



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

In our Admin times this week we highlighted the verse from Philippians 4:4-6.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

As one of our reflections we asked students to share what they are thankful for this term. I had the privilege of being in an admin class and hearing the wonderful things that students could reflect on and be thankful for. Sports camps, learning, option subjects, improving in test results, Year 7 camp, new friends there was so much to be thankful for.

What a great way to end the term. We look forward to what God has in store for us in Term 3.

Congratulations to Jeremiah Whanau who took out the inter-whanau football tournament. And thank you to Mr Gray and our Sports leaders for organising this fun activity to coincide with the current World Cup. There has been a lot of football fever at school - we might need to have the finale up and on a screen somewhere before school on the first day of Term 3.

This morning we celebrated the achievements of our Sports Camp team. Every member received a medal for their participation and we gave out a multitude of awards for first place in the sports that we entered. The highlight was definitely the superb team chant which we were privileged to get a special performance of. I'm sure this got a lot of our Year 7's excited to be able to join the Sports Camp teams next year as Year 8's.

A reminder about Parent Teacher Conferences in Week 1 of next term. Please read the information on the following page to clarify any misunderstandings.

As we enter into the holidays I pray for rest and peace over you and your families. Thank you to every student who has worked hard this term, enjoy your well deserved break. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful Middle Years staff who have gone above and beyond this term, enjoy your very well deserved breaks too!

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

TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 3rd July

Last day of Term 2

HOLIDAYS

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20th July

First day of Term 3

Semester 2 Starts

Year 9 Semester 2 Option Subjects
start and run for Term 3 and 4.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday 21st July

Wednesday 22nd July

Please read over the information in the page
below for more details about this.

Tuesday, 28th July

Year 7&8 Cross Country

More info to come

Wednesday, 5th August

Parent Evening with Speaker: Jo
Robertson

See the advert below for more info

7th & 14th August

Year 8 Tiritiri matangi Island trips



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

A reminder that the Parent Teacher Conferences will be slightly different this year for the Middle Years.

We encourage you to book a meeting with any of your child's subject teachers, not their admin/tutor teacher (unless their admin/tutor teacher teaches them for a subject of course).

This will allow you the opportunity to meet with all of your child's teachers (or a selected few that you want to see) and hear how they are doing in the subjects.

Unfortunately for this round of PTC's, we can only offer a 5 minute meeting to accommodate the number of students that each teacher sees throughout a week. Please be mindful of this when you are at your conferences as if you run over into someone else's time, you will be pushing everyone else out.

If you wish to book a longer session, you can email your child's teachers to organise this.

I would recommend looking at your child's school gradebook to see which subjects you may need to have a meeting with.

We look forward to meeting with you and sharing how your child's learning journey is going.

A reminder that you can book your interviews through the email which was sent through to you.



THE BLESSED BEAN CAFE WILL BE OPEN!

The Blessed Bean Café, our wonderful student-run café, will be open during the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC) as part of the GCMY Showcase! Drop by at the Workshop on Tuesday between 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm, or on Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, to enjoy a \$5 barista drink paired with a delicious sweet treat. Your support means the world to our hardworking students, and they can't wait to serve you—come join us!



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

MIDDLE YEARS SHOWCASE

**CELEBRATING STUDENT
CREATIVITY & INNOVATION**

Discover the amazing work of
our Middle Years students across
range of creative disciplines!



Sewing & Woodwork
Textiles & Design



Product
Design



Art &
Design



Food
Tasting

DAY 1:

Tuesday 21st July

From

12:30pm

NIGHT 2:

Wednesday 22nd July

From

3:30pm

VENUE:

Mahi Tahi Workshop

 **Elim Christian College**

ALL WELCOME

Join us in celebrating our students' learning

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

with Jo Robertson

Parents will leave with an understanding of the online and offline world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

- ✓ The online landscape: why and how young people are using tech
- ✓ Screen time, gaming, and social media use
- ✓ Understanding online risks: pornography, exploitation, and grooming.
- ✓ Practical strategies: filtering, games and privacy
- ✓ Counter messages, consent & and conversation starters.



For Parents, Caregivers & Grandparents of children aged 4-18-years-old.



Jo Robertson, an experienced therapist and researcher, brings over 17 years of experience working with children, youth, and parents.

Please save the date:

**5 August 2026 at 7pm in
the Golflands Hall**

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