



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Welcome to Term 3! It's wonderful to be back at school and see everyone refreshed after the Term 2 break.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Parent Teacher Conferences, it was great to see so many families connecting with our teachers to hear about their learning progress.

A special thank you to everyone who visited the Blessed Bean cafe and had a look at our fabulous Mahi Tahī displays. Thank you Mrs Kho, Mrs Booysen and our option subject teams for all of the organisation with the displays, we love celebrating the hard work and creativity of all our students.

Next week Tuesday is our Y7 and 8 cross country. Information has been shared via email and with our students today, I have also included some details below. If the weather is not looking good on the day, we will send out a notice of postponement by 7:15am.

This term we will be having a focus on some verses from Proverbs during our weekly admin classes and assembly. This will include having some different teachers speaking about their favourite Proverb during our assemblies. This week I shared about Proverbs 27:19

"As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man".

I hope the focus on these proverbs can bring about some great discussion points at home for you and your whānau.

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

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 28th July

Year 7&8 Cross Country
More info to come

Wednesday, 29th July

Second hand Uniform Sale, see
advert below for more details

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

Tuesday, 11th August

Botany Campus Opening Evening for
Year 9's, Year 8's are welcome to
attend to see what is to come in
Year 10.

More information to come.

Friday, 14th August

Hosanna Week Assembly



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

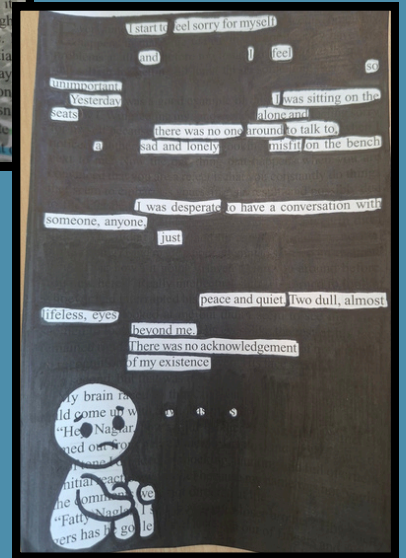
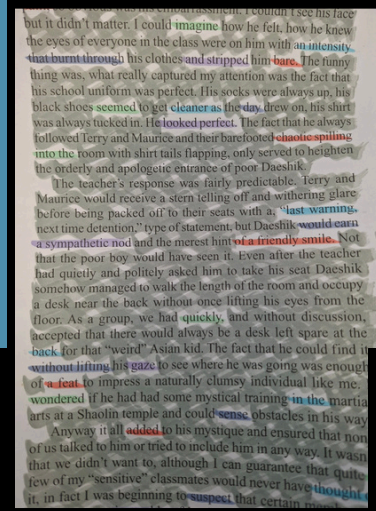
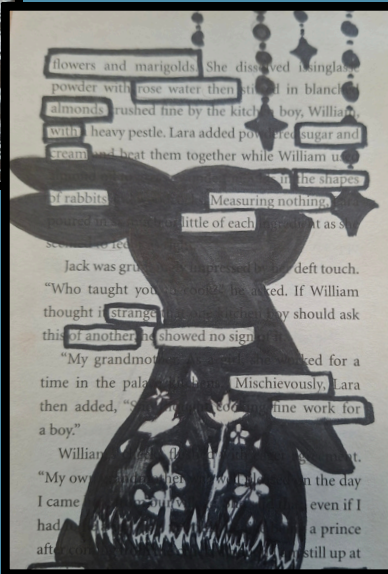
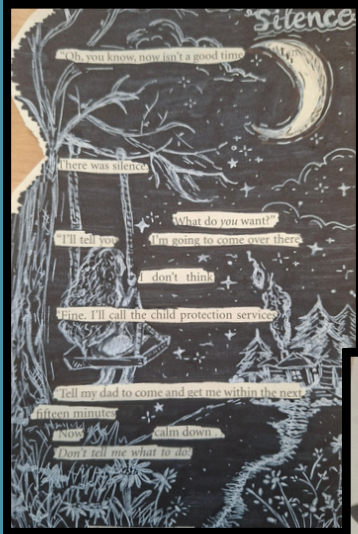
Step Progression:

less than 15 days absent in that term

ENGLISH AT ELIM

YEAR 7,8 AND 9

After our in depth literary analysis of 'The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas' novel by John Boyne, our year 9s have been delving into different types of POETRY. A favourite task was the Black-out Poetry which required some creative thinking. This meant deleting parts of a redundant printed piece of text and reforming the words into a free verse poem.



Our year 7s and 8s are very busy preparing their speeches for the Rehu Tai Festival of Oral Language. The topic is Our Roots, Our Voices, Our Future. They have been focussing on idea gathering and are starting to construct their speeches. There is peer mentoring and sharing of their plans. The students need to consider: the audience, the adjudicators' expectations, the purpose of the presentation, the time available, and the complexity of the subject. It's not as easy as it sounds!



Elim Cross Country Whanau Competition

- **WHEN?** TUESDAY 28th July 2026
- **WHERE?** CORTA BELLA PLACE
- **WHO?** ALL YEAR Y7-8 STUDENTS!
THIS IS A SCHOOL DAY - ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND
THIS FUN EVENT!

In the event of a postponement - There will be a post on schoology and parents will be emailed by 7.15am. Postponement date is Thursday 30th July

- Arrive to school in sensible running clothes. This is not a mufti day. Either wear P.E. Uniform or you may dress up in whanau colours! Shoes MUST be worn.
- Bring over to the course with you (in a bag): Water bottle, Warm Jacket, inhaler (if have asthma)
- No running with airpods or music due to safety
- Students who are not running, you will still come over with everyone to support and cheers your mates on! A note or email from your parent/caregiver must be provided to excuse you from participating. This is to be given to your tutor teacher.
- You will be in class for Period 1,2 & 5 - so bring what you need for these classes.



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**

www.trickychatparenting.com

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**UNIFORM
SALE**

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UP**

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PARENTS
CAN SELL
THEIR OLD
UNIFORMS**

*Bring a mat to
display them on
& payments only
in cash*

**PLEASE
CONSIDER
DONATING
OUTGROWN
UNIFORMS**

**EFTPOS ONLY
AVAILABLE
FOR UNIFORMS
SOLD BY
THE PTA**

**WEDNESDAY
29TH JULY
2.45pm - 3.15pm**

OUTSIDE GOLFLANDS CAMPUS HALL