



Principal's Update 1 April 2021

Kia Ora Parents/ caregivers – Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoa

Well, here we are at Easter and what a year it has been for our country. As we often say “*never a dull moment.*” I’m sure as a nation of Aotearoa New Zealand, we remain forever grateful for the measure of health and safety we enjoy down here in South Pacific. As Principal I acknowledge daily, how privileged I am to work with staff and a parent community who submit themselves to Jesus, acknowledge vulnerability and work tirelessly for our tamariki – providing aroha, grace, inspiration and through Father God – a future and a hope!

Please note – our school is closed 2-6 April for the Easter Break. We welcome all students back on Wednesday 7 April for the final week and a half of schooling for Term 1, 2021. **All schools are closed on Tuesday 6 April.**

“Entering the Easter season, we acknowledge that God redeems humanity not through a list of doctrinal bullet points but through a powerful true story. We acknowledge the King, come to earth, connecting with humans in living, caring, healing, and telling stories. Jesus connected his message to story, and in stories we understand our need for a Saviour in profound ways.”

Colson Centre

‘Shadows of Shoah’:

On Thursday night next week our Golflands Campus is hosting Dr Sheree Trotter and the Holocaust Foundation for an informative and challenging evening. Dr Trotter’s PHD was a study of the rise of anti-Semitism in NZ. The evening is also to introduce you to the Exhibition that will be open to the public for three days. This is held in the GC hall. Please consider attending. You must register to attend this free event.

Use this link: <http://8april2021.com>

Communication:

As we further develop our campuses structure we are encouraging Campus Leads to publish a campus newsletter on a regular basis. The purpose of campus newsletter is to celebrate campus life and remind you all of key dates and commitments. Each campus newsletter will be checked and preapproved by school leadership to ensure communication is accurate school-wide. From what I have seen already, campus newsletters are already a dynamic feature of what we do. So exciting.

Principal’s Updates will continue and will focus on key communications from school leadership and the Board.

Collection of Attendance Dues \$2720.00 per annum and Proprietors Special Character Donation \$360.00 per annum:

You will have noticed that both the attendance dues and special character donation are now collected solely by our Proprietors. There are several ways you can pay, and they have communicated this to all parents.

Each year as a school we overwhelmingly appreciate parents paying the **Proprietor Special Character Donation (PSCD)**. **The full amount of the Special Character Donation is passed onto the school by the Proprietor.** When our Board Finance Committee (parent trustees) meet, they are always anxious to know if parents have been able to contribute this donation because it is a serious deal breaker for managing our funds! We seek to steward these funds to enable us to provide over and above as a Christian school. Although the government approves us as an integrated school, they have no idea of what it costs to integrate our Christian faith across all aspects of school operation chiefly a ‘Christian world-view saturation’ in our learning spaces. **Thank you, parents, for contributing this donation each year.**

The Proprietors Special Character Donation qualifies for a donation tax credit equal to 1/3rd of the amount given. A receipt will be issued in April each year.

Payment instructions:

Payment can be set up by direct debit – weekly, fortnightly, monthly or by term. Please email accounts@elimchristiancentre.org.nz to request a Direct Debit form.

If you wish to use the same direct debit authority that the Proprietor already holds for payment of attendance dues, please email john@roberts.co.nz and advise that this is what you want.

If you wish to use your attendance dues direct debit authority to spread payment of the Proprietor Special Character Donation across the school year, please email john@roberts.co.nz
Proprietor Special Character Donation will show separately on your bank statement from the Attendance Dues.

Proprietor bank account details: Elim Proprietors Trust 02-0214-0016606-10

Please quote the student id (account number) on all payments.

Any questions regarding the payment of the Proprietors Special Character Donation or Attendance Dues should be directed by email or phone to:

John Roberts – Elim Proprietors Trust

Email: john@roberts.co.nz

Phone: 027 483 0580

From Kathy Keller:

The resurrection is a historical, verifiable fact and as such is the foundation for the Christian faith.

Of all belief systems, Christianity is the only one that insists that its truths must be founded on the historical existence of a person named Jesus, and that further, he historically said and did the things claimed of him. Most importantly, if Jesus did not die (really die, dead-as-a-doornail-die) and then rise again (in a physical body, one that walked, talked, ate, and resumed relationships with his friends), then, as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:17,19 ...if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

It's my prayer that with God's help you see the resurrection with renewed confidence, wonder and hope.

"Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too."

John 14:6 TPT

Much aroha

Nga mihi



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