



Malo e lelei! This week has been Tongan language week (This photograph was from our Cultural Concert).

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<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zLMICMB5Gzk7hP2a5dszBxhBGa4yqAlwMRxGSxBZGoQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Wonder

Kia ora,

This week our counsellor released a video about finding wonder in the ordinary. Being unnaturally restricted to our own bubbles and spaces can cause unease within us. God is a God of wonder and awe, and to be finding that amazement in the simplicity of a flower or a hail stone and marvelling at these kinds of things, can help to ground and connect us with our Lord. A sense of curiosity, sparked by awe and amazement, can take us on a wonderful journey. May we all be able to find the awe and wonder, both large and small, in His creation.

Next week will reveal a clearer picture of what things look like for our campus with regards to Covid. Mr Murray Burton will be communicating this to you in due course. I am looking forward to our eventual return and hope that things are safe enough for this to happen soon.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Mark Mack(Campus Lead)

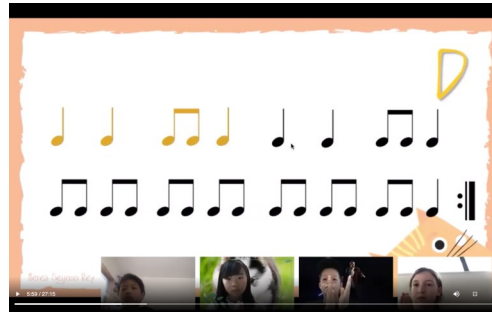
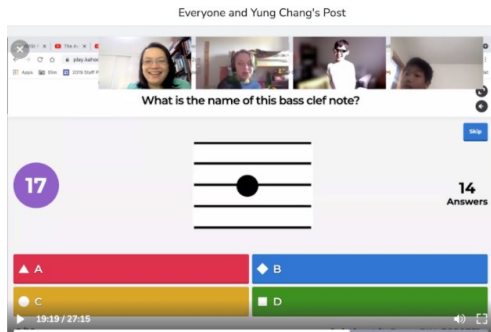


IMPORTANT DATES

- 18th—22 October **Y11-13 practice exams**
- 27th September—1st October **Y7&8 Sports Camp (CANCELLED)**
- 14th September 7.00pm—8.00pm **Subject Options evening for Y10-Y12.**
- **ICAS Examinations rescheduled (see table below)**
- 11th November **Y11-13 Prizegiving, Elim Christian Centre Botany**
- 12th November **Y11-13 Students Last day of School.**
- 22nd November—14th December **NCEA EXAMINATIONS (Avondale College)**
- Term 4—**Book week**

MUSIC WITH MRS CHANG

These are some photographs of her online music class.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ROOM 12—MRS SCOTT

The following is a copy of what Mrs Scott shared with the whole school staff. It reflects something of the wonder and mystery we find in God.

My Devotional Story

As I reflect on the times we live in and the recent happenings of this past week or two, I want to encourage you with a story I have told a few times and it has brought encouragement to the hearers.

Two weeks before lockdown 4 of my students were doing a weekly Student led Devotional on a topic of their choice for the rest of the class in our daily 40 minute Christian Living/Devotional time.

The first student got up and shared her belief and worth found in God and gave her scripture as Isaiah 41:10: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

The second student spoke, then the third student shared on Peace, with the key scripture Isaiah 41:10. We commented on how amazing it was that it was the same verse. The last student got up and shared on having God there in times of trouble and hardship and anchored his

talk with Isaiah 41:10. We were now really listening to what God had to say to us.

I asked the class to get out their Devotional books and write this verse out however they felt God had spoken to them that day. One of the students asked to go to his bag to get his Bible. On his return I watched him drop the Bible open on his desk and it fell open to Isaiah 41 and verse 10 was highlighted in yellow. He couldn't believe his eyes and we all celebrated the fact we believed God really wanted us to be listening and paying attention.

I decided the next week we would learn it instead of the planned weekly memory verse, which we did. Two days later we were in Lockdown.

Now, two and a half weeks into lockdown, we are revisiting this verse regularly and reminding ourselves that God is in control and he has us in his righteous right hand. There is nothing to fear or be discouraged about because God is on the throne and we can trust that He has got this.

(Incidentally Mr Burton had this verse in the list of verses he sent out last week too.)

CAREERS RESOURCES

We would like to draw your attention to this careers resource

<https://www.cate.co.nz/parent-resources/>



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SUBJECT OPTIONS EVENING 14TH SEPT AT 7.00PM

This for Y10-Y12 students and their families. Use the link below to access the online meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84976854853?pwd=MVFhS2JkMoJJVEdOQW41SHRTQWY1Zz09>

UPDATED ICAS EXAM SCHEDULE

ICAS EXAM	YEAR GP	DATE/TIME
English	Y3-13	Wed 6th October 8.30am
Science	Y3-13	Wed 13th October 8.30am
Spelling Bee	Y3-8	Wed 13th October 11:15am
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Mathematics	Y3-13	Wed 20th October 8:30am
Writing	Y4-13	20TH October 8:30am & 11:15am
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LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED & BOOK WEEK

Our Librarian, Mrs Vanessa Stradwick is wanting to build a Library Support Team. You can volunteer for one off events or regular weekly library work like book covering etc. Please contact her via her email address vanessa.stradwick@elim.school.nz.

She is also planning for Book Week mid to late November (online or in person) Details to follow.