

Middle Years - Highlights from term 1 2021

Kia Ora Golflands Campus Middle Years Whānau,

What a dynamic busy Term 1 it has been. Teachers and students have engaged in a vast range of fun, challenging and significant sport, music and learning activities. Our daily tutor devotions and weekly assemblies have been highlights of spiritual growth and love for God, culture, and achievement. We have listened to people talking about how to manage success and how to deal with failure. Those activities that were postponed due to the 2 COVID-lockdowns were mostly held a bit later. It was wonderful to host so many of you online. Our communication phrase has been “zoom or in the room”.

Thank you to teachers who organise so many vibrant learning opportunities. We are deliberate in our subject discussions /kōrero that facilitate thinking skills. A few of the hundreds of highlights from the term for me were the talk by Dr Sheree and Mr Trotter to all our students on the importance of understanding the Holocaust, the parent help in our lunchtime library hub, watching the delight of lunchtime sport, our new dance group performing at the heritage spiritual landmark assembly, the woodwork and honey extraction session during Mahi Tahī/collaborative Tech time and seeing the students welcome new comers to our campus.



A wall display in the Year 10 area making thinking visible.



Dr Sheree Trotter from the Holocaust foundation talking to a Year 10 group on the life of the holocaust survivors during the Auschwitz Now Exhibition.



Our Koa dance group just having finished their first official dance performance at assembly. Thank you to Emmerson for her voluntary choreography of this group.



This is Elim! Our students prayed for Mr Burton on his birthday. This was at the end of a very impacting Heritage assembly. We were able to recognise and commemorate our journey as a school since the 2008 Mangatepopo event that claimed 6 students and 1 teacher's life. It was a special time that brought New Entrant to Year 10 students and staff from Golflands Campus and Mount Albert Campus together. Mr Jonathan McPhail shared about the impact of losing his sister Portia. At this assembly we enjoyed performances from the Choir, the Kapa Haka and a spoken word choral group.

My congratulations go to the many students who excel at music and sporting regional and national events outside of school teams. The commitment from you as parents into their lives is admirable. Thank you. We value the partnerships between the school and home as we work together to ensure a lifelong love of learning and key skills in achieving academic potential. Can I encourage you with Zechariah 4v10 - Do not despise the small beginnings, for The Lord rejoices to see the work begun.

By now you all have been signed up to Schoology and apart from viewing your child's weekly grade activity are also receiving brief updates from me on the Parent Group. Next term I look forward to hosting you at our Student Led Conferences on either the 9th or the 14th of June.

I wish you much peace and rest as you enjoy the holiday break, keep safe, and God willing return your students to us on Monday 3rd May for the beginning of Term 2.

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Middle Years Lead

TERM 1 SPORTS REPORT by Mrs. Kim Borthwick

What a wonderful start to the year we have had this term, and sports have been in full swing! See below to check out some of what our students have been up to.

SWIMMING

We started off the year with our Elim School Swimming Sports, held at Lloyd Elsmore Swimming Pools. This was a wonderful day filled with a great mixed of fun and competitive swimming. We finished the morning off with some fun relays and we even had a teacher relay race against the students.

We would love to continue growing our school swimming sports and encourage participation for more students next year! Congratulations to all our students who participated.



Counties Manukau Zone Swimming Competition

We had 6 students from Y9-13 compete at the Counties Swimming Zone Competition earlier this term.

Congratulations to the following students:

Josh Carlyle
Samuel Molloy
Analiah Palmer
Jenna Smit
Jerome Stow
Luke Carlyle



South Eastern Zone Swimming Competition

We also had 6 students from our Year 7 & Year 8 go on to represent Elim at the South Eastern Zone Swimming Competition held at Lloyd Elsmore Swimming Pools.

Congratulations to:

Daniel Loh
Chelsea McManus
Janessa Palmer
Leiana Walker
Elena-Rhys Uta'i and Mia Xu



A special congratulations to Daniel Loh & Elena-Rhys Uta'i who qualified from the South Eastern Zone event to represent our zone at the Auckland Swimming Championships held at West Wave Aquatic Centre.

Daniel Loh placed:

1st place Y8 Boys 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Open Butterfly
2nd place Y8 Boys Breaststroke

Elena-Rhys Uta'i placed:

1st place Y8 Girls 50m Backstroke
3rd place Y8 Girls 100m Freestyle

AAIMS Intermediate Auckland Swimming Championships

Elena-Rhys qualified to compete in the 50m Backstroke and made the final where she placed **3rd overall**.

Daniel qualified for all 5 events to compete in at Auckland Championships.

He made the final for 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly and 100 Free.

And placed overall: **3rd for 50 Freestyle**
 6th in 50m Backstroke
 4th in 50m Butterfly
 1st in 100 Freestyle also achieving a Personal Best time.



Huge congratulations to both Daniel and Elena-Rhys! You should be very proud of what you have achieved in these events and we are very proud to have you representing our school so well both with attitude and athleticism.

The sport of swimming is not an easy one, and takes a lot of time, dedication, early mornings hard work and commitment.

Well done!

CRICKET

This year we had 3 of our Year 9 and Year 10 students join in with Sancta Maria College to form a composite Sancta/Elim cricket team which played in the College Sport Junior B T20 South/East grade this season. They had an excellent season with dedication to weekly trainings and early Saturday morning games, ending up placing 2nd equal in the competition. Congratulations to the team, and huge thank you to Sancta Maria and their coach for providing the opportunity and support to the team this season.



South Eastern Zone Cricket

Earlier this term we also had our Year 7 and Year 8 boys and girls Cricket teams busy training for the South Eastern Zone Cricket Boys & Girls Tournament. Unfortunately due to the lockdowns earlier this term, the tournament is currently postponed. I want to thank those students for their enthusiasm and commitment to trainings despite the tournament being postponed.

COUNTIES MANUKAU ATHLETICS

Earlier this term, we had 11 students from Y9-13 compete in the Counties Manukau Athletics competition held at Massey Athletics Park in Papakura. Our Year 9 and Year 10 students who competed had qualified from the 2020 term 4 Elim Athletics day to compete in various events throughout the day. Two of our senior students went on to compete at the Auckland Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to all our students who participated.

Isaiah Dunn
Oliver Sands
Luke Adams
Immanuel de Ridder
Johan Els
Lily Kamsteeg
Angela Zeng
Hope Bailey
Ruel Prasad
Timothy Price
Benjamin Rickerby

ORIENTEERING

Each year the Counties Manukau Orienteering Club run an Orienteering Sprint Series for schools within the Eastern Zone. This is an superbly organised event, which runs for 6 weeks.

This year unfortunately due to the lockdowns students only competed in 3 of these events, however participation numbers remained high! We had 38 students in total competing in the event from Years 9-13.

Orienteering Sprint Finals

9 of our students placed in the top 15 for our zone event, which qualified them to compete in the Orienteering Sprint Finals last Sunday against all Auckland Zones.

Congratulations to the following students:

Bayly Dransfield
Eliana Koh
Rachel Wagener
Madeleine Mensah
Claudia Price
Samuel Rickerby
Bobby-Jean Russ
Timothy Price
Aaron Jackson

Special mention to Bayly Dransfield (Y8) placed 3rd and Rachel Wagener (Y7) placing 1st in the Sprint Series Eastern Zone competition.

Results from Sunday's event is yet to come out. But a massive congratulations to all our students who qualified and competed. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

The students competed in two events for the day. The morning event was held at AUT North Akoranga Campus, Northcote and the afternoon event at Massey University in Albany.

South Eastern Zone Orienteering event

This week we have 3 teams competing in the South Eastern Zone Intermediate Schools competition held at Lloyd Elsmore.

We wish these students all the best in their events:

Year 7 Girls Team:

Rachel Wagener
Madeleine Mensah
Claudia Price
Eliana Koh

Year 8 Boys Team:

Bayly Dransfield
Samuel Rickerby
Bezalel Bernstein
Luca Holmes

Mixed Year 8 Team:

Grace Govender
Milena Ramos
Renese Tan
Tobyn Hodgson



AUCKLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Earlier this term, we took 5 teams over to Moire Park, Massey to compete in the annual Auckland Christian Schools Touch Rugby Tournament.

This was a wonderful day, filled with some great competition against our fellow ACS schools.

Congratulations to our teams, who all placed in the competition!

Y9/10 Boys Team = 3rd place

Y9/10 Mixed Flyers = 3rd place



Y9/10 Mixed Saints = 2nd place

Y7/8 Mixed Eagles = 2nd place

Y7/8 Mixed Comets = 1st place



UNDERDOG BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We have had 3 basketball teams competing in the Term 1 Underdog Basketball League at Mission Heights Junior College over the past 6 weeks. All 3 teams placed top 3 in the pool play round of competition and will be competing in playoff's this week for final placings!

Well done to these teams, and we wish you all the best for play-offs!

CELEBRATING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We love to celebrate your children's successes and hear what they have been up to with their sports. If your child has been involved in a sports competition outside of school and has something to celebrate, please email through the details and any pictures so we can celebrate with them! You can email this to sport@elim.school.nz

Congratulations to Luke Adams and Isaiah Dunn who were part of the Tamaki Lightning American Football U18 team who played in the Flag National Competition held over the weekend 27th – 28th March at Norana Park. The team placed 4th in the competition. Congratulations guys!



LOOKING AHEAD TO TERM 2

Organising of the winter sports season is well underway and we are very excited for the term ahead! We have a range of sports teams who will be competing in the secondary school competitions. We also have a number of one day tournament opportunities coming up for our Year 7 and Year 8 students and are very excited for our Intermediate Sports Camp in week 7.

For dates, please see our school calendar on the Elim Christian College website.

In Week 2 we will be holding our Middle Years Cross Country event for all Y7-10 students. This is on Wednesday 12th May.

We have recently held trials for our winter sports teams and preseason training has begun! Information regarding the season will be emailed out shortly with more details. If you have any queries in the meantime, please don't hesitate to email us at sport@elim.school.nz.