



# Celebrating Culture

## CULTURAL CONCERT

Kia ora,

On Friday we held our annual concert where we celebrated the cross section of cultures at our campus. Seeing the pride in our students as they represented their culture and honouring each others' cultures was a highlight for us. Much work was put into preparing for the performances and dress. A special thank you to Whaea Kristelle for taking this mammoth task on. The Elim City Church venue was a perfect match for the event and honoured the effort put in. Thank you, too, to all of the students who sacrificed time, energy and expense to make it the spectacle that it was.

## MY SABBATICAL

Returning to school after being away for the whole of term 2 has been a wonderful experience. I enjoyed the opportunity to study and refresh myself, but missed being around our students, families and colleagues here at our campus. I am grateful for our leadership team who ably stepped up to the plate in my absence, especially our Acting Campus Lead Tania Calvert. It is good to be back.

Ngā mihi nui

Mark Mack (Campus Lead)



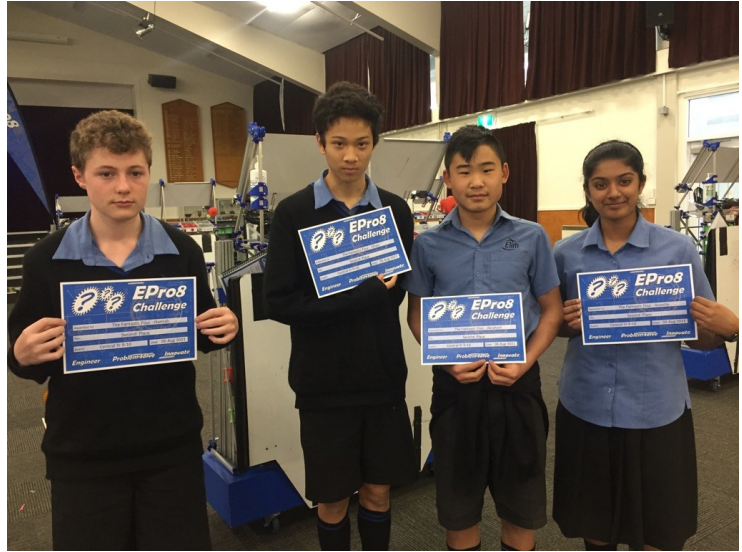
## IMPORTANT DATES

- 16th– 20th August  
**Travelwise week**
- Tuesday 17th August  
9.30am **Expression of interest tour**
- Wednesday 18th August  
8.45am **ICAS English exam**
- Wednesday 25th August  
8.45am **ICAS Science exam**
- 23rd–27th August  
**Y1-8 in class speech competition**
- 8th–17th September **Y11-13 practice exams**
- 10th September **Y1-10 cross country Y11-13 optional**

## EPRO8

Mrs Amanda Ray has been working with our teams. The MAC Year 9 EPro8 team came a close second in the inter school EPro8 competition at One Tree Hill College last week. There were 12 Auckland teams taking part and students were given a number of engineering and electronics tasks to complete in a designated time. Our team (Hamish, Oliver, Abraham and Annette) showed excellent teamwork, creative problem solving and incredible focus. They are now through to the Auckland semi-finals in September. Well done!

The EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 10,000 students from 800 schools from throughout New Zealand take part. Teams of four students will compete for the title of their regions EPro8 Challenge Champion. <https://epro8challenge.co.nz/>



## Y13 BIOLOGY TRIP TO THE ZOO

Last week the Y13 Biology students went to Auckland Zoo to have a hands-on experience with two Biology externals, Human evolution and Plant and animal relationships. It was especially enjoyable as we were joined by the students from Botany Campus.

## SCIENCE BOX AND LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN

### LIFE EDUCATION

We had the Life Education Trust bus with us for Week 1 of the term. The focus was on a Health topic that the teachers select. It was delivered to our students with such professionalism and expertise. They learnt so much and the follow up has been developing in the classes since then. They always enjoy the antics of Harold and he didn't disappoint with his jokes.

### SCIENCE BOX in Room12

This term we have been studying Magnetism and Bees. Both topics were very interesting and had some wonderful discovery learning attached to them. The iron filings were so captivating to watch as you can see in Jack's picture.

