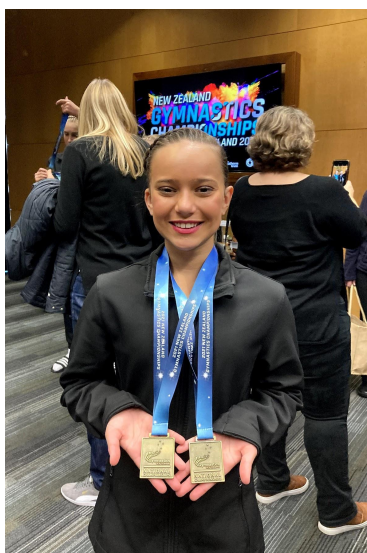
## **CELEBRATING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

We love to celebrate your children's successes and hear what they have been up to with their sports. If your child has been involved in a sports competition outside of school and has something to celebrate, please email through the details and any pictures so we can celebrate with them! You can email this to [sport@elim.school.nz](mailto:sport@elim.school.nz)

## **GYMNASTICS**

Over the school holidays Jenna Smit (Y9) Duncan Ramsey (Y10) and Colbie de Jager (Y7) compete in the 2021 NZ Artistic Gymnastics Championships.

Jenna Smit represented Gymsport Manukau in the Artistic Team at the event. The team placed 4th overall! Well done Jenna!



Also, congratulations to Colbie de Jager who represented Auckland. She achieved 1st in Beam, 2nd Vault and 3rd overall. She also achieved a PB for the season!

Well done Colbie, congratulations on such fantastic results.

Duncan Ramsey competed in Level 7 Gymnastics Championships and achieved 21st overall. His best placing was 8th on the high bar. The school is incredibly proud of him at 14 competing with people twice his age.

These students train extremely hard at their chosen events, and we are super proud of you and all your accomplishments.



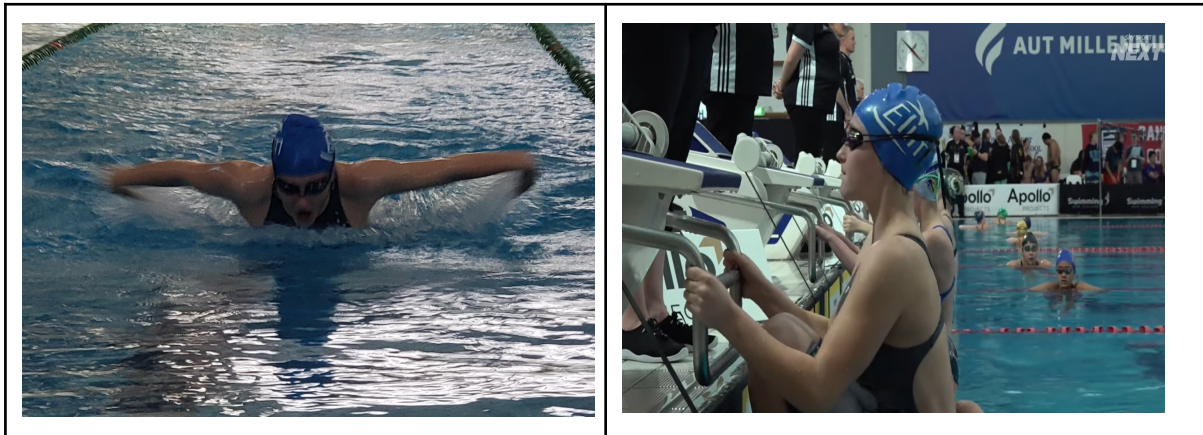
Aerobic Gymnast Camryn Delpport competed in the National Aerobics Championships also held over the holidays. She achieved 1st place in the Aerodance and 1st place in the aerobics pairs division. She placed 4th overall.

### **BADMINTON**

Mia Xu represented the Lloyd Elsmore Badminton Centre in the Auckland U15 team at the NZ National Junior Badminton Championship held in Palmerston North over the school holidays. Her team placed 2nd overall. Well done Mia, congratulations on these results.

### **SWIMMING**

Analiah Palmer (Y9) represented Elim Christian College in the NZ Secondary Schools Championships held at National Aquatic Centre in Auckland over the 22nd - 25th July. She competed in the female under 13 , 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke and achieved PB's in all 3 events. We are extremely proud of your achievements and to have you represent our school. Well done Analiah!



### **FOOTBALL**

Cael Samuel (Y10) is one of our very talented football players! He has been developing his skills over a number of years and putting long hours into his training, fitness and development. He is doing exceptionally well and is taking up all the opportunities presented to him this season.

He plays for Bucklands Beach Football Club in 2 of their top football teams, which include under 15's and under 17's.

The Under 15's Bucklands Beach team have been excelling this season. At a number of the U15's games, there has been the All Whites Under 17 scout present.

Cael has been selected 3 times now to attend the Regional Talent Centre. This is a 3 day camp run by the U17's NZ Coach Martin Bullock at the QBE Stadium on the North Shore. There are a number of high profile coaches who take the players through development training and fitness tests. They also play games against previous years teams. Talent Scouts attend games of U15 grades from all over Auckland and only 20 students are selected each time to attend the camp. They are run throughout the year, and each time players work hard to retain their spot to be selected for the next camp. Cael has just received news he has been accepted into the next camp. Congratulations!

Cael's goal is to be invited to the National training camp, where players are selected through these Regional Camps. From this camp players are selected to represent New Zealand in the U17 World Cup in 2023.

Cael has also had the exciting opportunity in his Under 15 team to play against the NZ All White Ferns women's team as part of their preparation in the lead up to the Olympics.

Earlier last term Cael trialed for the U16 Futsal team and was selected to represent Northern Region Football Auckland in the NZ Youth Futsal Championships Tournament held in Wellington between 17-19th July. The team played well and ended up 5th out of 12 teams.

Cael is very motivated and determined; and puts in a lot of hard work. He trains twice a week with the U15's team and once a week with the U17's team. He plays games on the Weekend and on his "off" days he works on his fitness by running 70 minutes on the treadmill and works on doing more technical skills and speed training.

Well done Cael on all the opportunities you have worked extremely hard for. We are excited to watch the space ahead as you continue to pursue your football aspirations.

