

Middle Years – Term 2 Week 4 2021

Kia Ora Golflands Campus Middle Years Whānau,

How do you and your family discuss and manage **disappointment**? I ask this question as I was so disappointed and incredibly sad last year when the COVID lockdown prevented me from flying to South Africa to see my mum and my 3 sisters. I was disappointed in term 1 when again due to COVID lockdown our Y7 camp was postponed. On Monday last week as we were starting to pack the bus it poured with rain, I was disappointed that my prayers for good weather for the y7 camp did not align. I was disappointed last week when one student was unable to be involved in a dance group as they were injured, and it caused the entire team to be withdrawn from a performance. * ***The lessons and emotional experiences of disappointment are ever present; disappointment is part of life.*** *

In fact, Jesus our Lord reminded us that “trouble will come” in John 16v33. I often remind teachers that we work through conversations and situations where we have been **challenged** with **unmet expectations** or faulty assumptions. What I do know about this dynamic life journey is that God is faithful, and He always shows up in the disappointment to reveal His loving companionship, mercy, and kindness. The photo of our wonderful Year 7’s at camp is one of the nicest images for me as it flies in the face of disappointment. What seemed miserable all worked out just fine and I have heard great stories about the fun and the challenges at Camp Adair. My utmost thanks to **Mrs. Lisa Snook** and her team who cared for and entertained our whānau while on camp.

Thank you to the **parent volunteers** who served our kids and similarly ensured a smooth running of camp procedures. Well done to every student who showed up and contributed to making Year 7 **camp a memorable event**. Has your child told you about the worship and the guest speaker’s challenge?



Figure 1 2021 Y7 Camp

Luke Carpenter, one of the **World Vision youth ambassadors** spoke to our students at Friday assembly encouraging them to get involved in the 40-hour famine. Please consider supporting your child in a commitment to something bigger than their own world. Online sponsor or donation details will be sent out by Mr. Mike Haworth and the WV leaders next week. Our small **reading hub** is once again open due to the help at lunchtimes of parent volunteers.

A group of **songwriting** and worship enthusiasts are working with Mr. Angus Grainger on songwriting. They are hoping to enter a project in the "Play it Strange" original song competition. Our Y9/10 bands are practicing for Smoke free Rock quest.

Please would you continue to pray for your child and all our students. That they would gain great inspiration as they push into the Word of God and that they would find favor with man.

Congratulations to **Duncan Ramsey** for his 2nd place overall in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Gymnastics competition. He scored 12.1 on the rings. We were able to see a recording of this polished routine in assembly. Well done, Duncan.



Figure 2 Duncan Ramsey Photo supplied



Sofia Forbes- Brown and Mrs. Heim

Our **cross country** was a great success and despite a heavy downpour that dampened the ground, the event still went ahead. My apologies for any late or mixed messages about the day. **In future whether a planned event goes ahead or is cancelled an update will be posted on the Schoology Student page as well as the Schoology Parent page by 7.15am on the day.** We have listened to parent feedback. I want to acknowledge **Sofia Forbes Brown**. She has had a significant injury which has prevented her from being a part of the highly anticipated Sports Camp in June. Sofia is one of our talented and extremely keen sports enthusiasts. This set back did not dampen her willingness to help as an event assistant on the day of the cross country. This is the attitude that we love at Elim. A willingness to show up with a helpful and willing heart despite a setback. God bless you, Sofia.



Sports Camp is a highlight for many students. They get to do tournament sports in a range of events for an entire week.

Mr Paul Gray and **Mrs Kimberly Borthwick** received 68 applications for only 38 spaces. Students are selected for the range of physical skills, their ambassadorship for our school, their participation and reliability at **all** team practices. They are trained in the school chant, which is a significant part of the overall competition. Two dance choreographers from our Botany Campus: Briana Hall and Davina White are training our team. **If your child is in the sports camp team they are expected to be at every practice and learn the routines.**

Well done Golflands Middle Years students who took part in the schoolwide **Cross-Country event**. What a privilege to be healthy and well able to either walk, run or help organize this distance event.

Results of the Middle Years cross country:

Year 7 Boys: 1st Jack Kotze, 2nd Jayden Hassen, 3rd Ryan Taylor

Year 7 Girls: 1st Rachel Wagener, 2nd Ailidh McKinnon, 3rd Olivia Hoete

Year 8 Boys: 1st Samuel Rickerby, 2nd Luca Bland, 3rd Ethan Cope

Year 8 Girls: 1st Camryn Delport, 2nd Hadassah de Ridder, 3rd Renee Schick

Year 9 Boys: 1st Josh Lush, 2nd Gabriel Narayan, 3rd Gaius Christie

Year 9 Girls: 1st Jenna Smit, 2nd Luch Beale, 3rd Hannah Chou

Year 10 Boys: 1st Sam Molloy, 2nd Luca Papesch, 3rd Jonathan Sewell

Year 10 Girls: 1st Brooklyn Williams, 2nd Abbie Neumann, 3rd Samantha Lush



Figure 3 Mr Gray starts the boys Cross Country Race

Please ensure that your child/children **wear the correct school uniform** especially as it getting colder. Thermals or under garments can be worn in colder weather. Puffer jackets and hoodies are not to be worn. These are NOT regulation school items.

Helmets must be worn by all Golflands students who ride bicycles, scooters, or electric scooters to school. This is a compulsory Health and Safety rule.

Important Dates: These are always on our website and are also on the Schoology Calendar.

Day	Date	Year level	Event	Do students attend school
Tuesday	25 th May	Year 7 ONLY	Boostrix Vaccination talk	Yes
Tuesday	8 th June	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10	Teacher Only Day	NO!
Wednesday	9 th June	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10	Student Led Conferences	Half day only!
Mon-Fri	14 th -18 th June	Selected Y7/Y8 Students	Sports Camp	If you are not in the Sports Camp Group you attend school

A special mention to the year 9 and year 10 parents. Many assessments are now underway. Please ensure you support your child with good study and bedtime routines at home on weeknights.

Student Led Conferences. This update was sent on Friday. Have you seen it?

Here is the link to this important Notice that was posted on our website:

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021-SLC-Kia-Ora-Parents.pdf>

Here is the link and code to access the booking site for the Student Led Conferences:

<https://parentinterviews.co.nz/book/welcome?code=PKURR92G>

You may need to use the code again. BOOKING CODE: **PKURR92G**

Book ONE 15-minute conference session with any Middle Years teacher of your choice.

ICAS is now provided through KipMcGrath, Howick

IMPORTANT information about ICAS examinations. These exams are outsourced to KipMcGrath and many families find these assessments useful benchmarks for their own understanding of literacy or numeracy achievement.

Please note that school Academic awards do not include ICAS results. Here is the ICAS notice on our website

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/ICAS-2021-Parent-Letter.pdf>

Ngā mihi, kindly

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