



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

The end of Week 3 has come around quickly with so many good things happening at the Middle Years.

This morning we had our Friday Assembly. I am blown away every Friday by our student led worship team. With the amazing help from Mrs Nyla Ezekiel, and with Mr Paul Gray on the bass today, the team lead us into a time of Praise and Worship which sets an atmosphere of joy and peace for the end of the week. Our verse of the week, 2 Timothy 1:7 has been a strong reminder for all students that we are filled with a Spirit of love, power and self-control and, with God, can conquer all challenges that come our way, no matter how frightening they may be!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Welcome to the Middle Years evening on Wednesday this week. It was wonderful to see all of you and I allow for a time of connection with our teaching staff.

As I said on the evening, parent help is always welcome, and with sports in full swing, and camps in the future, if you are able to sign up to help our wider community, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure you do complete a police vetting form from our Golfland Campus office if you are able to help.

An important notice that there is a Ministry provided **teacher only day on Thursday the 5th March** for all Year 1 - 8 teachers. This means that there will be no school for Year 1 - 8's, however it will be a normal school day for Year 9's - I'm sure they'll be pleased about that!!

As we end another week, I pray God's continued blessings, safety and peace over you and your family.

Ngā mihi nui, God bless,
Mr Michael McKenzie
Deputy Principal

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 3rd March

Elim Christian College
Swimming Sports

Optional event for students to join into. [More info here](#)

Thursday, 5th March

Ministry Provided teacher
Development day

Year 1 - 8

(No Y1 - 8 students at school this day)

Tuesday, 17th March

Golfland Campus Cultural Day

Thursday, 2nd April

Year 6 - 13 Easter Assembly

Botany Campus

More information to come.

Thursday, 2nd April

Last day of Term 1

Year 7 Camp change

A reminder that Year 7 camp is now
in Term 2.

Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd
May

WHATS GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE YEARS

YEAR 9 FOOD DESIGN: THE BREAD OF LIFE

Year 9 Food Design students have been exploring the significance of bread as a universal staple found in almost every culture. Alongside our culinary experiments, we reflected on the spiritual nourishment found in scripture, looking at John 6:35 where Jesus proclaims, "I am the bread of life." Putting this into practice, students travelled the globe from their kitchen stations, frying Māori bread (Parāoa), boiling Pacific dough boys, steaming Chinese bao buns, baking Pita bread and Naan. The class also conducted a delicious trial of scrolls which will be sold to staff from the Blessed Bean Café in the coming weeks. We tested three varieties: honey, feta & walnut; classic pizza; and Onion relish & sausage. Can you guess which flavor was the overwhelming favourite among the students?



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ELIM MIDDLE YEARS GARDENING CLUB



We are excited to introduce the 2026 Gardening Club—a community focused on bringing more life and colour to Elim. Our mission is to transform everyday corners of our campus into lush, vibrant spaces where students can connect with nature and one another.

Part of what we do in the Gardening Club is help assist the food technology classes with herbs, fruits and vegetables, transforming them into nutritious meals for the classroom. The international students were even able to gather the last of the harvest from 2025 to make into a hearty soup in week 1 this term.

To keep our garden thriving and expanding, we are looking for donations from our wonderful school community. If you have any of the following items looking for a new home, we would be incredibly grateful:

Our Wishlist:

- Supplies: Quality potting soil or compost and sturdy gardening trowels.
- Seedlings:
 - Sunflowers, Cornflowers, Violas and Pansies (for Visual Art drawings/garnishes to dishes)
 - Carrots, Beetroot and Silverbeet (for our autumn harvest)
 - Lavender, Parsley, Mint and Rosemary (for our sensory garden)

Please contact ashleigh.booyesen@elim.school.nz if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at the Studio every Wednesday and Friday morning from 8.20am. Thank you all for your support.

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SPORTS ACHEIVEMENTS

Joshua Wilson (Y9) is competing in the Auckland Schools Mountain Biking Funduro Shredder Series. Last Sunday he competed in the Boys U15 - Stage 4 race at Riverhead. He placed 2nd in Boys U15 and placed 5th overall in all age categories out of 117 people!! An awesome day for Josh and a massive congratulations.

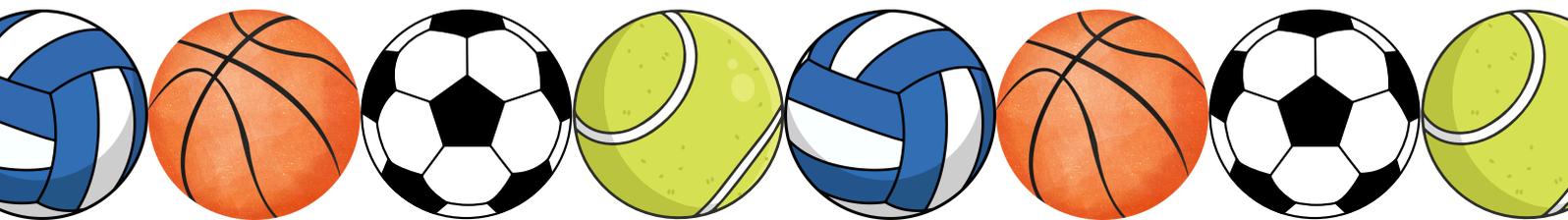
Wishing him and the rest of our riders participating in Race 2 on Sunday 22nd Feb in Maraetai!



SPORT AT THE MIDDLE YEARS

Sports are in full swing for the year. a reminder that all sporting codes will be advertised on the Schoology newsfeed. Students have been shown how to read the newsfeed, sign up for expressions of interest, and join groups. If they are still struggling, they can ask any teacher to remind them how.

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



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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.