



## Principal's Update 16 April 2020

Kia Ora one and all

Congratulations on guiding your child(ren) through Term 1 of 2021. Thank you for all your support in many and various ways for our school. It has been a demanding but truly phenomenal term of learning activities and as a school community I believe together we have all navigated this well.

### Term 2

- Starts on Monday 3 May at the usual time.
- Please take the opportunity to clean and repair your child's uniform over the next 2 weeks and also purchase items you do not have.
- I continue to insist that our Campus Leads uphold the wearing of the correct uniform and hold students to account to ensure this happens. We aim to start the term well and to keep this going. Your ongoing support for this is appreciated.
- **Staff Only Day** happens on **Thursday 13 May** for all campuses. School is closed that day for students. This is a day approved by the Ministry of Education all schools.
- Expressions of Interest tours for enquiring about Elim Christian College enrolment is open to parents and students on Monday 17 May at GC and Tuesday 18 May at MAC.
- The BOT and Exec Lead Team meet on Saturday 12 June for a mid-year review
- We hold an **Open Day at GC** on Tuesday 22 June and an **Open Day at MAC** on 24 June.

### New Staff from Term 2: We welcome sincerely the following staff joining our team:

- Mrs Sarah Fritschi coming in at GC for Mrs Susie Morris who will be on maternity leave for the remainder of the year
- Mrs Courtney Rokobuta who arrives from Perth and will be teaching Y4 at MAC
- Miss Brianna Worsfold returns as a Learning Assistant at BC and MAC
- Mrs Anna Hemsley joins us next term in a fulltime Maths teaching role at MAC.
- Mrs Leonie Logan joins GC to work in a part time teaching role in Y4

### Future Staff Only Days

The MOE have also approved two further Staff Only Days during 2021

1. A Kahui Ako day on Tuesday 8 June
2. A curriculum development day on Thursday 25 November

## **GC Waste Management Plan**

Thanks in advance for your support with this exciting new venture. Responding to requests from parents, and meeting the needs of waste management / minimisation and recycling endeavours at our GC campus, **all students are now required to take their morning-tea and lunch wrappers, uneaten food, etc. home with them each day. They cannot dispose of it at school.** The restructuring of the bins at Golflands Campus will make no provision for landfill items and food scraps. We would still like to actively encourage all our parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and to buy in bulk.

Please refer to the websites below for suggestions and tips with packing zero-waste lunch ideas:

<https://kidspot.co.nz/school-age/litterless-lunchbox-ideas/>

<https://sustaintrust.org.nz/blogs/sustainability-advice/litterless-lunches>

<https://sortwaste.nz/zero-waste-office-lunchbox-ideas/>

<https://wholefully.com/zero-waste-school-lunches/>

**ICAS at GC:** We remain fully committed to enabling students from GC and MAC to take part in the ICAS programme of examinations. It will look different this year, but our new approach will be both effective and workable. Information will be available early next term.

**Student Drop Off at GC:** parents please do not drop your child off prior to 8:15am. We remain concerned regarding health and safety when students are on site and we are unable to provide supervision.

## **GC ARISE Parents (Fundraising)**

Recently two parents approached me regarding reinvigorating ARISE Parents Fundraising initiatives. In past years we have held Gala's and a range of other activities. As Principal I am very supportive of this and the identification of some much-needed projects for these funds. Through our chats, I am very confident that we can make these fundraisers manageable and doable for families.

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