



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome to Term 2. I trust that you all had a wonderful two week break and that you were able to enjoy some meaningful family time together.

Term 2 starts our winter months, and it feels like winter has decided to set in quickly this year. A reminder that the school jacket and jumper are the only jackets and jumpers which students should be wearing at school. These can be purchased from John Russell Schoolwear in Howick.

If your child walks to or from school, they are more than welcome to wear an additional rain jacket on days where rain is likely, we do ask that the jacket is removed for the day while at school.

I look forward to a Term filled with great things ahead. Year 7 camp, Intermediate Sports camp, our whānau and fono times together and many more.

Isn't it wonderful that we can rest assured knowing that God has gone ahead of into this term, that no matter what is to come, He is in control. The stress of assessments, the patience and perseverance needed when the term gets hard, the 'delights' of winter - God has seen it all before and equips us with everything we need to make it through, all while singing His praises.

A reminder that it is ANZAC day this weekend and since it falls on a Saturday, we get Monday off as a public holiday.

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

TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY

Monday, 27th April:

School closed

S.M.A.R.T Assessment Trial:

Week 2 - Week 5

Read more about S.M.A.R.T in the newsletter below.

Māori Whanau Hui

Tuesday, 19th May at 6pm

Year 7 Camp

Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd
May

All Y7 students

Please make sure you have filled out your camp form if you have not done so yet.

KINGS BIRTHDAY

Monday, 1st June:

School closed

Tuesday, 2nd June:

Y7 Boostrix Immunisations

Mon 8th - Fri 12th June:

Intermediate Sports Camp
Selected students



S.M.A.R.T ASSESSMENT TOOL

You may have heard or read about the new assessment tool which the government is rolling out across all schools for Years 3-10.

S.M.A.R.T (**S**tudent **M**onitoring, **A**ssessment and **R**eporting **T**ool) consists of three tests which are completed by every student in Year 3-10. The three tests are - Reading, Writing and Maths. The assessments are done twice a year, once in Term 2 and once in Term 4. From next year, the government plans to make this assessment tool compulsory for reporting in every school.

We are fully engaged in trialling this assessment out.

What this means is that all Middle Years students will be sitting these three tests in the coming weeks.

For our Year 7 and 8 classes the assessments will be sat during class time. For Year 9's we will run the assessment similar to how their Co-Req Examinations will be run next year. This will be an exam session style where all Year 9's have an hour session at the start of the school day to complete the assessment.

It is important to note that this first round of assessments is a nationwide trial of the systems, while the results will be available, we will not only be focusing on this data for reporting purposes in 2026. The importance of us being involved in the trial is multifaceted. Firstly, we would like to see how the assessments run. Secondly, with the government making it compulsory to report using the SMART data in the future, the quicker we engage with the trial and see the data that comes out, the quicker we can adapt our reporting for the future.

In assembly this morning I made sure that all students were aware of the coming assessments, and assured them that these assessments are not tests which you can study or prepare for. The purpose of the test is for teachers to be able to see the connection of the student to the New Zealand Curriculum and provide the teacher with clear next steps that we can take to support our learners in progressing further in the curriculum. There is no 'Pass' or 'Fail', everyone is on their own personal learning journey, and we believe that using this tool, we will be able to better support our learners, and our Whānau on how to progress in their learning journey.

Guide to SMART - A new assessment tool for your child

Learn about the new online assessment tool schools will start using in 2026.



PICK UP AND DROP OFF IN FRONT OF SCHOOL

A reminder that the driveway at the front of the Golfland Campus is a Bus way and should under no circumstances be used as a drop off zone before or after school.

Our neighbouring driveways are also not for drop offs or picking up students either. Park along the road where there are no yellow lines for drop offs and pick ups.

We value our relationship with all our neighbours and as a school we must all work together to respect their spaces.

LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Our Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) serves as a vital bridge between students, families, and our teaching staff. Their primary mission is to ensure that every student has the tools and environment necessary to succeed, regardless of how they learn best.

In practice, the LSC works alongside the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), who acts as the main point of liaison for accessing specialist services and maintains the Learning Support Register.

We are extremely thankful for the governments provision of this role in schools and value the input and expertise that Mrs Bester is bringing to this role.



Mrs Shannon Bester

**Learning Support
Coordinator**

ARISE PARENTS PRAYER GROUP

Pray
for **Our**
School

Join us as we come together to pray for our students, staff, and community.

All are welcome.

 Tuesdays

● 8:40am – Botany Campus Church Cafe

● 2:30pm – Golflands Staff Room

 Elim Christian College

CHAT SNACK & CREATE

a mum mixer fundraiser

TUESDAY 5TH MAY
7PM - 8.30PM
GOLFLAND CAMPUS STAFFROOM

\$25
per ticket

Grab a ticket, and join us for a relaxing, creative session with fellow mums. No kids, no chores—just painting, conversation, with snacks and refreshments.

No skills or talent required, its about having fun together.

BUY YOUR TICKET AT GOLFLANDS OFFICE BY 1ST MAY
– ONLY 25 TICKETS AVAILABLE –



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.

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Elim Christian College

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SCHOOL LUNCH
is easy via **KINDO APP**

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