



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,  
What a wonderful start of Term 2 we have had. In our first Kotahitanga assembly for the term, our sports coordinator extraordinaire, Mrs Borthwick, held a Celebrations Assembly to celebrate all students who have represented Elim Christian College in sports during Term 1. It was great to see so many students being recognised for their participation and excellence in this area of school. Ka Pai to everyone who was involved with sports in Term 1. As always we encourage students and whānau to get involved with the sports and activities we offer at school, there are many more opportunities for Term 2.

Our exciting Inflatables Day Fundraiser is powering on, and anticipation for the big day next Friday is building.

Its wonderful seeing all the donations flying in, we're about to pass the \$25,000 mark! These donations are going to help the Golfland Campus start some great projects around the school. We're looking forward to some tree planting and playground upgrades for all. If you are able to help out on the day, please fill out the google form which I have added a link to on page 2 of this newsletter.

As well as the countdown for the Inflatables Day next week, our Year 10's are also counting down the days to Co-Req week.

The Co-Req examinations start on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> May, there is another exam on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, and also Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The exams are in the morning of each day, and regular classes continue for the Y10's afterwards. However, Thursday is an at home study day for the third exam which is the Literacy Writing Exam. Students have a variety of revision activities which they can do at home. This is a great chance for students to learn diligence and self-management. Skills which will be essential for them when they start Year 11.

I pray that you have a restful weekend, and pray a special blessing over all of the Mothers out there - have a wonderful Mothers Day on Sunday, thank you for everything you do!

God bless,

Ngā mihi nui  
Mr Michael McKenzie  
Deputy Principal

### TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Obstacle Fun Day Fundraiser**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Y10 Co-Requisite Examinations**

**Literacy Reading:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

**Numeracy:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Y10 Home learning day - 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Literacy Writing:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

#### **Middle Years Cross Country**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May (save date in case of rain on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>)

#### **King's Birthday - Public Holiday**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### **SECKA Teacher Only Day**

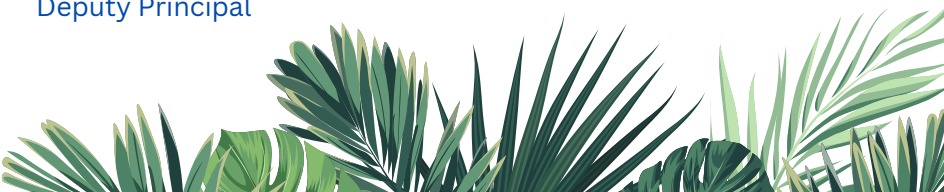
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
(School closed for students)

#### **Matariki - Public Holiday**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

#### **NZACS Teacher Only Day**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
(School closed for students)



# WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MIDDLE YEARS

## MR. JOHNSTONES FAREWELL

This morning we held our farewell assembly for our Assistant Principal Mr Gary Johnstone. Mr Johnstone has been a part of the school for the last 20 years. It was a pleasure to celebrate him and all he has done for the school.

I have had the pleasure of not only being Mr Johnstone's student, all the way back when he taught me Year 13 Statistics, but I have also been mentored by him as a beginner teacher and grown under his care and wisdom as a colleague. With over 50 years of teaching experience, he has been a fountain of knowledge for us at Elim. His passion for nature and the outdoors has helped Elim start our Duke of Edinburgh programme. He's entertained us with songs in assemblies, many dad jokes and even brought some lambs to school!

But the thing which stands out the most is his passion for the Word of God and for his Saviour. His devotions are always deep and meaningful, but personal and encouraging.

We cannot thank you enough for everything that you have done for us.

God bless you in this exciting next stage Mr. Johnstone!



## INFLATABLES DAY FUNDRAISER

Our incredible school fundraiser is well underway, it's so fun seeing all our Golfland Campus students get into the fundraising spirit to help improve our school facilities.

This week we had the first spot prize draw, thanks to the amazing effort of our ARISE PTA helpers. They were able to get some fabulous prizes for students to win; sports equipment, clothes, books, and so many vouchers for places like Gong Cha, U Sushi and the movies! Chris Chen won our big spot prize of a Vector Wero Whitewater park experience.

The criteria for getting in the draw this week was easy - just sign up! The challenge to enter the draw for spot prizes next week is to get a donation on your account.

It's all shaping up to be a wonderful day next Friday at the Inflatable day. The Junior Years will have their turn on the Inflatable challenges in the morning and the Middle Years will be smashing through them in the afternoon.

If you have Police Vetting and are able to help, out on the day, [please fill out this google form](#) and our ARISE PTA team will [get in contact with you.](#)



**Elim Christian College  
Obstacle Fun Day**

**Totals and Leaderboards**



# WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MIDDLE YEARS

## Y9 MPT MASTERCHEF

On Thursday the Y9 MPT class had their Masterchef challenge. The theme for their creation was 'A Balanced Meal'.

With the task at hand, each group of students had to decide on a meal that they would present to their judges. (We love it when Mrs Snook asks us if we'd like to be Judges for anything involving food in her classes!) Students planned their meal, sent through their grocery lists and started prepping for the 2 period cook off.

The Food Tech Room was a buzz of activity as the teams worked to make some amazing, mouth watering creations, and even had a chance to perfect their plating up skills.

Fried chicken burgers, Meatballs, Nachos, Sliders with chips and Salad, burritos and some delicious brioche bun burgers - the judges basically had to roll out of the room after tasting all of the exceptional meals. One Judge even commented that they would happily have paid for any of the burgers if they went out to a burger restaurant.

It looks like we definitely have some Chefs in the making at the Middle Years. If your child is in a Year 9 MPT class - dinner should be on them this weekend! Thank you Mrs Snook for everything you do to inspire our students.





# STUDENTS ON SITE AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

We have a wonderful range of sports trainings happening after school on most days of the week.

If your child is involved in one of these trainings the coaches on site will be there to look after them for their training. Please note however, that siblings of children who are involved in afterschool activities are not to be left unattended on the school site. This is a major safety concern.

Any student who is not involved in afterschool activities should be picked up from the school by 3:30pm.

Thank you for your understanding.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE START OF TERM

- 1) EMAIL ADDRESS: If parents want to contact school please use [golflands@elim.school.nz](mailto:golflands@elim.school.nz)
- 2) ABSENCE FORM: If your child is going to be away/late or you want to pick them up early, please fill in the Absence Form found on our Elim Christian College Website - DO NOT email or message a teacher to say your child is going to be away.
- 3) MEDICINE: No medicine should be stored in school bag, except for inhalers in the Middle Years. Please bring all medicine/tablets to the office for safe keeping. If a child needs to take medicine at a certain time of day, please see Mrs Bishop in the office and she will make sure it will be given to them at the right time.
- 4) OFFICE: Parents who come on site during the day must come through the office to get a Parent Pass - please do not head straight up to your child's class during school hours.

1. 电子邮件地址：如果家长想要联系学校，请发邮件到 [golfland@elim.school.nz](mailto:golfland@elim.school.nz)。
2. 请假：如果您的孩子需要缺席、迟到或提前离校，请填写学校网站上的请假表。请不要发送电子邮件或短信给老师通知孩子缺席。
3. 药物管理：学生不得在书包里存放任何药物。请将所有药物、哮喘吸入器或药片交到学校办公室保管。如果孩子需要在特定时间服药，请联系办公室的 Mrs. Bishop，她会确保孩子按时服药。
4. 学校办公室：家长进入学校时，必须先到办公室领取黄色的家长通行证（parent pass），不得在上课时间直接前往孩子的教室。

1. 이메일 주소: 학부모님께서 학교에 연락하시려면 [golflands@elim.school.nz](mailto:golflands@elim.school.nz) 이메일을 이용해 주세요.
2. 결석 신고서: 자녀가 결석하거나 지각할 예정이거나 일찍 하교를 원하실 경우, Elim Christian College 웹사이트에서 결석 신고서를 (Absence Form) 작성해 주세요. 교사에게 이메일이나 메시지를 보내 자녀의 결석을 알리지 마세요.
3. 의약품: Inhaler 제외한 모든 약은 학교 가방에 보관할 수 없습니다.
  - 모든 약품/정제는 사무실에 맡겨 안전하게 보관해 주세요.
  - 특정 시간에 약을 복용해야 하는 경우, 사무실의 Mrs. Bishop을 찾아가 주 세요. Mrs. Bishop이 정확한 시간에 약을 복용할 수 있도록 도와드립니다.
4. 사무실 방문:
  - 학부모님께서서는 사무실을 통해 "학부모 출입증" (Parent Pass) 을 받아야 합니다.
  - 학교 시간 중에는 곧바로 자녀의 교실로 가시면 안 됩니다.



# STEPPED ATTENDANCE LETTERS (STAR)

As you may be aware, the New Zealand government has set the target for schools to reach an attendance rate of 80% attendance for students - 90% of each term by the year 2030, nationwide.

As part of this response, the school is responsible for carefully tracking attendance and informing families about absence rates. One guideline from the government for schools to do this is by Stepped Attendance Response Letters.

A stepped attendance letter informs a family that the school is aware that a student has reached a certain level of absence. The letter also has various suggestions of steps forward. The ministry has requested a letter to be sent to a family when a child has had 5, 10 and 15 days absence during a term.

Please note that these letters are automatically sent out from our student management system once your child has reached one of their absence thresholds.

If you have informed the school of absences, for whatever reason, our student management system will count it towards the absence tally.

The government is very clear about what is considered an Explained (Justified) absence and an Explained (Unjustified) absence, however any absence from school is likely to impact a student's learning progress.

If students are missing school due to frequent medical absences, a member of our Senior Leadership will make contact with parents / caregivers. Our aim is to offer assistance, if required, to ensure there are no barriers to your child returning to school.

As stated in the STAR emails, attendance has a direct impact on achievement and engagement at school. As a school, it is our responsibility to ensure that we are doing everything we can to make sure our students are thriving in their academic journey.

To achieve at school, students need to be at school, and as a school, we are committed to working with your family and your child.

## Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences



### GOOD

Good chance of success

### WORRYING

Less chance of success

### CONCERNING

Hard to make progress

### SERIOUS CONCERN

Very hard to make progress

#### Step Progression:

less than 5 days absent in that term

#### Step Progression:

less than 10 days absent in that term

#### Step Progression:

less than 15 days absent in that term



 Elim Christian College

# Our Obstacle Fun Day is BACK!

## Friday 16th May

Sign up now and win amazing prizes!

Collect sponsorship to improve our playground and outdoor spaces for both junior and middle years

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<https://elimchristiancollegeobstaclefun.raiseit.co.nz>



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# ARISE

## Parents in Prayer

### *Tuesdays @*

### 8:40am Botany cafeteria

### 2:30pm Golflands courtyard

### *Come join our team!*



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YOUR  
JOURNEY**

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The award will help your CV stand out.

#### **Step out & Explore**

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#### **Improve Wellbeing**

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