

Kia Ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

It is a privilege to journey alongside our students as they develop and grow into all that God has created them to be. Sometimes, this can be challenging, and students are constantly reminded that they have the support of their teachers and families as we 'care'front with them (I find this a more softer word than 'con'front) experiences that call for them to choose to be their best, as hard as that may be.

*"This is the safe place to get it wrong because together, we can work towards getting it right."*

This is the statement I use with my Mathex students when a few students need encouragement to try a little harder, and not choose the easy way out to reach an answer. Instead, they are reminded that our school is a safe place to take these responsible risks, and that they can convert their 'not knowing how' or failure into a learning opportunity. I want to affirm those that do choose to do this as they are willing to learn and grow.

We look forward to having you on site for the Parent-Student-Conferences on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June and 6<sup>th</sup> of July. More information, especially around booking with your child's Pastoral Care Teacher(s) can be found on our website: <https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/GC-Y1-6-Parent-Interview-Instructions-.pdf>

This next snippet I asked Mrs Heim to include in the Middle Years newsletter. We are so proud of our students who move on to Middle Years and maintain good character.

*"Nothing gives teachers more pleasure than acknowledging students who act outside of what they have to do and choose to do what they want to do for the good of others. The late Dale Carnegie, an award-winning writer said, 'Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage.'" When the Junior Years teachers, Mrs Lee and Miss Coffey needed technical support for the Elim's Got Talent Evening, Tobyn and Sion immediately decided to volunteer their services. They saw a need and they decided to act with confidence and courage. Our school vision emphasizes students' pursuit for personal excellence and the Junior Years team want to acknowledge both these young men who consciously decided to be their best that day. Kia ora, Tobyn and Sion.*



Thank you for your ongoing support. Enjoy this week's newsletter.

Nga mihi  
Neetha Mudhan (Ms)  
Assistant Campus Lead: Golflands

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP – This week ... OUR ENVIRO MONITORS

*"... but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant." Matthew 20:26*

Our Enviro monitors, Angelina Lin and Mirabelle Tan are two of our Enviro Team leaders. The team works closely with Mrs Helen Bartlem to heighten our awareness around recycling amongst the Junior Years staff and students. One of their responsibilities includes remembering to put out the Auckland Council recycling bins every fortnight. Student Leaders are very aware of the verse from Matthew that frames leadership quite differently from more popular perceptions. Leadership is about attitude. Servant leaders seek ways they can add value to others, and one of the ways they do this, is by serving them. God bless all our student servant-leaders!



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR GCJY

- Open Morning (for prospective students): 9am – 12.30pm. Please spread the word to anyone you know who is keen on their children attending Elim Christian College Years 1-10.
- Parent-teacher-student conferences: 30<sup>th</sup> June / 6<sup>th</sup> July (Please note that school closes at 12 noon for the Junior Years students on both days. Arrangements will need to be made for students to get home on both days. Bus students and Kelly Club students can remain at school till 3pm.

## Travelwise Week – Mrs Brieta Groenewald

During a wet Travelwise Week, Mrs Groenewald and her Travelwise students leaders still managed to encourage the Junior Years students, their parents and staff, to rally around and remind us all about how to keep safe. The activities included: Wheels Day, Scooter training, Be Bright, Be Seen, Wear your trainers to school, and our Big Walk from Bob Charles Reserve. The students loved the Walking School Bus joining us for our Big Walk and visiting them at school!



### IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES FOR PARENTS:

We have a zebra crossing across the steps and our children run blindly through it without looking for oncoming cars as they do not expect to see cars coming through the bus bay. I would like to ask that you please help us keep our children safe.

These are important safety message for parents, family and friends who do drop-offs and pick-ups before and after school:

- please try to park away from the school and allow your child to walk into the school grounds if they are old enough. You can park on the same side of the school if you do not want your child to cross the road.
- please use the Kea crossing to cross the road
- please refrain from driving through the bus bay to pick up your child/children. When the planning permission was granted by Auckland Council for our school, it was agreed that the bus bay was not for parents to drive through or drop off /pick up. This was strictly for the use of buses only and an exit for staff parking.

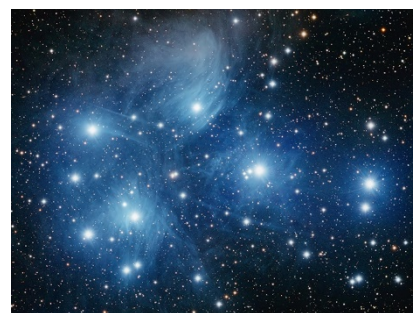
It seems to be a tendency for parents to park as close to the school as possible when it is wet. This unfortunately, causes huge congestion outside the front of the school, which in turn, tends to heighten the safety risk for our students. We would like to encourage you to please make arrangements with your child about an alternate pickup spot, and a good robust umbrella might just be the answer as well. Thank you for your co-operation with endeavouring to keep our community safe.



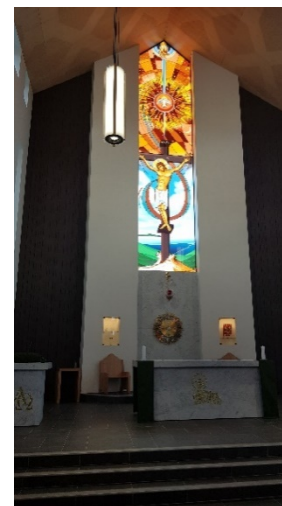
## Matariki – celebrating life, and honouring those who were here before us....

Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of reflection and celebration in New Zealand that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster. Matariki is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future. We would like to wish all our Māori families a Happy New Year. May the blessings of and giving thanks during this special time be enjoyed by all.

Please check out the following link for Matariki celebrations in Auckland over the coming weeks: <https://www.aucklandlive.co.nz/event/matariki-at-auckland-live>



## Teacher-only Day – 8<sup>th</sup> June (Tuesday)



Staff from all the schools in our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) – *South Eastern Christian Kāhui Ako* (SECKA) met at Sancta Maria College for professional learning. Some of our Kapa Haka roopu joined the students from the other schools for the welcome. Within a Kāhui Ako, teachers are chosen as representatives of their schools. Mrs Chhaya Narayan and Mr Andrew Bergh are our Across-school Teachers (ASTs) and Mrs Kristelle Varney, Miss Chermayne Gibson, Mr Shane Hutchinson and Mr John Caetano are our Within-school Teachers (WSTs) whose role is to help shape and steer selected Kāhui Ako-wide professional learning areas within our school. Thank you sincerely, Parents/ Caregivers/Whānau for accommodating this change to your weekly routine. Kia ora.

## Board games, Cartooning, Colouring and Lego – Mrs Rachel Arnold and Mrs Juliana Lee (Organisers)

Junior Years students now have the opportunity to enjoy some of their favourite activities during the Thursday lunchtime break. Mrs Arnold and Mrs Lee have made available some of the most popular activities. Students are encouraged to engage with these if they need a place to go to during that break or if these are some of their favourite activities. Parents, if you have any of these lying around at home and would like to donate these to add to what Mrs Arnold's and Mrs Lee's already have, please feel free to bring these items to school. That would be greatly appreciated.





**Samoan Language Week – Mr Geoff Wang and Miss Rebecca Latu (Organisers) + Term 4 Language Weeks**



Talofa lava from our Junior Years staff! Samoan Language Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm by staff and students. I want to say a big fa'afetai tele lava to Mr Wang and Miss Latu for the time they dedicated to making this week so special. Students participated in a variety of activities - Food Taster session, based on the Samoan language, Song and Dance, Sasa and Craft. Our Samoan parents rallied around and blessed us with Samoan delicacies.

Next term, we celebrate:

Cook Island Language Week – Week 2

Tongan Language Week – Week 7

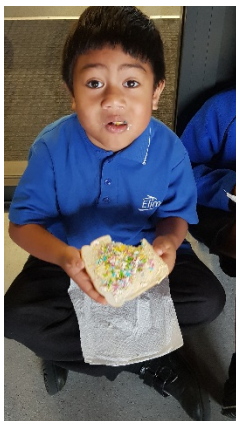
Māori Language Week – Week 8

Chinese Language Week – Week 10

I would like to invite our families to support our staff at the Golflands Campus in recognizing and celebrating these special weeks. Please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher if you would be able to help with this. Through these celebrations, our staff and students grow in their knowledge about and experience with the diverse cultures that make up our Elim community, and it is through being informed, respect and sensitivity for each other grows.



## Year 1 Writing – making writing fun!



When you walk past our Year 1 classes, you can never really predict what you are going to see; one thing we can be sure of, is that it will be another exciting learning experience – students staring intently into the eyes of ‘an animal that’s visiting from the zoo’, the smell of popcorn wafting through the corridor or colourful sprinkles on slices of bread are just a few examples. The purpose: the Year 1 teachers have been using *experience* as prompts for writing. These are designed to engage the interest of our students, with the intention of motivating them to write creatively about what they have experienced. Writing prompts can inspire students to express what they are thinking when they put pen to paper. Such an exciting way to encourage writing!

## Who we are...

