

A FUTURE & A HOPE- GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Term 2 has started well. Welcome to our new families and international students who will be with us for the rest of the year.

The Senior School Prefects led a worship assembly on Wednesday and the Middle Years enjoyed lively worship songs and games to reinforce the message that God is permanent. His name is I AM. **Yahweh**. How excellent is knowing that our Heavenly Father is permanent for all eternity!

It has been great news to hear about the many decisions made for Jesus and the student baptisms during the April holiday.

Please read Joshua Arnold's winning ANAZC essay on the next page. He was invited to read this at the ANZAC dawn service on Stockade Hill last Thursday. Joshua was awarded a personal prize and a suitable library selection for the school to the value of \$150. We are proud of this wonderful achievement.

Our Middle Years Prefects along with our Botany Campus Senior Prefects were also part of the ceremony and laid two separate wreaths on behalf of both campuses.

We have a busy term with many events happening, along with an emergency lockdown drill.

A few reminders:

Please book an interview to meet a teacher and learn more about the important literacy and numeracy results for your child. **Interviews are on the 7th and 14th May.**

I also look forward to seeing many of you at the ARISE PTA meeting on Monday 6th at 7pm.

Another reminder that parents are always welcome at our assemblies on Fridays.

God bless you,
Ngā mihi nui,
Mrs Mandy Heim, Deputy Principal

TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

**ARISE PTA MEETING
MON 6TH MAY, 7PM**

**MEET A TEACHER
TUE 7TH MAY, 3:30PM-6:30PM**

**MUFTI DAY - WORLD VISION
THU 9TH MAY**

**CROSS COUNTRY
FRI 10TH MAY**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TOUR
TUE 14TH MAY, 9:30AM**

**MEET A TEACHER
TUE 14TH MAY, 3:30PM-6:30PM**

**Y10 NATIONAL CO-REQUISITE
ASSESSMENT WEEK
MON 20TH - FRI 24TH MAY**

**Y10 CO REQ STUDY DAY
WED 22ND MAY**

**KING'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MON 3RD JUNE**

**TEACHER ONLY DAY
TUE 4TH JUNE
(SCHOOL CLOSED)**

**POETRY IN ACTION
PERFORMANCE
THU 6TH JUNE**

**MUFTI DAY - SPORTS CAMP
WED 19TH JUNE**

**ELIM PACIFIC PARENTS FONO
WED 19TH JUNE 6PM - 8PM**

**GC OPEN DAY
THU 20TH JUNE**

**CAM KIWI COMPETITIONS
24TH & 26TH JUNE, 2ND JULY**



WINNING ANZAC STUDENT ESSAY

IN 1914, WAR WAS DECLARED AGAINST GERMANY BY BRITAIN, BECAUSE THEY INVADED BELGIUM. AT THIS TIME, WE HAD JUST OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN AOTEAROA, AND APPROXIMATELY 10% OF THE POPULATION ENLISTED. ON THE 16TH OF OCTOBER, 8454 SOLDIERS DEPARTED WELLINGTON ON 10 TROOPSHIPS. THE NEW ZEALANDERS WHO WENT TO WAR CHOSE TO LEAVE THEIR HOME COUNTRY TO GO AWAY AND FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

THE NZ FORCES JOINED THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE, AND BECAME KNOWN AS THE ANZACS ON THE 8TH OF DECEMBER 1914. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE STILL LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHY WE COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY; THE ACRONYM ANZAC STANDS FOR AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND ARMY CORPS. THE NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS HAD THEIR FIRST BATTLE ON THE 3RD OF FEBRUARY 1915, WHEN THEY HELPED TO DEFEND THE SUEZ CANAL, WHICH IS A WATERWAY IN EGYPT.

IN 1915 ON THE 25 APRIL THE ANZACS LANDED AT GALLIPOLI, TURKEY. THIS DATE OF THE LANDING IN ANZAC COVE IS NOW KNOWN AS "ANZAC DAY". IT IS A SIGNIFICANT COMMEMORATION OF MILITARY CASUALTIES AND RETURNED SOLDIERS IN BOTH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. IT IS BELIEVED THAT AMONG THE MEN WHO LANDED IN GALLIPOLI WAS MY GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER, PRIVATE WILLIAM GEORGE ARNOLD, WHO WOULD HAVE ENLISTED AROUND THE AGE OF 24.

GALLIPOLI WAS HEAVILY DEFENDED BY THE TURKISH OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND RESULTED IN MANY CASUALTIES. THE BATTLE OF CHUNUK BAI WAS A HARD WON AND BRIEF VICTORY FOR THE ANZACS FROM THE 6-10 OF AUGUST THAT COST MANY LIVES. 2721 IS THE NUMBER OF ALLIED SOLDIERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES AT GALLIPOLI. THIS WAS APPROXIMATELY A FIFTH OF THE NEW ZEALANDERS WHO FOUGHT THERE. BETWEEN THE 15TH AND 19TH OF DECEMBER, THE ALLIED SOLDIERS WERE EVACUATED FROM GALLIPOLI, AND THE BATTLE WAS SO INTENSE THAT THE ANZACS HAD TO LEAVE THEIR DEAD.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR ON THE 25TH OF APRIL 1916 WAS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GALLIPOLI LANDING. COMMEMORATING THIS EVENT HAS NOW BECOME AN ANNUAL TRADITION, WHERE ANZAC DAY IS RECOGNISED THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND. IN 1917 FROM THE 7-9TH JUNE, NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS HELPED TO CAPTURE THE VILLAGE OF MESSINES. 3000 WERE WOUNDED, AND 700 KILLED DUE TO GERMAN SHELLS. THE 12 OCTOBER, WAS A DARK DAY, AS THE BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE, WAS THE WORST BATTLE FOR NEW ZEALANDERS. THE NEW ZEALAND DIVISION HAD 845 MEN LEFT DEAD OR DYING ON THE BATTLEFIELD BY THE AFTERNOON.

THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER, 1918 WAS ARMISTICE DAY. THIS MEANT THAT THE WAR WAS FINALLY OVER! FROM NEW ZEALAND, 103 000 PEOPLE BRAVELY WENT TO WAR. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS WAS ROUGHLY 10% OF OUR POPULATION AT THE TIME. NEW ZEALAND ALSO HAD A 50% CASUALTY RATE, WHICH MEANT THAT OVER HALF OF THE MEN DIED. THIS IMPACTED EVERYONE IN NEW ZEALAND; FROM CHILDREN WHO LOST THEIR DAD, TO WOMEN WHO LOST THEIR HUSBANDS, TO PARENTS WHO LOST THEIR SONS. EVERY FAMILY KNEW SOMEONE WHO HAD GONE TO WAR OR GIVEN THEIR LIFE FOR THE WAR EFFORT.

ANZAC DAY IS ALSO A DAY WHERE I CAN REMEMBER AND COMMEMORATE MY GREAT GRANDFATHER- WILLIAM GORDON ARNOLD WHO ENLISTED TO FIGHT IN WORLD WAR TWO AT THE AGE OF 17. THOUGH YOUNG MEN WERE INITIALLY NOT SUPPOSED TO ENLIST UNTIL THE AGE OF 19. HE WAS YOUNG, BRAVE, AND THOUGHT THAT GOING TO WAR WOULD BE A VALIANT ADVENTURE. THIS GLOBAL CONFLICT LASTED SIX YEARS, AND MY GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS A TRUCK DRIVER. ONE OF HIS MOST IMPORTANT BATTLES, WAS THE CLIMAX AND TURNING POINT OF THE NORTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN; THE BATTLE OF EL ALAMAIN, IN EGYPT. THE COST TO NEW ZEALAND WAS HEAVY- ALMOST 3000 KILLED AND 7000 WOUNDED AND 3000 TAKEN PRISONER. HOWEVER, THE VICTORY WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END, OF THE WESTERN DESERT CAMPAIGN.

MY GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER AND GREAT GRANDFATHER WERE BOTH BLESSED TO RETURN HOME TO AOTEAROA FROM WORLD WAR ONE AND WORLD WAR TWO; TO THEIR FAMILIES. MANY WHO DID COME HOME WERE PROFOUNDLY CHANGED BY WHAT THEY SAW AT WAR. THEY PAID THE PRICE FOR OUR SAFETY AND FREEDOM AND PEACE.

I AM BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO COMMEMORATE MY GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM GEORGE ARNOLD, AND MY GREAT GRANDFATHER; WILLIAM GORDON ARNOLD, FOR THE BRAVERY THEY SHOWED FIGHTING FOR PEACE.



LEST WE FORGET.

BY JOSH ARNOLD
YEAR 8, 11 YEARS OLD, ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



**Y8, JOSHUA ARNOLD READS HIS WINNING COMMEMORATIVE
ESSAY AT THE STOCKADE HILL ANZAC DAWN PARADE**



ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ANZAC DISPLAY AT THE HOWICK LIBRARY





BOTANY CAMPUS AND GOLFLAND CAMPUS PREFECTS AT THE CIVIC PARADE



Middle Years Prefects



Emily Anslow



Peter Beale



Alayah Finley



Tobyn Hodgson



Claudia Price



Isabel Roke



Seth Sabeta



Isabel Tallott

Middle Years Sports Leaders



Lianna Delubio



Sophie Dick



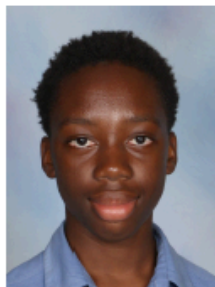
Imogen Finlay



Nevaan Lal



Ailidh McKinnon



Vuyisili Moyo



Lily Roberts



Benjamin Willis

Middle Years Student Voice Tutor Representatives



Ethan Austria



Ciara Bailey



Nadia Bland



Caleb Chang



Casey Chung



Tobyn Hodgson



Enoch Isaac



John Komarabattina



Evelyn Loh



Chloe Randall



Delta Tran



Katelyn Van Niekerk



BOTANY CAMPUS PREFECTS AT OUR WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY



SENIOR PREFECTS RUN OUR WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY



OUR SENIOR CAMPUS HEAD BOY, TYDUS AH KUOI AND PREFECT SHALOM KIM PROMOTE THE UPCOMING HOSANNA WORSHIP EVENING



MR FERN CAPTURES A THANK YOU AND FAREWELL MOMENT



MR SHANE FROUD PROMOTES THE UPCOMING 40 HOUR FAMINE WORLD VISION FUNDRAISER

A decorative border of tropical flowers and leaves, including pink and yellow hibiscus, red anthurus, and green monstera and palm leaves, frames the central text.

TALOFA LAVA
KIA ORANA
FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU
MALO E LELEI
BULA VINAKA

THE GOLFLANDS LEADERSHIP TEAM
WARMLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US
FOR KAI & CONNECTION

ELIM PACIFIC PARENTS FONO

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2024
6 - 8PM

STAFF ROOM, GOLFLANDS CAMPUS

SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED

PLEASE RSVP BY
MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2024

MRS BRIETA GROENEWALD -
BRIETA.GROENEWALD@ELIM.SCHOOL.NZ
OR

MRS MANDY HEIM
MANDY.HEIM@ELIM.SCHOOL.NZ

ARISE PTA MEETING

Elim Christian College

Arise PTA

Come and join us!
Arise PTA is hosting an
information meeting for both
Botany and Golflands Campus.

Monday 6 May
7pm
Golflands staffroom

Do you have time
to help us with....

Digital/Graphic
Communication

Great ideas

Fundrasing
Events

Research Grants

School
Community
Events

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to those parents who have helped out with sporting activities in Term 1. We welcome your ongoing support without which we would not be able to run many of our events. Please contact [sporteelim.school.nz](https://www.elim.school.nz) if you are able to assist with sport this term. Police vetting is required for all parent volunteers – for more information about police vetting please email golflands@elim.school.nz

HAVE YOU READ THESE NOTICES?

Year 10 Co-Req Parent Letter

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Y10-Co-Req-Parent-Letter-2024.pdf>

Meet A Teacher Afternoons - bookings close next Monday

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/MY-Meet-A-Teacher-May-2024.pdf>

Middle Years Cross Country - compulsory event

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Elim-Golflands-Middle-Years-Cross-Country-2024.docx.pdf>

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the large grey bin labeled Middle Years lost property located outside reception and collect any items that belong to your child.

