



Gratitude

Kia ora,

There are many things that I am grateful for, some of which are the fact that we managed to have our cultural concert as well as the annual school ball before we went into lockdown. Both of these celebrations were opportunities to be unified within our campus and across the campuses. Seeing students thrive in the classroom and beyond is what we want to see for all of our students. These events gave expression to this. We are all aware of the environment that we are living in currently and feel the pain and disappointment of losing out on events and occasions to flourish in what we love. My prayer for all of you in our community is for your safety and wellbeing. Some of us do well in lockdown and others struggle with its challenges. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you need support. I am grateful for the staff that I work with here at our Mt Albert campus and honour them for their professionalism and wholehearted approach to teaching here. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui (be strong, be steadfast be willing).

Mark Mack

(Campus Lead)

NEWS

Photography Project for Level 2 NCEA—Zion Talamahina

Cultural Concert photos

Elim Ball

Travelwise

Online Safety

Online classes

ICAS

EPro8 Lockdown Edition

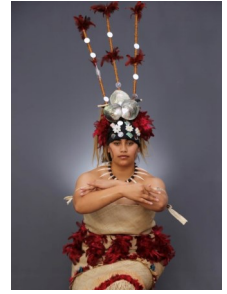
NZQA notification for Y11-13

IMPORTANT DATES

- 22nd September—1st October **Y11-13 practice exams (TBC)**
- 10th September **Y1-10 cross country Y11-13 optional (Will need to be rescheduled)**
- 27th September—1st October **Y7&8 Sports Camp (TBC)**
- 22nd November—14th December **NCEA and NZ Scholarship examinations.**
- **Y3-8 Speech finals will be rescheduled.**
- **ICAS Examinations to be rescheduled**

ZION TALAMAHINA—PHOTOGRAPHY

Zion is a Y12 Art student of Samoan, Tongan and Niuean decent who, as part of her photography study this year, took these photos. The images are of Samoan family dynamics, particularly between the elders and youth. Later Zion's work develops toward exploring cultural values and academic achievement.



“This heavenly city calls citizens out of all nations, and gathers together a society of pilgrims of all languages, whereby earthly peace is secured and maintained.”
Augustine of Hippo

CULTURAL CONCERT

These were taken at the concert in week 3 at our Elim City Church.



ELIM BALL AT ELLERSLIE EVENTS CENTRE

We were able to have our ball with over 300 Y11-13 students from the Botany Campus and ours, in attendance. It was an amazing evening and good to see our students so well dressed for the occasion.



TRAVELWISE—WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Miss Yeonie Jeong is our school coordinator and arranged for our Travelwise week which was sadly cut short by the lockdown. There was enough time for us to have two days of activities.



We had a great start with Delia from Auckland Transport who spoke to us in our assembly. She encouraged us that, “Walking to school is cool!”. The next day, we had a delightful number of families joining in with our “Park and Walk”. Thanks again to everyone who participated and it is never too late to start to “Park and Walk” when we get back to school.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE



Being online carries risk with it. We want to support you in this and have a link on our website. Please view this if you feel that you could do with some support.

<https://www.elim.school.nz/communications-digital-parenting/>

In addition to this, N4L (Network for Learning) also offer support for you. They are the Ministry of Education approved internet provider and supply us with filtering on our sites. You are able to access this for your homes at no cost.

switch on safety

When children learn from home, it's important to help them stay safe online.

Network for Learning (N4L) helps to keep your child safe at school. So while your child is learning from home, we have a **FREE** way to block the worst of the web.

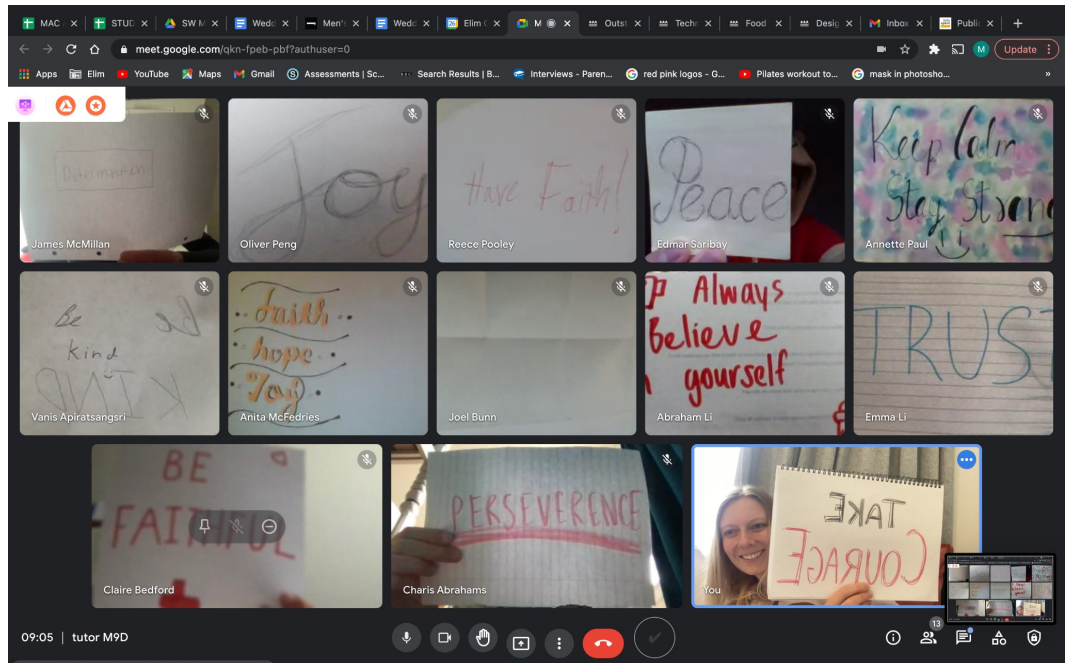
To Switch on Safety, you need to change the 'DNS' settings on your child's device. We've outlined simple instructions for the different devices at switchonsafety.co.nz

[VISIT SWITCHONSAFETY.CO.NZ](https://switchonsafety.co.nz)

ONLINE LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN

Miss Melissa Diprose shared this with us:

"I had my tutor class write encouragement for each other on pieces of paper and hold them up to the screen for a screen shot. Here is an image from that."



Dear Parents,

We are waiting for ICAS to let us know what the situation is regarding the exams and possible postponements. As soon as they let us know we will pass the message on to everyone. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Kia kaha everyone.

Theresa Bosch Director

Kip McGrath Howick



EPRO8—HOME CHALLENGE MONDAY 30TH AUGUST 9.00 AM MONDAY



Form a family team:

If you are looking for a good activity your children can complete at home, then the folks at EPro8 are going to be running a challenge - Lockdown Edition starting on Monday. It comes with the chance of winning one of our brand new EPro8 Electronics Starter Kits.

This challenge won't be using the EPro8 Equipment that we normally use, but instead the challenge will be completed using a ream of paper and a roll of sellotape.

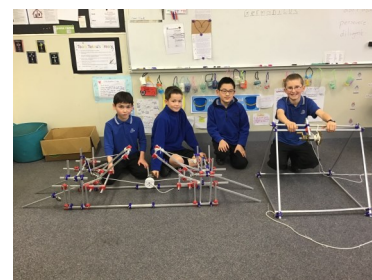
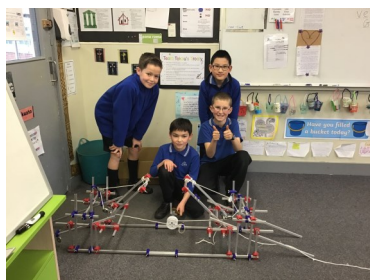
A team comprises of family members from the same household. Parents and siblings can all be part of the team.

Entry is free, and it is open to any of our students.

Further details and registration is here:

<https://epro8challenge.co.nz/epro8---lockdown-edition.html>

It was so great that our awesome Year 5/6 EPro8 team completed their competition entry before the lockdown was announced. They created a scale model of London's Tower Bridge. The bridge opened and closed using a crank handle and three party poppers were launched from the structure using a contraption 2m away. This task turned out to be very challenging and they did brilliantly. I hope the EPro8 judges love it too. Well done Jonathan, Noah, Riley and Leo!



NZQA—LOCKDOWN ANNOUNCEMENT

From Mrs Carol Pottow:

Due to Covid level 4 lockdown, changes to dates for External Examinations, Visual Arts folioboard submissions and MCAT have now been released by NZQA. This is good news and gives some space to see how the next few weeks unfold. In view of this, we will tentatively move Practice Examinations and Senior Prizegiving Ceremony dates two weeks later (to be confirmed).

Message from Grant Klinkum (Chief Executive, NZQA) and Iona Holsted (Secretary for Education):

Changes to NCEA Assessment Dates

25 August 2021

E te rangatira, tēnā koe & warm Pacific greetings to all

Over the last week, community cases of COVID-19's Delta variant have caused disruption to thousands of secondary school students around New Zealand.

Because of this, we have agreed to change dates and processes around some assessments - including end of year exams and portfolio submissions.

As the whole country is in Alert Level 4, these date changes will apply across New Zealand.

End of year exams and portfolios

The dates for end of year NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams will be delayed by two weeks, to run from Monday 22 November until Tuesday 14 December. Due dates for portfolio submissions will also be pushed back by 2 weeks.

These two changes will give students and schools more time to prepare for the end of the year.

Other changes

As the length of time we are likely to remain in lockdown becomes clearer, there are extra steps the Government may take, such as reintroducing Learning Recognition Credits, or making changes to the thresholds for Endorsements and University Entrance.



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