

MT ALBERT CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

1 SEPTEMBER 2023 | WEEK 7



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

WEEK 8 - 9

Mon 4 - Wed 13 Sept
Year 11-13 Practise Exams

Week 9

Book Week

Week 10

Physic Field trip to Rainbow's End
Year 7/8 Sports Camp

TERM 4

Monday 9th October School starts

30 October - 3 November
Year 10 Lit/Num Co-requisites second attempt

Thursday 26th October
Y11-13 Prizegiving at BC

Friday 17th October
Y11-13 Last Day of School/
Year 13 Special Assembly

Thursday 2nd November
Y11-13 Reports

Monday 6th November
NCEA Exams Start

Kia ora to our Mt Albert community,

I write today to give my thanks to our MAC staff who have been leading so well in Tania Calvert's absence. In particular I thank Mrs Julie Nola. Miss Jessica Kidd, Mr Nigel Davis, Mrs Joanna Emery, Mrs Amanda Ray and Ms Ellouise Richter. These staff have also been ably supported by our Associate Principal Mr Gary Johnstone.

I wish also to emphasise that Term 3 and Term 4 are jam-packed with mission critical learning activities and ongoing preparation for our senior students sitting NCEA externals. All this whilst Mrs Calvert works relentlessly with the establishment Board of the new Mt Albert School to ensure it functions highly as a stand alone school from the 1s of January 2024.

What an amazing whole staffing team we have at MAC. It is such a thriving campus and a great place for students to engage with Christ-centred learning. Parent support has also been phenomenal and much appreciated again this year.

Please pray for us as we establish the new school and provide stability of operation at the existing campus. We are super excited at what lies ahead and our desire is to do all we can to ensure the ongoing provision of quality Christian Education in Central and West Auckland.

Nga mihi nui,

Murray Burton
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 0-3 POETRY RECITAL

Mrs Joanna Emery

Last week the Year 0-3s had a very successful poetry recital! All the children had previously presented a poem to their class. We were really proud of all the children having the confidence and bravery to stand up and present in front of their class. From the class presentations, the teachers selected some students to present their poem at our poetry recital. These students performed excellently and did an amazing job, presenting to the entire Year 0-3 team, as well as teachers and parents. What a fantastic effort!



Find more photos from: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/u4gQ3HvYAJTnPceF6>

YEAR 4-6 SPEECH COMPETITION

Miss Jessica Kidd

The Year 4-6 speech finals were held on Wednesday 23 August between 10:30-11:30am. Nine students across the team made it through to this stage coming out with the highest marks across the in-class presentations and semi-finals.

A huge congratulations to Juan Puno (Year 6) who was awarded first place for his topic 'If you could create a theme park, it would be...'. The second place winner was Esther Harrowfield (Year 4) for her topic 'One thing I could change about the environment is...'. Third equal was awarded to Aaradhya Shabu (Year 6) and Elena Chien (Year 5) for their speeches on 'Should animals be kept in zoos?'. Well done to all of the finalists for their success!

Thank you very much to our wonderful judges Mrs Calvert, Mrs Nola and Mrs Davis.



YEAR 7-8 SPEECH COMPETITION

Mr Nigel Davis

Congratulations to the following students who gained placings in our annual Year 7 & 8 Speech Competition.

- 1st Place: Jasmine Rambhai who spoke about Jennifer Bricker being her role model
2nd Place: Madison Carroll who gave a persuasive speech on why she should be the Prime Minister
3rd Place: Riley Wood who also gave a persuasive speech on why he should be the Prime Minister



YEAR 7-8 BAND QUEST

Mr Nate Collings

On Friday 25 August, two of our rock bands competed in the Rockshop Bandquest Auckland regional final held at Auckland Girls Grammar.

No Vacancy from Golflands campus who are mentored by Anthony MacLeod performed a brilliant set including an original song "I'm Overcome," which won best original song of the night.

Miles (ELIM backwards) from Mt. Albert Campus (Isaac Premkumar, Ezra Schnee, Aaryan Shabu, Dave Talluri and Dominic Jackson) had the crowd dancing with two high energy originals, and took out 2nd place overall!

We are super proud of these students and all the hard work they have put in behind the scenes.



Check out both bands on our Elim Performing Arts YouTube channel :

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7f8YWChSuyoitraPADNDDw>

Miles from MAC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iw0zSRredsQ>

CROSS COUNTRY

Mr Sam Mackenzie

The annual MAC Cross Country event was a great success and was a fantastic opportunity for our whole school to come together. Racers ran through all different terrain types and the sun stayed out all day for us. Many thanks go to all parents who volunteered to help and to all who attended in support. Thank you also to our Whanau Leaders for their help leading up to the event and on the day. It was great to see so many people wearing their house colours! We are looking forward to next year already.



Cross Country photo album link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/pDZarJjHnM4qMjKHA>

Special thanks to Sage Macdonald and Lily Brading for amazing photos.

YEAR 5 NETBALL

Ms Ellouise Richter

The Year 5 netball season has come to an end. It has been such a blessing to witness the growth in the game displayed by our young players. The parental support has been so good too! Well done to all the netball players for a wonderful and successful season!



LAIDLAW COLLEGE VISIT

Charlotte Paton-Simpson, Year 13

The Year 13 class had the privilege of visiting Laidlaw College on the 23rd of August. We were invited to listen to three wonderful talks regarding relevant Christian issues and ideas. The first took us on a journey from Genesis to the Gospels. The second offered a relevant and perceptive analysis of spiritual deconstruction. The third equipped us with ways to stand firm in our faith amidst the ever-changing social, cultural, and technological world. We finished off with a Q&A by the Head of Theology, Dr. Myk Habets, where our burning questions were answered with wonderful insight. Overall, it was a great sample of what could come next for students keen to further explore their Christian faith. Ngā mihi nui, Laidlaw College!



PRAYER GROUP

Lily Brading and Theo Burgess, Year 12

Kia ora, everyone! Our prayer group has been happening every Friday morning tea! It has been so encouraging to set aside time and gather as students to pray over the things God puts on our hearts. Creating time to pray together has shifted so much and we can't wait to see how God will continue to use this space.



WEEK 9 BOOK WEEK

Mrs Emma Abrahams



We have an exciting Book Week happening in Week 9. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the school and be involved on two separate occasions.

The first occasion is on **Thursday 14 September**, when parents can shop at the **Scholastic Book Fair in the Rahiri House Ballroom from 1:40pm to 3:30pm**. Year 0-8 students will be bringing their Book Fair shopping wish lists home on Wednesday afternoon, so be on the lookout for those.



The second occasion is happening **at 9:30am on Friday 15 September**, when there will be a **Book Character Parade for Year 0-8 students** on the top field. The parade will be followed by a prize-giving for the best costumes, as well as for other Book Week competitions. Immediately after the prize-giving, parents are welcome to shop at the **Scholastic Book Fair again, from 10:45am to 1pm**. Shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair helps raise funds for our school library. There will also be an opportunity at the Fair to purchase books to donate directly to our library. Your support is much appreciated.

Between now and then, help your children get their Book Character costumes ready and remind them to bring the book their character is from to the parade.



A REMINDER OF WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12)

All formal notifications to withdraw from Elim Christian College will be required in writing, giving one term's notice. Therefore, if your child is not returning in 2024, please download a Leavers Form using the link below and email the completed form to enrolments@elim.school.nz by the end of Term 3 - Friday 22nd September 2023.

Leavers Form: <https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Student-Leaving-Form.pdf>

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact the Enrolment Team at enrolments@elim.school.nz