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Kia Ora Whanau

We have had a very happy and settled start to Term 2 at Mt Albert Campus with many events including special assemblies and trips already taking place. Thank you for your continuing support of our Travelwise programme. We have seen an increasing number of families parking and walking into school. This has made our carpark area safer and less congested. We appreciate your continued support and participation with this.

In week 2, Year 1-6 students visited Owairaka Maunga as part of their Science topic, volcanoes. The students walked to the mountain and spent time exploring the landscape and looking at the Auckland vista from the summit.



Room 9 and 10 set out to climb to the summit



Room 5 students at the summit.

This week Year 7 and 8 students visited Stardome as they broadened their knowledge of Space. This coincided with the opportunity to participate in the national simultaneous Space Station reading by Dr Shannon Walker (PH.D) Nasa Astronaut. This event included over a million students across New Zealand and Australia. Scholastic provided great resources for use in the classroom. It was a great experience encouraging literacy at Elim.

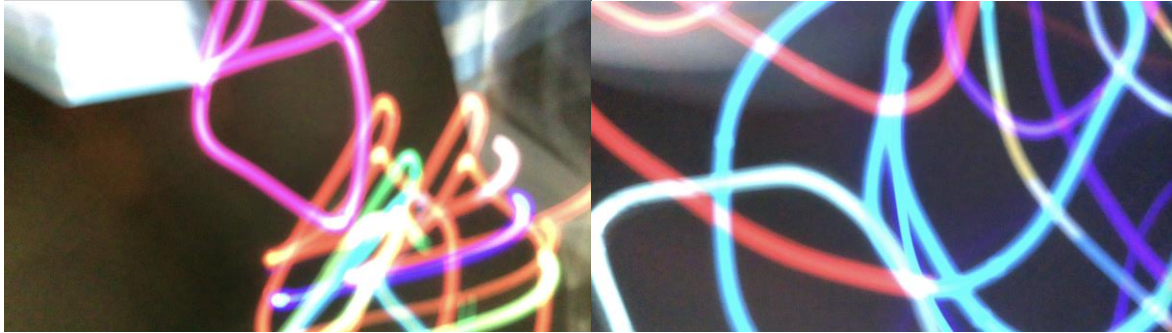


Room 7 and 8 listening to 'Read from Space'



Year 7 and 8 students at the Stardome

Mrs. Amanda Ray's Year 9 and 10 STEAM class (Science, Technology, Engineering Art and Maths) have been experimenting with using spheros to create images in a dark room. They used a long exposure app and a number of different Spheros displaying different colours and patterns!



Sphero images captured by Hannah Walton and Eden Baxter.

Enviro report

By Eden Koloni, Zephaniah Kapoki-Prescott Room 12 Class Reps Y7&8 and Mrs Ruth Scott

In term 1 and 2 we have been part of Enviro Group. Two people from each class from Years 1-8 and Year 10 Enviro leaders have been talking about how we can look after our Environment and protect it. One of our goals is to reduce the amount of waste in our school. Our school policy is to take home all rubbish and waste, so we can work on this together as a community. We are encouraging litter free lunches and the use of beeswax wraps or containers, or buying in bulk and then reducing the amount into smaller containers or reusable bags. This avoids them bringing unrecyclable plastic and wrappings.

Please refer to the websites below for suggestions and tips with packing zero-waste lunch ideas:

<https://kidspot.co.nz/school-age/litterless-lunchbox-ideas/>

<https://sustaintrust.org.nz/blogs/sustainability-advice/litterless-lunches>

<https://sortwaste.nz/zero-waste-office-lunchbox-ideas/>

<https://wholefully.com/zero-waste-school-lunches/>



All the classes from Year 1-8 and the Year 9 and 10 STEAM class have their own gardens with little plants growing. At present we have beetroot, spinach, carrots, radish, kale, silverbeet, broccoli and lots more. Once these plants are grown we will learn how to cook them. We are looking forward to that part.

Upcoming whole school events at Mt Albert

Campus

Please continue to check the calendar on the website for upcoming events for your child's year group.

Week 5

- **Samoa Language Week**

- **Travelwise week -**

More information will be sent in week 4 about this.

- **New parents and caregivers morning tea** Tuesday 1st June 9:00-10:00am in the staffroom. New families are invited to come and meet other new families at this informal morning tea. It is also a chance to ask any questions you may have. Please sign in at the office when you arrive.

A reminder also about our *Staff only Day on Tuesday 8th June*. Students do not come to school on this day.

Reminders

Police Vetting - The school operates on MOE best practice. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status, please check with the school office as it expires after 2 years. You will need to complete a form at the office and bring 2 forms of ID. There is a small cost of \$10 to complete this process. This can take several weeks to complete so we advise you to do this in advance so you are able to come on school trips with your child/ren.

Absences - If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please complete the absence form on the Elim Christian College website. If you know they are going to be away for more than one day, please note this on the form. That way the school's Absence Manager will not need to contact you each day they are away.

ID cards Year 7-13 - If your child has not already received a Student ID card and they would like one, please send an email to accounts@elim.school.nz stating your child's name and tutor class and request the \$8 be charged to your students school account. Once the amount has been paid on the kamar parent portal, the card can be ordered.

We look forward to all the upcoming events and a productive term of learning.

Nga mihi nui

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