

BOTANY CAMPUS

Friday 22 March 2024

Term 1: Week 8

GARY JOHNSTONE - ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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

Last Friday, you will have received a notification via email and the school website that a practice lockdown was occurring. The practice lockdown went well. We were able to test our ability to communicate quickly with caregivers, and students responded to the occasion with enthusiasm. One hopes that the real thing will not happen. However, we continue to *hope for the best and plan for the worst*. In 2023, there were over 1500 requests made to NZ schools from emergency services to go into lockdown, mostly for incidents occurring outside of the school premises. Indeed, during the week of the practice lockdown, a local school received two bomb threats over two successive days requiring evacuation of their school. This week, Botany students assembled after the fire alarms were activated – this time because of smoke from an overzealous cook in the church kitchen!

Letter regarding our Outdoor Education Policy on Risk Management

A reminder please for parents to read the letter regarding the school Outdoor Education Policy on Risk Management and to submit a blanket consent form for low-risk school outdoor activities. The link to the newsletter and form is at the link:

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Botany-Campus-EOTC-letter-2024.pdf>

Exiting the Botany Campus church carpark at the end of school day and the “No Right Turn” rule.

From Monday, 25th March, we will trial changing the rule regarding the Southern (Botany side) exit to allow vehicles to left **or** right turn.

The *No Right Turn* rule for the Northern (Howick side) exit will continue as is. This rule is applied from 3:10pm to 3:25pm. *No right turn* means *Left turn only!* Please be patient and kind to supervising teachers. They are trying to protect you and our precious students! The rule was instituted when the Campus was a Y1-13 school to reduce traffic congestion and help with traffic flow. This rule will continue for safety reasons. It is dangerous to right turn due to school buses obscuring drivers’ vision of oncoming traffic.

DATES

Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April
Easter Weekend

Thursday 4 April
Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
(onsite: 2.00-6.00 pm)

Monday 8 April
Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
(online: 3.30-5.30 pm)

Friday 12 April
BC Heritage & Mangatepopo Assembly
(8.40 am)

End of Term 1 (3.10 pm)

Monday 15 – Sunday 28 April
School Holidays

STUDENT LEADERS



Meeting of Auckland schools Head Prefects at Selwyn College Friday, 8th March, 2024

Some feedback from our prefect team after attending the above event.

Terina (Head Girl) - *It was an awesome day listening to guest speakers, meeting other leaders, playing some team building games, and getting free food!*

Tyodus (Head Boy) - *I loved meeting new people and making lots of cool friends, and the pizza was pretty delectable too.*

More feedback from the Leadership Camp at BMAC (Blue Mountain Adventure Centre), Raurimu.

Terina- *It was such a wonderful time that we got to spend together stepping out in our faith, trying new and exciting things, and growing closer not only as a team, but also as a whānau.*

Tyodus - *I really enjoyed growing closer to all the leaders and growing closer to God with them! Also waking up early to go into the lake was pretty cool.*

Keagan- *Getting closer to the team through activities helped us build cooperation and teamwork skills.*

Abbie - *Leadership camp was a really fun experience where we learnt to trust one another and really grew our relationship with each other. We became closer as friends and now have many memories to cherish as we go through this year.*

Sarang - *Learning to dive into challenges and opportunities helped me grow as a leader, and now I am looking forward to working with a united leadership team!*

Noah - *Leadership camp was a challenging, yet very fulfilling time, where I stepped out of my comfort zone and built new friendships with the other team members.*

Chiara - *Leadership camp was a really great experience where I learnt how to communicate more effectively and do things that I would never have done before. I loved having that time and space to learn more about myself and my fellow leaders.*

Sam- Leadership camp was awesome. It was amazing to connect with people who I haven't known very well in the past on such a personal level. There were many excellent activities that we took part in, but my favourite by far was the white water rafting. It was the best not only because of how fun it was but also because of the learnings I took away from it. I've always struggled with how I handle stress and so being able to lead a crew of people through some rapids on a boat was a great test of character for me. I definitely came out a better leader than when I started.



Visit to the Mangatepopo tragedy Memorial site, Hillary Outdoor Pursuit Centre, **Tongariro**.

WORLD VISION

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. to 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

NZ CUSTOMS

The NZTD (travellerdeclaration.govt.nz) is an online system that travellers can use to complete a declaration before they travel into New Zealand. The new digital NZTD was launched in August, 2023 and not many people know they can now do it online. This replaces the paper card you used to fill out on the plane.

The NZTD team at the New Zealand Customs Service

Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa | travellerdeclaration.govt.nz

Te Mana Ārai o Aotearoa | New Zealand Customs Service

Are you going overseas for the school holidays?

*When you return, you can now complete a digital **New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD)** before you fly back into New Zealand – replacing the need to fill out a paper declaration card on the plane.*

Everyone coming into New Zealand needs to complete an NZTD. You'll answer questions about your trip and what's in your bags. You can complete it at a time that suits you, on the [NZTD website](http://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz) or by downloading the [NZTD app](#), and submit it 24 hours before your trip back to New Zealand.

travellerdeclaration.govt.nz

SPORTS COUNCIL UPDATE



Are you between the age of 5 to 99?

Looking for a fun sport to do this winter?

Why not give Cross Country (XC) and Road Running a go?

Whether you're new to the sport or a returning member, we welcome all!

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

Juniors (U7 to U16) 2.30pm

Seniors (U18's +) 3.00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

NO PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

Venue: Pakuranga Athletic Club, Lloyd Elsmore Park
Entrance 36/38 Cascades Rd, Pakuranga



ELIM SWIMMING SPORTS 2024

On Friday 8th March we had 82 students from Year 4-13 attend our Elim Swimming Sports at the Y Lagoon Swimming Pools in Panmure. Our students had an amazing day participating in their races. It was awesome to hold a full school event and see so many of our students getting involved and having fun.

We would love to say a big thank you to all the parent and teacher help, especially Mrs Borthwick, without all of your help this day wouldn't have been possible. We would also like to wish every student who is going on to compete in the Zone Championships all the best in their competitions. When interviewed, Caitie Jackson, a year 13 student who participated in swimming sports said, "We had such a beautiful day and it was so nice to see our different year groups across campuses connect. The Inter-whānau relays were 100% a highlight of the day."



SENIOR VOLLEYBALL SEASON & AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Senior Volleyball season has now come to an end and it was a great season for all involved! We had x2 Girls teams and x2 Boys teams represent Elim in the Eastern Zone Volleyball competitions.

Both of our girls teams finished at the top of their grades, undefeated! The boys played a hard, but had an awesome season too.

Our boys and girls A teams recently competed at the three day Auckland Championships Volleyball Tournament over the 13th - 15th March. Our teams competed well with a mixture of results over the 3 days. Thanks for all the parent, teacher, and student support that week, it was awesome to have you at our games.

There were around 60 teams from across Auckland competing in each of the Boys & Girls grades. Our boys placed in the top 40 and our Girls placed 26th overall!

Well done to our teams you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves and congratulations on a great season!



COUNTIES MANUKAU TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday the 19th of March we had four students participate in the Counties Manukau Tennis Tournament in Pukekohe. Alex Cave who played in the Intermediate boys division, Joshua Kenny and Esmond yong played in the Junior boys division, Brooklyn Williams played in the Senior girls division and placed fourth.

All four of our students did exceptionally well. Including Joshua Kenny coming away with a Gold medal in the Junior Boys age group! Congratulations on the fantastic win!

Once again congratulations to everyone who participated and we hope to see some more outstanding results in the future!

