

# MT ALBERT CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

17 AUGUST 2023 | WEEK 5



## TERM 3

TOD Friday 18th August

### WEEK 6

Tuesday 22nd August

Mufti Day - Tony Mclean Nepal Trust

Wednesday 23rd August

Y13 Laidlaw Conference  
Year 0-3 Poetry Recital and  
Year 4-8 Speech Finals

Thursday 24th August

Year 10-12 Student Subject Options  
online 7-8pm

Friday 25th August

Year 7-8 Band Quest

### 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  
Y7/8 Sports Camp

Kia ora, parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We are nearly at the halfway point of this 10 week term. Where did the time go? I see that there are already the beginning signs of spring - the cherry tree outside my home bedroom is in blossom and the tui are singing in the Puriri trees on my morning walk to school.

This week I visited two of our teachers, Miss Fale in Room 5 and Miss Chester in Room 7. It is always an inspiration to see young teachers at work – their passion, commitment and care of students under the mentorship of experienced teachers is outstanding.



Each student in turn from Miss Fale's class presented a speech. The student in the photo spoke clearly for 2min 19sec without reference to notes on the need to be considerate to animals. At the conclusion of each speech the class was invited to give positive feedback. Many skills were at work here. Listening skills and analysis from the listeners and of course the building of confidence and skills of public speaking. How many of us could speak when we were that age in front of a class? Not me for sure! Thank you, Miss Fale, for building a class environment that enabled this to happen.

In Miss Chester's class, the students were given 3 minutes to write down as many countries as they could remember. The overall class average was 55 countries and the top score was 85! On another related exercise, the students were working on task sheets concerning the coming election- identifying leaders of political parties and the process of New Zealand's voting system. How reassuring to know that our young students are aware and engaged in the issues of the world around them. Thank you, Miss Chester, for your part in shaping these students to be informed and prepared global citizens.



Kia tau te manaaki a te Atua ki a tatou katoa, (God's blessing be with us all).

Gary Johnstone  
Associate Principal

# PAT HANLY CREATIVITY AWARDS

*Mrs Shinae Ha*

On Thursday 10 August, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki hosted The Pat Hanly Creativity Awards, recognising 70 exceptional Senior art students from the secondary schools throughout the Auckland region. The award recognises secondary school students who display high levels of creativity in the visual arts.

From Elim Christian College Mt Albert Campus, two amazing Year 13 art students, Emilia Malcolm and Jonathan Schnee received the award in the presence of their whānau and teacher and were honoured at a gala event at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki.

*"Art and creativity are important to me because of their impact on society. Art in itself is essentially self expression but usually extends itself beyond the creator. Art is meant to be seen and experienced by others and thereby has great potential to impact them. Art is used to convey certain ideas and experiences to others through creating emotion. This can cause the viewers to generate their own thoughts, ideas and opinions through the display of the artists. Creativity extends beyond just its application in art. It allows humanity to be able to progress. The generation of new and unique ideas comes from creativity."*

*-Jonathan Schnee*



**Jonathan Schnee, Year 13**  
**"Obey", Paint and thread**



**Emilia Malcolm, Year 13**  
**"Expressions of Women's Suffrage Through the Lens", Digital Photography**

*"Art is important to me as it gives me freedom to express my feelings and opinions. I also love art as through it, I can express my individuality and it helps me to learn who I am and find myself. "*

*-Emilia Malcolm*

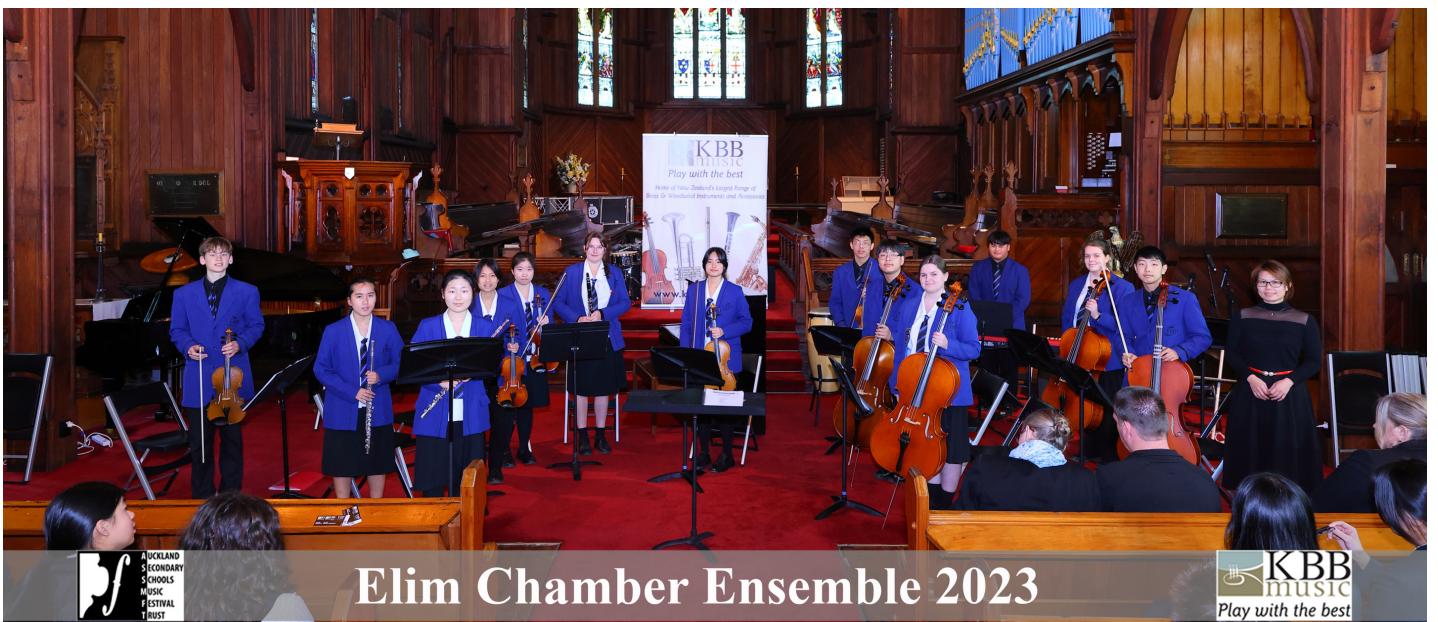
# KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

*Mr Nate Collings*

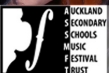
Our Elim Chamber Ensemble is made up of students from our Mt. Albert and Botany campuses and is directed by Mrs Karen Liu. Throughout the year they have been rehearsing separately and in the Term 2 holidays had three intensive workshops as a combined group.

The KBB Music Festival is the largest festival of its kind in the country and features big bands, orchestras, concert bands and chamber orchestras. Last week we performed in the chamber orchestra division. The Elim Chamber Ensemble put on their best performance to date and was awarded a bronze award. An excellent result as their first time entering as a competitive group.

Part of this festival is offering students from all the schools involved the opportunity to play in a combined schools orchestra and big band. Scarlett Ploeg was selected to be part of the orchestra on cello and performed Gareth Farr's 'From the Depths of the Great Sea Gong.' This is a piece of music that even professional orchestras rarely play because of the difficulty. Calitin Diprose was selected to be part of the big band on bass and performed two charts 'It Could Happen To You' and 'A Foggy Day.' Bass is probably the most essential instrument in a big band and she nailed it.



**Elim Chamber Ensemble 2023**



# AUCKLAND JAZZ AND BLUES COMPETITION:

*Mr Nate Collings*

Elim entered two jazz combos into the Auckland Jazz and Blues Competition this Term held at the Pt. Chev RSA. This competition is held over two weekends in Term 3 and features small group jazz combos and larger big bands.

The Mt. Albert Jazz combo 'The Big MAC combo' played four tunes including three vocals and was awarded a silver award. An excellent result on their first time entering this competition. The Botany jazz combo '2000 BC combo' played a varied programme of five tunes and was awarded **a gold award** on their second time entering this competition. Both fantastic results!



# SECONDARY SCHOOL BALL

*Mrs Julie Nola*

On Saturday the 5th August, our Botany and Mt Albert Campuses joined for our annual school ball. This ball was particularly memorable, due to the Year 13 dances. The Botany students performed a beautiful waltz and the Mt Albert students performed a medley of dances with some of their teachers. We all enjoyed watching Mr Blok and the boys moonwalking and Ms Richter and the girls' response. Even our principal, Mr Burton, had a part to play. It was another fantastic night. Well done, students!

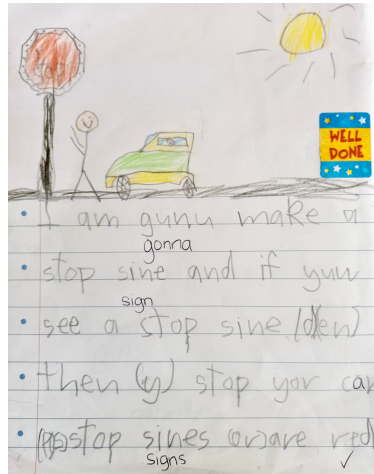


# TRAVELWISE

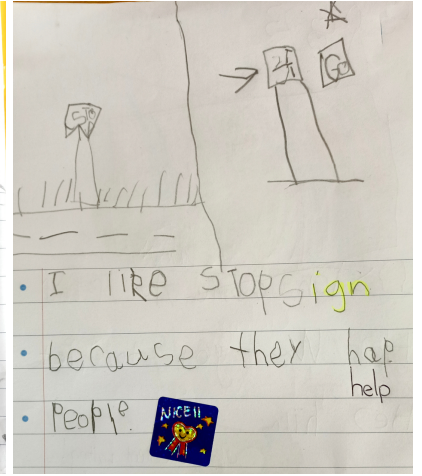
Miss Yeonie Jeong



Evangelina Filimoehalaburling, Judy Zhu and Torres Wang are sharing the Park and walk pamphlet with our community. Thanks team! Great job encouraging our whanau to walk if possible to help reduce traffic congestion.



Joshua Yu from Room 1 is writing about decorating his stop sign and why stop signs are good on the road.



Lucas Mejia in Room 1 wrote a beautiful sentence about what a stop sign is and how it helps people on the road.



William Liu and Zoe Govender from Room 3 brought their helmets to school to see if the helmets were the right size for their heads. Good job! It's important to keep your head safe!



Ethan Busari with his decorated bag.



Jonathan Nola with his decorated bag for Travelwise

## POP ART MEETS TRAVELWISE!

Mr Nigel Davis

This term Year 7 & 8 classes have been doing an Art Unit on Pop Art. This coincided with Travelwise Week, so we amalgamated them with the students designing new stop signs. Students used their Pop Art skills. They had bright bold lettering, highlighted with a black pen and a bright background to come up with the following designs.



# DRAMA CLUB

*Miss Medeleine Chester*

This term we have had a new club start for the intermediate students...Drama Club! Over the last few weeks we have had fun engaging in a range of drama games and activities. We have learned about tableaus and freeze frames. We are looking forward to learning more ways to express ourselves through drama, including a chance to potentially create our own plays later this term!



# CHINA DAY

*Mrs Amanda Ray*

It was such a treat to visit the China Day workshop last week. I tried my hand at printing Chinese symbols, enjoyed seeing the Chinese items for sale and was even given a lovely Chinese lantern. A huge thank you to our internal guests for providing a really fun lunchtime experience!



# SUPER TAG!

*Amisha Chauhan, Year 12, Whānau Leader*

This week the Whanau Leaders organised a Year 7-13 tournament of SUPERTAG!! We are really proud of everyone who participated!! We have three winners!!

1st place- Jonathan Schnee , 2nd place- Zein Fung , 3rd place- Celab Sim

Well done everyone!!!!



# WORLD VISION

*Mrs Julie Nola*

This morning in Assembly (17th August), we had World Vision come and present the school with a Platinum Award, for being in the top 2 percent of schools that raised money for World Vision. We were top for the most money raised per student. It was a fantastic achievement, well done students and families.

Thank you for your contributions towards clean water.



## CULTURAL GROUPS!

*Mrs Jo Robertson*

Next week (Week 6) we are beginning to put together cultural groups for the future. To start this, we are running two cultural lunches on:

Tuesday 22nd August lunchtime: All students interested in Maori and Pacific groups are to bring a plate to share and catch up on what is happening with the cultural groups.

Friday 25th August lunchtime: All students interested in Indian and Asian cultural groups are to bring a plate to share and catch up on what is happening with cultural groups.

We are looking for parents who would be interested in supporting our cultural groups as they start to meet and practice. There is a wide variety of groups that we would like to start practising items in Terms 3 & 4 and then continue on into Term 1 2024. The groups will perform in cultural celebration at the end of Term 1, 2024.

Groups will be open to students from Year 6 - Year 12, and current leaders will be supporting them along with teachers. If you are interested in helping with any group, please email Mrs Robertson [jo.robertson@elim.school.nz](mailto:jo.robertson@elim.school.nz)  
A meeting will be held in Week 7 for parents who are **interested**.

YEAR 0-3 WHĀNAU ARE INVITED TO THE  
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# POETRY RECITAL



WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST  
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM YEARS 0 - 3

YEAR 4-8 WHĀNAU ARE INVITED TO THE  
YEAR 4-6 AND YEARS 7-8

# SPEECH FINALS



WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM YEARS 4 - 6  
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM YEARS 7 - 8