



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome to the new school year! A warm and special welcome to the many new families who are joining us. We hope you have had a good time with your whānau enjoying summer in this beautiful country. I also trust that you were able to celebrate the uniqueness of Aotearoa New Zealand and the blessings of Waitangi Day. May we be people who bring healing and subdue anger. May we as Christians be people who listen and work toward solutions. This is a gift that will bless future generations.

Elim Christian College represents something bigger than simply a great school. Our Middle Years site is a living stone of faithfulness and visionary hope. Hope that those whose labored almost 3 decades ago longed to see. I, along with a handful of long-serving staff witnessed the first sod of land being turned when the ground we are located on, was simply a large open field. Our building was prayed for and it is always special for me to see some early photos that remind me of just how far we have come.

Zechariah 4v10 reminds us *'not to despise the day of small beginnings'*. This scripture speaks to us this month. Our new young students take baby steps in their agency; in their learning responsibility. Many may feel overwhelmed nervous, scared, or even detached at the start of the school year. With the support and cheerleading of their teachers and family, they will slowly make progress toward independence.

Thank you for partnering with us and for choosing to trust us in this learning partnership. I look forward along with all teaching staff to seeing you all at the Meet the Teacher evening later this month.

You will receive an email this week with details and a password to sign up for Schoology. Please make this a priority. You will also need to join the parent group on Schoology. This group is a quick-fire information and communication feed that we will use even more this year. As always if there are any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to message your child's tutor teacher, the head of learning, a whānau leader, or myself.

Elim Māori parents Hui: Nau Mai, Haere mai- Mr. Burton, and the Golfands leadership team warmly invite you to join us for our first Hui in the staffroom on Wednesday, 6th March 6 pm - 8 pm. Invitations and further details will be sent out soon.

If any parents can coach or manage sports teams, Mrs Kimberly Borthwick would love to hear from you. Please make contact with Kim. kim.borthwick@elim.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui,
Mrs Mandy Heim
Deputy Principal

Upcoming events :

- Monday 12th February - Instruments expo for students (and parents) wanting to sign up for extra music tuition- this is a paid activity.
- Friday 16th February - Photolife Portrait Photos
- Wednesday 21st February - Meet the teacher evening - 6.30 pm in the gym hall
- 23rd February - 8.45 am-9.15 am Farewell assembly for short-term International students
- Monday 11th March- 13th March - Year 7 Camp
- Wednesday 6th March Elim Māori parents Hui 6 pm -8 pm, Golfands Staffroom
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This drone photo was taken by a Year 10 student last year. It is a great way to see the state-of-the-art facilities we have. Many parents raised a significant amount of money to fund our brightly colored shade umbrellas. One of the first messages this week at assembly is RESPECT. Respect for God, Respect for others, and respect for property. Please invest in this message with your child at home.



Key school leaders in our Middle Years:

Your child's **tutor teacher** is the first contact for day-to-day information. Please be sure to join us for the Meet the Teacher meeting on Wednesday 21st February from 6.30 pm in the gym hall.



Middle Years Assistant Lead
(Care and Culture)
- **Mr Loubser**

Middle Years Assistant Lead
(Curriculum)
- **Mr Bergh**



If you have questions about curriculum

Middle Years School Curriculum Leads



Head of Learning (7-8) - **Mrs Burgess**



Head of Learning (9-10)
- **Mrs Bergh**

Middle Years School Whānau Leaders



Year 7
Mrs Snook



Year 8
Mr Hutchinson



Year 9
Mr Gray



Year 10
Miss Gibson

Important administration requests:

- If your child is going to be away (holiday), is sick, or will be dropped off late or picked up early. Parents /caregivers must please fill in the ABSENCE FORM - which can be found on our School Website: https://www.elim.school.nz/absence_form/
- No Medication is to be held in school bags
 - No panadol, antibiotics, neuropen, antihistamines should be kept by a student - all medication needs to be handed into the office and held in our locked cupboard. If a student needs any medication then they need to go to the office. (The only exception is Asthma Inhalers which Year 7-10 can keep in their school bags)

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Refer to the school website for requirements and further information than what's provided here: <https://www.elim.school.nz/uniform/>

Please note:

- Short-sleeved formal shirts must be worn in Terms 1/4.
- Year 7-10 students must wear a regulation uniform sun hat in Terms 1 and 4, when outside. No hat -No play. Students will be required to stay under the shade of the veranda on days that they do not have a hat.
- Sandals may only be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Shoes and socks may be worn all year round.
- **When hair touches the collar, it needs to be fully tied up and back.** Hair for boys must not reach the collar and must be off the face at all times. If it is tied up, a single black hair tie is permitted.
- No outlandish hairstyles are permitted and no nail or hair extensions are permitted. No exceptions.
- Girls' skirts must be knee length- when seated the skirt is on the knee.
- Single small loops or plain studs can be worn in ear lobes only. Apart from a watch, **no other jewelry is permitted.**
- Appropriate Taonga may be worn, we acknowledge and celebrate the cultural significance of Taonga worn by students.
- No religious symbols need to be worn.
- Further information about uniforms can be found on our website.

MOBILE PHONES

- Mobile phones are not learning devices.
- Mobile phones must not be used during the school day at all, except without express permission from a teacher
- All mobile phones must be put on airplane mode and either left in the school bag or placed on the teacher's desk.
- Parents are requested to support the school with this expectation.
- If students need to contact their parents during the school day this must be done at the school office.

LUNCH ORDERS- [HTTPS://EZLUNCH.CO.NZ/](https://ezlunch.co.nz/)

There are several options for students to buy food for lunch during the week via the KINDO App, however, we also encourage students to bring a healthy packed lunch from home most days. Please ensure that only water is in drink bottles- we strongly discourage sugary and excessively sweet fruit drinks at school.

In the event, students do not have lunch or would prefer to purchase something please see the information below.

All lunch orders are done through **Kindo**. Please use the following link for instructions and orders. Orders must be put through before 8am on the day.

Kindo instructions - lunch orders

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1expb3xUVUlr1_-pA5JP25i_4R3vTTxdY/view

Please note that all containers from our lunch providers must be taken home to be disposed of. The bins at school cannot accommodate this volume of rubbish.

SPORT AT MIDDLE YEARS

Within the first few weeks, all sporting codes will be advertised on the Schoology newsfeed. Students will be taught how to read the newsfeed, sign up for expressions of interest then join groups. Please be patient with us as this process takes pace.

More about our clubs and codes will also be explained at our Meet the Teacher evening on the 21st of February.

I do look forward to seeing you all there.

A friendly reminder that any parent wanting to assist with sports or extracurricular coaching, managing or transportation must be known by the school and also have an up-to-date police vetting approval. Police vetting is required for all Parent Helpers. If you need more information about Police Vetting please email golflands@elim.school.nz



STUDENT SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE ON BEHALF OF THE ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND THE GOLFLANDS CAMPUS DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIME.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AROUND THIS MATTER, WE ENABLE POSITIVE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR SAFETY AND OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

SOME TIPS TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING ROAD USER SAFETY:

WE APPRECIATE CHILDREN BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL BUT IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE WITH YOUR CHILDREN, SAFETY IS STILL MORE IMPORTANT. YOU CAN SIMPLY TAKE THEM TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN IN.

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE U-TURNS, RATHER USE THE SIDE STREETS OR LOOP AROUND BOB CHARLES DRIVE TO GO THE OTHER WAY.

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SIDE ENTRANCES: SIMON OWEN AND MONTECITO PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO ROAD RULES IN THESE RESIDENTIAL ROADS.

IT IS AGAINST THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO PARK WITHIN 1 METRE OF A DRIVEWAY.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK ON YELLOW NO-PARKING LINES.

NO DOUBLE PARKING IS PERMITTED.

NO VEHICLES ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUS BAY DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET, HOWEVER PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OTHER FAMILIES ARE ALSO BATTLING THE POOR WEATHER. CHILD SAFETY REMAINS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SO ROAD RULES STILL MUST BE ADHERED TO. ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE PAVEMENT SIDE, NOT THE ROADSIDE.

ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY AT ALL TIMES.

The first line of defence for online learning and behaviours is filtering. Here is how to set up child safe internet filtering at home:

<https://switchonsafety.co.nz/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0fuHTSUtzE>

Internet User Agreements will be sent to all students/ They along with their parents/caregivers need to please sign them. This agreement covers the conditions of digital learning with devices.

KELLY CLUB - AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We welcome:

Year 0 to 8 at Elim Christian College

After-school options:

3:00pm – 4:30pm: \$16.50

3:00pm – 6:00pm: \$23

**DID YOU KNOW?
CHILDCARE
SUBSIDIES
INCREASED
IN 2023!**

kellyclub.co.nz/subsidy

WHY CHOOSE KELLY CLUB?



Supporting your school

We share our revenues with your school to benefit your learning community.



Quality care you can trust

Our programmes are approved by the Ministry of Social Development and our nutritious, yummy food complies with the safety requirements of the Food Act 2014.



Childcare subsidies

Eligible parents or caregivers can access WINZ subsidies to help cover the cost of our programmes.



Flexible payment plans

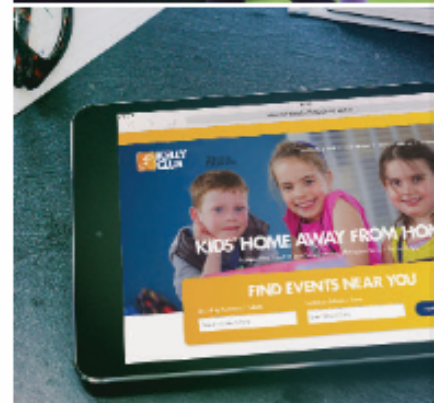
Enjoy same-day booking and cancellation without penalty. We charge in arrears, so you only pay for the childcare you use.

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