

MT ALBERT CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

15 SEPTEMBER 2023 | WEEK 9



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

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 all caregivers and friends of Mt Albert Elim Christian School.

What an action packed time it has been during this last fortnight at school! It's surely an indication of a vibrant school where learning takes place - not only in curriculum but also in the building of relationship skills, encouraging curiosity, self-management and always seeking an authentic and Christ-centred faith.

For seniors, the anxiety and challenge of the practice NCEA examinations has tested resilience. For some students, a three hour examination has been a new experience. I encourage you to work together now with your children to create a study timetable. Consider all out of school commitments (e.g., work, sport, church, ...) and then look at the remaining available time slots in which study can be done. Allocate these time slots equally to the examination standards which will be externally examined. In your plan, budget for a "time out". It is better to plan for time out so that there is no clash between parents and young people around break times.

Again, congratulations to our Y7-8 students who took part in the annual **BandQuest** where *No Vacancy* from GC won best original song and Miles from MAC took out 2nd place. If you want to watch the performances, check it out **here**. Next week a large team of Y7-8 students will be attending a sports camp at Totara Springs Camp in Matamata. We wish them well. Today Mr Collings is leading the Elim Music Roadshow, a music team of 35 students doing a musical "tour" of all three Campuses. Being Māori language Week, we give to our music students the Whakataukī (Māori proverb):

"Kua tawhiti kē tō haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu. He nui rawa ō mahi, kia kore e mahi tonu."
(You have come too far, not to go further. You have done too much, not to do more.)

Mā te wā,

Gary Johnstone

TONGAN WEEK *Ms Ellouise Richter*

The Year 9s and 10s were blessed by a traditional Tongan performance in celebration of Tongan language week. Some of our boys performed a Tongan hymn, blessing us with their melodious voices and obvious vocal talent. Thank you to the Filimoehala family for arranging this and the beautiful decor in the reception of the school.



YEAR 5 NETBALL

Ms Ellouise Richter

The Year 5 Netball groups had their ends of season prize-giving celebration last Thursday. Our netball teams have played with wonderful dedication and enthusiasm this year. The highlight of the afternoon was the parent/student games. We could see where our students have inherited their persevering spirits and competitive streaks from! Everyone had a lovely time and we look forward to next year's Netball season.



YEAR 2- ANIMAL PREDATORS

Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 2 has been learning about animal predators this term. We have been learning how to classify animals according to their teeth. We have been learning about the attributes of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Here are some animal skulls that we were able to look at and touch to try and work out what they ate.



YEAR 7 & 8 MATHEX COMPETITION

Mr Nigel Davis

Congratulations to our Mathex teams who gave their all in this competition at the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium, Kohimarama. Each competition brought loud cheers from the audience as 128 teams ran around the stadium floor seeking to answer the next question as quickly as possible. It was a great night with both teams placing in the top third of their competitions.



Year 7 Mathex Team:

Noah Sutich, Zirui Wen, Zach Mowat and Timothy Hydes



Year 8 Mathex Team:

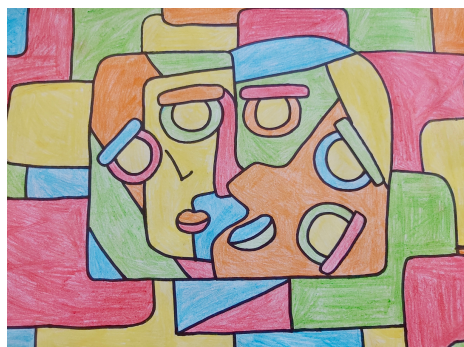
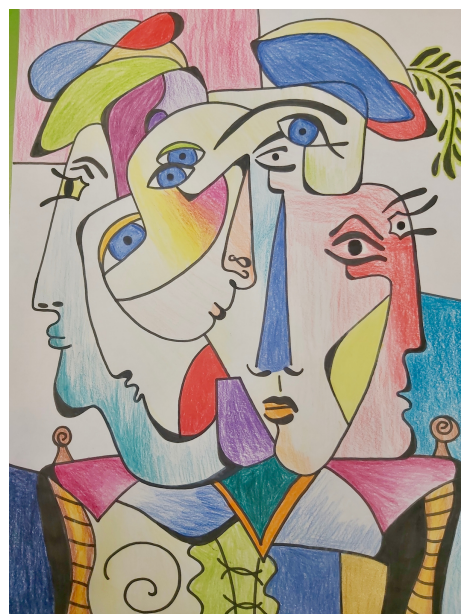
Tejaswini Kumaravel, Jasmine Rambhai, Edward Sun and Jonathan Liddell

Y7/8 PICASSO DRAWING

Mr Nigel Davis

Throughout this term the students have looked at different art forms. Attached are some that follow Picasso's cubism theme, which includes different colours, multiple perspectives and the use of geometric shapes. The students were asked to produce artistic work, which had a fragmented and abstracted result.

*Left: Daisy Haimes
Bottom: Dhaya Christopher,
Tamsen Browne and Aminiya Aldrin*



SENIOR EXAMS

Mrs Julie Nola

Congratulations to all of our senior students for completing their practice exams! This year, for the first time, we had the practice exams in our newly refurbished Rahiri House. With the growth in student numbers, we have made significant changes to the running of exams compared to previous years. It was special seeing four exams rooms, filled with our lovely Elim students, being used simultaneously!

YEAR 9 NETBALL

Arabella Blowfield, Year 9



This netball season was a crazy but fun ride for our Year 9 netball team. Our Year 9 team played a total of 13 games and we won all 13 games!! We had 3 grading games, which we won all of. Then we had 5 first round games which we also won all of and because we won those we got graded up a section. We then went on to play 5 championship games which we managed to also win and win our WHOLE grade!

All of the games were so much fun to play. We had to train really, really hard - through and before the season. The training we put in really paid off and got us the results we got.

A big thanks to our awesome coach Mrs Jo Blowfield who trained, coached and umpired all our games. A big thanks to Mr Ambrose Blowfield for helping coach us at the games and cheering us on really loudly on the side lines. Also thanks to Mr Will Silva and Mrs Maree Walters for doing our scoring and thanks to all the parents that supported us at our games.

We had so much fun and I can't wait to play again with everyone next year!

YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP COURSE

Mr Sam Mackenzie

Over the course of this term the Year 13 PE class have been studying leadership principles and have had the opportunity to collaborate with and coach some of our junior classes in PE. Thanks to everyone involved and particularly Miss Kim, Mr Peach, Miss Chester and Mr Davis for such fantastic classes to teach.



YEAR 9 AND 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Mrs Amanda Abrahams

Y9/10

Kiwi Dessert Challenge

The Y9/10 food tech students were tasked with creating a dessert using New Zealand ingredients.

Kiwi inspired Rocky Road

Kiwi Cupcakes - vanilla and red velvet

Custard Meringues

Lamington Cupcakes with 100s and 1000s

The students had two periods to complete the challenge

The judges had a tough job choosing the winning dessert.

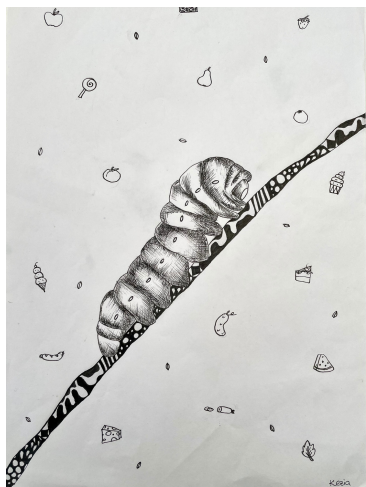






YEAR 9 AND 10 ART

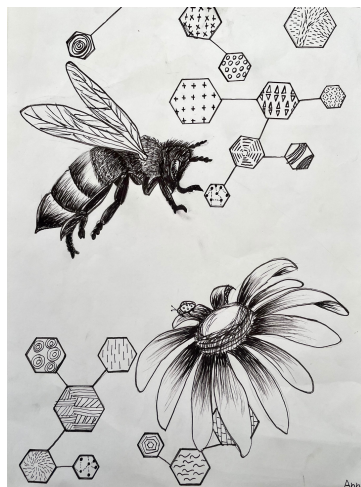
Line Drawing and Mark Making



Kezia Penny, Year 9



Bethany Chua, Year 10



Anna Cooper, Year 9



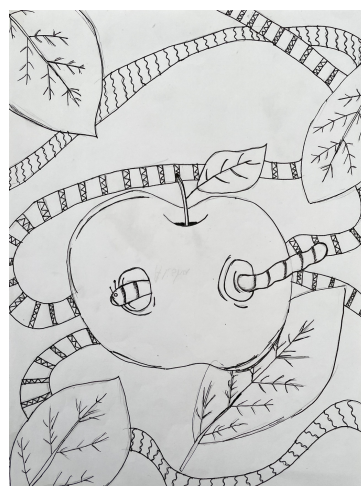
Joseph McNaughton, Year 9



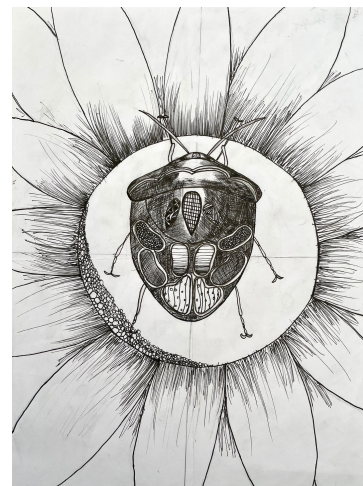
Carys Walters, Year 9



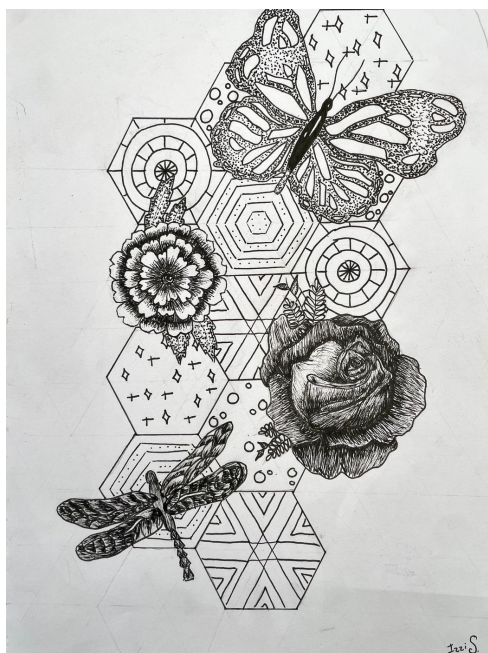
Callum Chan, Year 9



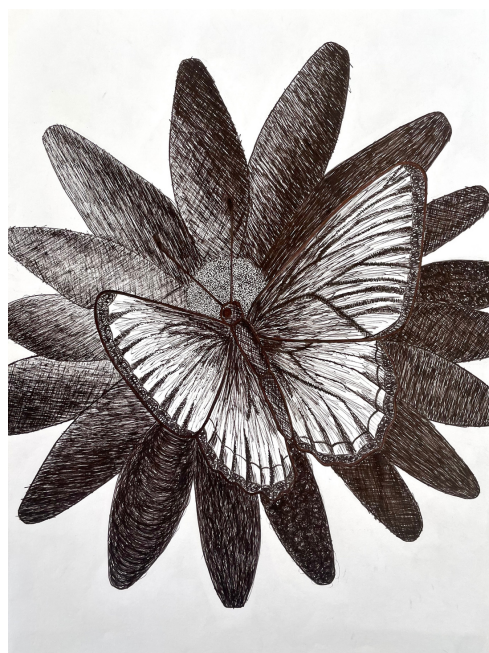
Alisha David, Year 10



Isiah Trebilco, Year 9



Isabelle Stewart, Year 9



Suki Ting, Year 10



Martha Walton, Year 9

2023 SONGWRITING COMPETITION



For details and information on how to enter, please click on the link [here](#) !

**** Check out the wonderful prizes available for our winners -**

With thanks to our sponsors, Kala Brand Music, Lyn McAllister Music and NZ Rockshop ******



Uke-Can-Do-It: Best original ukulele song Write a song for the Kiwileles to sing!

**Entries are to be received
by 5pm Friday 3rd November 2023**

**** Sorry, we are unable to accept late entries ****

Songwriting Guidelines for the Uke-Can-Do-It Competition

- The work must be an original song, featuring the ukulele. It cannot be an arrangement or adaptation of another song.
- The vocal line should not fall below A4 (A below middle C) or above D5 (D above 'high C').
- The winning song will be sung and played by students in both primary and secondary schools and should be easy to play on the ukulele.
- It should be the length of an average pop song with lyrics suitable for primary-age children - upbeat and positive, with a theme that will inspire!
- We strongly recommend you view these previous winners for inspiration and chord suggestions:
- *2019 winner - Smile by Hannah Milo*
2020 winner - Different by Tomuri Spicer
2021 winner - My Imagination by Anna Feillet
2022 winner - Butterfly by Aria Clark

Terms and Conditions of the Uke-Can-Do-It Competition

1. Entry is open to all students resident in New Zealand, in years 5 - 13 in 2023.
2. The closing date for entries is 5pm Friday 3 November 2023. Please note we are unable to accept late entries.
3. Only one song per student/group can be entered. Songs may be collaborative but all writers must be acknowledged (and will share their prize if selected as a winner).
4. Compositions must be the entrants' original work, this includes lyrics.
5. We require a song sheet showing the lyrics and chords, accompanied by an mp3 recording (performed by the songwriter or by someone else if preferred). No videos please.
6. The winning songwriter/s will be consulted during the process of producing the final appropriate and school-friendly resource that will be released for use in NZ schools in 2024.
7. By entering, you grant The New Zealand Ukulele Trust the licence to use your song for promotional purposes.
8. The judges' decisions will be final.

For a printable version of the song-writing guidelines and terms and conditions for this competition, find from here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ye7qwnbFft0olxBjyppf7qMCoFUuF52kM/view>

TASTY GRIFFON FOOD TRUCK



On **Wednesday 20th of September**, our school will be hosting a Tasty Griffon Food Truck during lunchtime. This service will only be available to **Year 9 to 13 students**.




This is our first time trialling Tasty Griffon. It would be much appreciated if you could please remind your children to still bring some lunch to school on Wednesday.

There will be specific ordering times for each of the year levels which will be organised by the school prefects. This time around we will be doing it in reverse order.

From 12:50pm to 1:15pm the food truck will be open to the Year 9 and Year 10 students

From 1:15pm to 1:35pm the food truck will be open to Year 11-13 students

Menu

HOT FOOD	DRINKS	SNACKS
 Mince pie Steak and cheese pie Sausage roll Mini mince pie Steamed bbq pork bun	 CalciYum chocolate milk CalciYum strawberry milk Lemmy lemonade Welch's sparkling grape juice	 Chocolate chip cookie Serious popcorn



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Carpe Diem Kids will be having a fun Holiday Programme at **three of our sites** from **25th Sept to 6th Oct**.
Holiday Programmes will run at Flanshaw Road School, St. Marys School and Waikowhai Primary School.

Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available.

Brochures are available online.

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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