



# A FUTURE & A HOPE

## GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Whānau and caregivers,

We are over half way through the final term for 2025, and things are going to get busy very quickly! Please make sure you take a look at all the key dates in the Term 4 Upcoming events to the right.

Of particular importance would be our Middle Years end of year Prizegiving which will be happening on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Golfland Campus Hall. This will be a wonderful time of celebrating the hard work of our Middle Years students.

I would also like to amend the date of the Year 10 last day of term. In our previous newsletters this was advertised as Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, however we will be keeping their last day of school the same as all other students, Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. On this last day of term the Year 9's and 10's will be celebrated and congratulated on completing their time at the Middle Years.

We are very much looking forward to all of these end of year events.

In this newsletter we highlight some of the awesome sports that we have been doing lately. Mrs Kim Borthwick and our staff and parent helpers have been doing a wonderful job in getting us involved with some great sporting events.

Next Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> November, we will be having a sporting celebration assembly for the Middle Years. In this assembly we will celebrate our sports teams that have competed in day events as well as seasonal teams.

Our sporting awards for the various team and individual sports we have competed in this year will also be handed out during our Service and Certificate affirmation assemblies to recognise the top sportsmen and women for each sport.

Premier sporting awards and cups will still be handed out in the end of year assembly.

A final reminder that Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November is our rescheduled Middle Years Athletics. We look forward to a day being active and challenging ourselves in all the events.

Have a wonderful weekend and God bless,

Ngā mihi nui  
Mr Michael McKenzie  
Deputy Principal

### TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Middle Years Sports Celebration Assembly**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

#### **Middle Years Athletics**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Year 8 Tiritiri Matangi trip**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November (this is to cover the trip which was postponed last term)

#### **Year 7 Zoo Trip**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

#### **Service and Certificate Affirmation Assembly**

Y9/10 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Y7/8 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

#### **Year 10 Camp**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Year 9 Fun Day**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Middle Years Prizegiving**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Golfland Campus Hall

6:30pm

#### **Last Day of Term 4 for Y1-10**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Please note correction from the previous newsletter, Year 10 will be finishing on the same day as the other years. Not the Wednesday as previously stated.

# WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE YEARS

## Sports in the Middle Years

### SEZ Girls' Touch Rugby Tournament

The Year 8 Girls' Touch Rugby Tournament on Friday, 7th November tested every player. An initial draw against St. Johns Catholic School helped the team gain confidence in the beginning, but a combination of an extremely hot day, firm referee calls and well-trained teams made for some close but unfortunate losses for our team. Thankfully, our playoff game towards the end of the day brought a win for the girls, who worked extremely hard to endure the heat and fatigue. Special mention to Ciara Bailey and Braelee Morales, who kept up consistent energy throughout the last game, both scoring break-away tries. Even though our team didn't place high, we remained for the Prize Giving to celebrate the other schools' wins.

Mr John Caetano



### SEZ Girls' Cricket Tournament

With a mix of excitement and nerves, our team arrived at the SEZ Girls' Cricket Tournament ready to take on the challenge ahead. We knew we were facing some tough competition—many of the players from other schools play cricket every Saturday—but our enthusiasm and team spirit were high. Our first game against Somerville got the day off to a solid start. We scored an impressive 67 runs, though we had 30 runs deducted for ten “outs” (each bowled or caught out costing us three runs). Somerville finished on 91 runs, taking the win, but the experience gave us valuable lessons and boosted our confidence for the matches ahead.

Next up was Bucklands Beach Intermediate. We batted first and posted 74 runs. Thanks to some outstanding fielding and bowling, the scores were tied with one ball remaining. In a nail-biting finish, Bucklands Beach managed to hit the winning run—but we proved to ourselves that we could be competitive against strong teams.

Across our remaining three games, we were treated to some powerful batting displays from our top hitters and saw our bowlers claim several wickets through great accuracy and persistence. It was a fantastic day of cricket, teamwork, and learning for everyone involved. A huge thank-you to our supportive parents who came along to cheer us on—your encouragement made all the difference!

Mr Nigel Davis

## Ki o Rahi Junior Championships

This term we entered the Auckland Junior (Y9 and 10) Ki O Rahi tournament for the first time as Elim Christian College. We were excited to take two teams of sixteen students. Our girls team enjoyed playing in a girls only division, and the mixed team enjoyed a draw vs Western Springs and a win against Ormiston Junior. Ki O Rahi is a Te Aō Māori game played on a circular field, centred around the tupu in the centre of the circle. It involves elements of ripper rugby, throwing, catching, speed and agility. We are proud of how the group conducted themselves on the day. Thank you to Mrs Borthwick and Mr Troy Renata-Paul who accompanied us on the day.

Mr Shane Froud



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE YEARS

## Year 9 and 10 Taster Day and Orientation at Botany Campus

Every year we hold a Y10 Taster day for students to go spend time at the Botany Campus ahead of their transition to that campus in the following year.

With the growth plan in full swing, and our Year 9's now moving to the Botany Campus as Year 10's next year, we made sure to do a double day where all Year 9 and 10 students had the chance to go over and experience what the senior years at Elim Christian College will be like.

With our Y11 - 13 students off on Exam leave, it makes for a great time when students can roam around the campus and get familiar with it.

It is also a wonderful time for them to hear from many of the staff and leaders at the Botany Campus, as well as experience what some of the classes there will be like.

The day started off with Worship in the Auditorium. Following this students went on rotations through some exciting class experiences to get them ready for 2026.

Students got to do experiments with dry ice in our science laboratories, and got a taste of what one of their option subjects will be like. The option classes which they got a preview for were Geography, History, DVC (Digital and Visual communication) and Visual Art. The Botany Campus Oasis cafe was also open for students to grab an ice cold frappe!

Take a look at some of the snapshots from the day below.



# Y10 CAMP - PARENT HELPERS

Excitement is beginning to build for our Year 10 camp in Week 9 of Term 4.

To run an effective and cost efficient camp, we rely on the help of parents. If you are willing and able to join the Year 10 camp on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we would be hugely grateful.

If you are able to, please let myself or Mrs Connell know. One requirement is that you need to have police vetting done with the school (current police vetting at other organisations does not count). The reception team will be able to help you with the process, feel free to pop in to see them with your drivers licence and passport and they can assist you in getting it sorted.

And for you Year 9's - don't worry there will still be a Year 10 camp for you next year at the Botany Campus!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

A gentle reminder to our families;

Please help us keep our school grounds safe for everyone. We kindly ask that you do not use the staff carpark for dropping off or picking up students, as this area is reserved for our staff.

Also, please remember to keep the bus lane clear at all times. This is essential for ensuring our school buses can safely and efficiently pick up and drop off students. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us ensure a safe environment for all our children.

## SUMMER UNIFORM - HATS

As Term 4 approaches a reminder that all students need to be wearing the regulation school hat if they are playing out in the sun at lunchtime.

The regulation school hat can be purchased from John Russell Schoolwear in Howick for \$16.

<https://shop.johnrussellschoolwear.co.nz/shop/product/elim-middle-cap/>

Students will be required to wear this hat on the field or courts during lunchtime in Term 4 (and Term 1 2026).

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

*Reminder!*

- Please read through the Student Handbook which contains lots of useful information for both parents and students about uniform, absence protocols, traffic, etc.

<https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook>

# Message from Counselling Sept 2025

This seems to be a time of the year where assessments and grades are at the forefront of teachers' and parents' minds. Let's have a look at a healthy approach to the pressure that comes with the pursuit of academic achievement and growth.

## Process vs Outcome goals

We do not have control over outcomes. We do have control over our habits. Goal setting that is outcome oriented can leave us deflated, disappointed and disempowered. Goal setting that is habit focused is encouraging and empowering. It celebrates the journey rather than the destination. It directs us to what we have control over rather than what we do not have control over.

Examples of Outcome goals are: getting Merit on all my assessments, or getting "Above Expectation" on everything.

Examples of Habit goals are:

- Keeping a homework diary
- Persevering (giving it an extra 10 minutes) when I face a tough problem and feel like giving up
- Pray when anxious about my work
- Completing my homework before going on social media each day
- Weekly review and summary of new concepts learnt (mind map/paragraph)
- Checking I understand everything I learn each week
- Ask more questions when I don't understand (ask friends/teacher for help)
- Use the pomodoro technique for studying
- Draw up a Glossary of terms as I learn- building vocab in a subject
- Identifying things that distract me when I am trying to concentrate or work and making a plan to minimise the distraction.
- Asking for feedback on submitted work from teachers
- Talk to my parents/caregiver about my habits and let them know how they can support me.

Can I encourage you to look over this list with your child, add to it, get them to choose a couple of habit goals to work on and let's collectively resist the urge to focus on the grades alone, on the outcome goals that are outside of their control. When I used to be a teacher in the classroom and hand out reports to students at the end of term, I would say something like this to them "School only measures what school can measure- this report is a helpful reflection on part of your life, not all of your life. Bear that in mind whether you have done well or not. Celebrate success with humility and perspective, and take the failures as feedback - don't allow it to define you".



# IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS



 **No Adults Permitted**   
**in Students' Toilets - Strictly  
for Student Use Only**

 **成人禁止进入**   
**学生厕所 — 仅限学生使用**

**ARISE PARENTS IN PRAYER**

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Parents in Prayer

*Tuesdays @*

**8:40am Botany cafeteria**

**2:30pm Golflands courtyard**

*Come join our team!*

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