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## Principal's Update

Kia Ora parents and caregivers,

In Psalm 36, we are reminded by King David:

"Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!"

In the history of Elim Christian College, we have seen time and time again how God provides faithfully. Whether that be in finance, in providing high-quality teachers and support staff, in bringing encouragement and unity during tragedy, and in raising so many thousands of young people with a faith that endures beyond our walls. Our God is always faithful, He is trustworthy in every situation.

## **Education Review Office**

In week 3, we hosted the Education Review Office for their regular check-in on how we are progressing as a school. This was an excellent process, and I am happy to report that ERO has told us they saw:

- A faith-centred school where everyone is part of a strong Christian learning environment
- Excellent levels of achievement for students at all levels of the school
- A strong culture of high trust relationships where all students are included and cared for

I commend the work of all the staff, and leadership of Murray Burton and the kaitiaki team in bringing this school to such a high-performing status. I look forward to seeing the report produced by ERO in a few weeks time.

## Fundraiser for Play spaces and equipment

Over the last month, we have seen yet another example of God's unfailing faithfulness as He has worked through some highly dedicated ARISE parents and in the hearts of so many generous donors to raise a significant amount of money for the playground and other spaces on our Golflands campus. I would like to thank three women in particular who have spearheaded this work, namely Aimee Metcalfe, Laura Vosloo and Sharlene Sampson.

Together, this project has raised just over \$42,000 for our school. Thank you to everyone involved and to all of the donors who kindly supported this work.

## One excellent opportunity remains:

We have been generously donated a voucher for a vehicle service through one of our families at All Automatic Repairs in East Tamaki. This service is valued at \$1100 dollars and will be allocated via a silent auction. To put in a bid for the voucher, please fill in the Google form at this link with your details. The person with the highest bid will be contacted to arrange delivery of the voucher. There is a reserve of \$400 but I personally expect that this will go for the actual



value, or perhaps there is a generous donor who might even go above the market rate for this excellent cause! Bidding on this will close at 3 pm this Friday, 30 May, and the winning bidder will be notified after King's birthday weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of our school as we faithfully walk out our Christian journey in the love and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Ngā mihi nui

Mr Julian Adamson Principal