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Good evening Parents and Caregivers,

In the first book of Kings in the Bible, we read about King Solomon. He was well known for asking God for wisdom and for making wise judgments as he ruled his people. He wrote thousands of proverbs and songs, and entertained leaders from around the known world. Solomon was greatly blessed by God during his reign.

King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart. (1 Kings 10: 23-24).

Despite the blessing of God in so many areas of his life, Solomon was eventually distracted from God by his wealth, his many wives, and his military might. Indeed, the bible tells us that "his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been" (1 Kings 11:1-4).

How easy it is to become distracted from following Jesus! We have developed many things that draw our attention from the Lord, whether it be television, our phones, or even just our busy lives! How important it is that we check ourselves regularly to see that our heart remains fully devoted to the Lord. Over the recent holiday, I was blessed with some time to sit quietly and to check once again the alignment of my heart, my attitudes and my thoughts. As we start into term three, I encourage you to find some time to ask God for a new revelation of His love and for the plans that He has for your life.

Key Dates for Term Three

This term is a busy one, with lots of exciting events on the calendar. It is also a critical term for our senior students as they prepare for and complete important examinations later in the term. Can I encourage you to add the following dates to your calendar:

Subject Information Evening (Thurs 6 August 7pm, church auditorium at Botany Campus) - this is an opportunity for students in Year 10-12 to come with their parents and hear about the subjects that are on offer in our senior school. Our heads of learning areas will all be available to discuss the courses that they offer and to give advice on subject selection for 2027. Year 10 parents and students will be able to find out about NCEA and how it works at Elim Christian College. Our senior leaders will be happy to answer any questions you have so that your child can be successful in their senior classes. You will also be asked to make choices this term for the courses that you would like your children to take in 2027, and so this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Botany Campus Senior Cultural Night (Thursday 20 August, church auditorium at Botany Campus) - This event is an absolute highlight of our year with students from cultures across the globe, performing and celebrating with their peers and families. The energy, colour, passion and joy of this event is amazing! Please plan early for this as there is often standing room only in our auditorium. All families are welcome to come and enjoy this event.

Senior Derived Grade Exams - (7th - 16th September) - These examinations are the opportunity for students to sit practice NCEA examinations in all of their subjects under formal exam conditions. The results of these examinations are used in the case where a student is not able to sit their examinations in November, and they really matter! Please encourage your children to give these the attention and preparation that they deserve and to give their absolute best effort.

Filming on location at our school campuses

This term we will be hosting a film crew as we produce new promotional videos and content for our school. The dates for this are Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 August. On these days, students may be filmed in class or on campus as part of this work. These videos will be used on our website and in our school social media and YouTube accounts to promote our school, both domestically and with our international partner schools. **If you would prefer that your child was not filmed for this purpose, please simply click [the link here](#) and enter your children's names.** We will ensure that they are not included in any of the recordings.

Thank You - Parent survey responses

Finally, I would like to thank all of the hundreds of parents who completed our recent survey about the priorities you have for our school and for your child's education. I will be analysing all of these responses with the board over the next few weeks as we work through our strategic planning process. Your voices will form a key piece of data that we use to help make decisions about the future of the school. Thank you for all of the constructive and positive comments that were made as part of this process.

Thank you for your support of our school,



Mr Julian Adamson
Principal