

# BOTANY CAMPUS

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Term 2: Week 2

### GARY JOHNSTONE - ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora parents, caregivers, and friends of the school,

You will read later in this newsletter of the prefect's involvement in the recent Anzac Day remembrance ceremony.

My wife, Charmayne, and I both had grandfathers who served as soldiers in WW1 and were gassed in the trenches. Both our grandfathers survived but with damaged lungs.

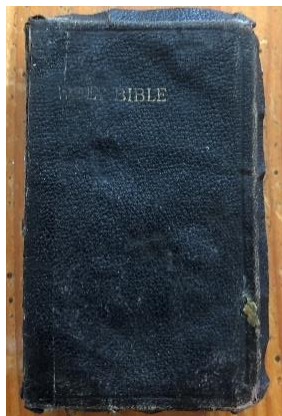
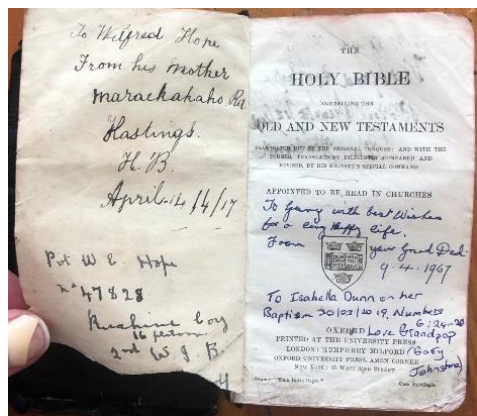
These photos show the remains of Charmayne's grandfather's gas mask. When the troops saw the gas, (chlorine, phosgene, or the so-called 'mustard gas') approaching, they would put on their mask. Inside the mask was a snorkel attached to a tube which, in turn, was attached to a canister which filtered out the poisonous gas. The helmet was claustrophobic and hot. There are accounts of wounded men ripping off their mask only to die a painful and choking death.



I invite you to read the poem Dulce et Decorum Est by Wilfred Owen which confronts the lie of the glory of war and the horror of the soldiers' experience.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46560/dulce-et-decorum-est>

Dulce et Decorum Est is a Latin phrase which means "It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country".



I also share photos of my grandfather's Bible, carried in his tunic pocket in the hellish trenches of France. This Bible was passed on to me and has since been passed on to my eldest grandchild.

In it are written the words; "Peace I leave with you; "My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". John 14:7

I am thankful for a school which exposes the lie of violence, hatred, and revenge and teaches the truth that in Jesus there is a far better way of love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Gary Johnstone

## DATES

Monday 13 May  
PPTA - Period 6

**Reminder:** This **Monday, 13th May**, teachers who belong to the PPTA will be attending a paid Union meeting in the afternoon at Selwyn College. Students may leave school at the end of period 5 (2:25p.m.). There will be supervised study classes for students who wish to remain. Students who do not choose to attend these classes will be asked to leave the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding.

## PREFECTS



Hello and welcome to the Prefect and Whānau Leaders' section of the newsletter! This will be a place where the student leaders can share news about recent events and keep everyone up to date of what's happening within and around the Botany Campus.

## ANZAC PARADE & SERVICE

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, the Prefects marched up Stockade Hill, a site of immense heritage, to attend the Howick Civic Parade & Service. While listening to various speeches, singing hymns, and participating in the wreath laying, we had a worthwhile time reflecting on our nation's history and remembering the soldiers who have laid down their life for our security today.

When asked about his experience, Deputy Head Boy, Keagan Wolsky, said:

“It was influential. The unmatched dedication of the soldiers coupled with sheer indefatigability led to the freedom of our country—Aotearoa—that I hold dear to my heart. It was special to reflect on this time.”





### REFLECT LED GCMY ASSEMBLY

Last Wednesday, the Prefects and members of the Worship Team went back to Golflands Campus and led a Middle Years assembly! This was a great opportunity for the team to establish inter-campus relationships and to share our vision as a prefect group: Kotahitanga (unity). Through a lively praise set, an entertaining game, and a meaningful devotion from Sam Molloy, we made our best effort to build the bridge between GCMY and Botany Campus. We had a blast and hope to come back for many more assemblies!

### PREFECTS VISIT ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MT ALBERT

Something else we've done this last week was travel across Auckland to discuss inter-campus affairs with the Mt Albert Prefects. This was our first time officially together as a collective group, and it was a productive session discussing, planning, and enjoying pizza! A huge thanks to Mr Anderson and the Mt Albert team for hosting us.



### MOCK ROCK ANNOUNCEMENT!

This term, the 2024 Whānau Leaders are delighted to announce that Mock Rock is back for another year! Mock Rock is an annual event which is held, allowing each whānau to come together and, through Kotahitanga, showcase our students' talents through a fun performance. With three thematic categories for the first time in Elim history, Mock Rock 2024 will be like no other. The first theme is a storyline theme (based on the movie genre selected), a musical theme (based on a decade), and a THIRD random object surprise theme.

Following the crowd's democratic decision in last Friday's assembly, the whānau collectively selected a crutch as their object to incorporate into their performance. The options to choose from included a road cone, an umbrella, a crutch, and a broomstick.



Stay blessed! ❤️❤️❤️❤️ - Prefects

## WORLD VISION CONFERENCE

A group of dedicated Y13 students participated in the "World Vision Youth Conference 2024" at Trust Arena Stadium in Henderson on May 9th. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge, with a focus on partnering with communities affected by the climate crisis to aid in forest restoration. Mary Ieremia-Allan and Matt Renata led the conference, delving into the impact of climate change, particularly the rising sea levels, using Timor-Leste as an illustration.



## ELIM'S GOT TALENT

This year, the World Vision team is bringing back Elim's Got Talent!

Elim's Got Talent is a night full of talented Year 7-13 Elim students, each performing an item on stage in the Elim Botany Church auditorium.

Elim's Got Talent will be held on Thursday, 23rd May, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The night is open to everyone in our school and wider community, with tickets costing \$5 each. All money fundraised will go towards World Vision. More details can be found on the poster.

If anyone or any company would like to sponsor us that would be much appreciated.

Bring your family and friends over for an entertaining night! See you there!



**ELIM'S GOT TALENT**

**WHEN:** Thursday 23rd May

**WHERE:** Elim Christian College auditorium

**WHO:** Performances will be for year 7 - 13, but anyone can come watch

**TICKETS:** \$5 per ticket - sold online

**AUDITIONS:** Signups will be posted on Schoology with a google form and 1-2 minute long audition video

All money fundraised will be going towards World Vision. If anyone or any company would like to sponsor us or donate that would be much appreciated

Elim Christian College

## MESSAGE FROM MRS BORTHWICK - SCHOOL SPORTS COORDINATOR

"Winter sports is underway, and we wish all our students representing our school well as they begin their games this week".