



Principal's Update 18 April 2023

Kia Ora one and all

Unbelievable - Term 1 has come to an end. It just feels like we have only just started and suddenly here we are at autumn holidays.

Thank you Golflands for being such an amazing campus for learning and growing. Every family and all staff have worked tirelessly and passionately to offer our children such incredible opportunities in learning.

Farewell to Ms Neetha Mudhan

It is with real sadness yet with abundant gratitude that we said farewell to Ms Mudhan at the end of last term. What a watershed day for us as a school!! I am privileged and humbled to publicly honour Neetha for her significant, selfless, servant hearted and passionate service to Elim Christian College for the past 8 years. Our Junior Years have thrived and excelled under her inspiring leadership and she has been an integral and highly valued part of the Executive Leadership Team. We praise God for Ms Mudhan.

Farewell to Mrs Jackie Eksteen

Mrs Eksteen has worked for us in a part time capacity but with 'full time commitment' since 2004. What an incredibly good input and contribution she has made in the lives of our students and in the life of our school. We praise God for Mrs Eksteen.

Two Mission and Curriculum Trips

We currently have two groups of senior students travelling overseas:

- **Taiwan:** with senior students at BC with Mrs Karen Liu and Mr Stephen Briscoe
- **Cambodia:** with MAC senior students with Mr Craig Scott and Mrs Tania Calvert.

Please pray for these groups

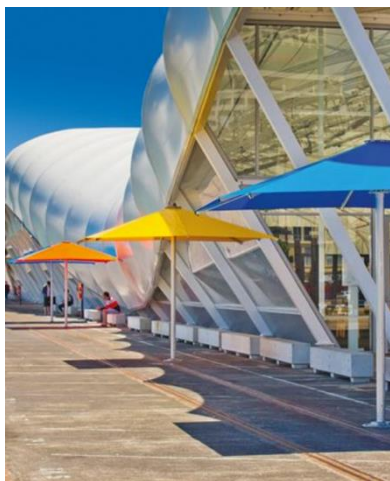
From our Arise PTA fundraising team.

We have an exciting obstacle fun run fundraiser coming in term two! Raising funds for umbrellas and shade sails at the Golflands Campus.

We know that our kids want and need more shade at our school. A shaded area to sit and chat, eat lunch, play games, read a book or just escape the harsh NZ sun. Through our obstacle fun run we hope to raise enough funds to provide sun protection in two areas.

The first location is the raised area outside the library. Adding a shade sail or commercial grade umbrellas here would not only create an outdoor learning / chill out space but would

also help regulate summer temperatures inside the library. We'd also love to install permanent, commercial grade umbrellas along the field. Potentially 6-8 along the back fence line. We hope to raise enough to do this in our obstacle fun day for all GC students on **Friday 26 May**.



How can you help?

- Sign your kids up on launch day 1 May (info coming soon).
- Get your kids collecting sponsorship for participating
- Contact us to help on the day (email lauravosloo@gmail.com)
- Big or small we need sponsors to help financially or donate a prize. We'll promote your business through our community and the event.
- **Get excited for more shade!**

Here is a link to the last Golflands JY newsletter:

<https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/GCJY-Newsletter-5-April-2023.pdf>

Term 2

We look forward to seeing all students on campus **this coming Monday 24 April for the start of term**. Yes Tuesday is ANZAC Day and therefore is a public holiday but we still wanted to use Monday to kick start school again and invest in the lives of your tamariki.

Staff Only Days 2023

We have already had one staff only day and there are more to come. The government has given all schools at least two professional development days towards what is called the 'Curriculum Refresh'. However bearing in mind that we have now had two strike days (impact on Y11-13 at BC) and with more withdrawal of labour to come, we have reassessed what we will do based on:

1. We hosted a staff only day on Monday 6 March - thank you
2. We estimate a number of days have effectively been lost for NCEA students
3. We recognise that staff only days propose a challenge for parents
4. We will not now hold a staff only day on Monday 24 April or May 5
5. We still wish to give staff access to 3 more professional days spread out through the remainder of the year

Therefore the **Staff Only Days to come:**

- **6 June** for all Kahui Ako schools
- **10 Aug** for our Special Character development
- **9 November** (once Y11-13 have gone on exam leave)

We really look forward to an amazingly good Term 2 at our school.

God bless everyone and much aroha to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Burton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Murray Burton MNZM
PRINCIPAL