

Principal's Update 2 September 2022

Kia Ora one and all

Life seems to be dominated by the challenge of us as a community navigating all the sicknesses surrounding us. Thank you for your grace and understanding regarding the functioning of school, of year groups of onsite and online learning.

There has hardly been a day this year when we have had all staff onsite and healthy. You will also see this mirrored at times in your own family. Every school is reporting the same difficulties.

Currently this week we have Y5 at GCJY working from home, some year groups at GCMY will be learning online for single days soon; and for one week our senior school at BC were online such was the incidence of COVID in students and staff.

In between these times, we continue to encourage full attendance (although this has not been achieved this year), hold trips and the full breadth and depth of learning programmes.

COVID Management

Following the first 4 weeks of term, the MOE have now largely allowed schools to again determine their own COVID health and safety management practices.

As a school we will continue to 'strongly encourage' the wearing of masks by all students and particularly from Y4 up and by all staff and any parents and /or visitors joining us for an indoor meeting.

Even though general all-round sickness has played havoc with our aim to deliver consistent learning programmes – we still strongly advocate that if you don't feel well for any reason, please stay home, get well then return.

Tree Planting at GC – tomorrow Saturday 3 September 1:00-3:00pm

We are expecting approximately 40 people (including children) to help plant 45 trees at our Golflands Campus. This is exciting and long awaited. We started this last Sunday with the planting of 8 donated Camellia trees for our Simon Owens area. Mrs Laura Vosloo and Mrs Sharlene Sampson have again been the dynamos and catalysts for this initiative. This is a reminder that if you have a spade, please bring it with you. We will have some school spades too.

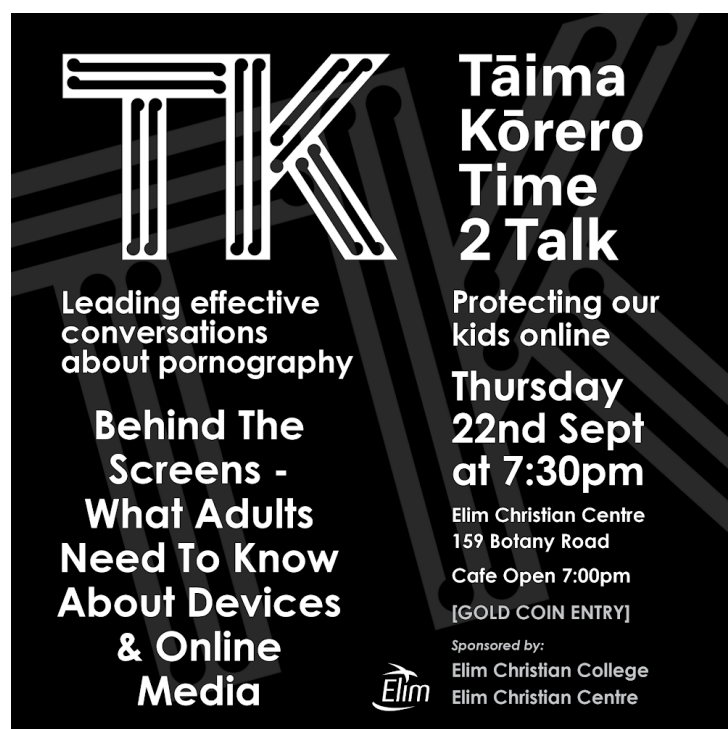
We have compost and tree guards ready to be used. The planting will be followed by a sausage sizzle with vegetarian and gluten free options, as well as a few other snacks.

Looking forward to seeing you from 1:00pm.

Hapa Haka: Congratulations to our GCJY and GCMY Kapa Haka groups who were wonderful on stage at the South East Christian Kahui Ako evening Thursday night. Thank you to parents and staff who enabled this to happen. Our students looked and sounded phenomenal.

Save the Date

Our school and Elim Christian Centre is holding a 'Behind the Screen' event:
Thursday 22 September from 7:00pm. The venue is our Botany Campus in the church building.



The poster features a large stylized 'TK' logo on the left. The background is black with white text and a faint graphic of a person's head and shoulders. The text on the right side of the poster reads: 'Tāima Kōrero Time 2 Talk', 'Protecting our kids online', 'Thursday 22nd Sept at 7:30pm', 'Elim Christian Centre 159 Botany Road', 'Cafe Open 7:00pm', '[GOLD COIN ENTRY]', and 'Sponsored by: Elim Christian College, Elim Christian Centre'. The 'Elim' logo is at the bottom right.

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Leading effective conversations about pornography

Behind The Screens - What Adults Need To Know About Devices & Online Media


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This is mission critical evening for all parents.... please log this now in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you all.

2023 Term Dates

- **Term 1** Friday 3 Feb - Thursday 6 April (includes Waitangi Day)
- **Term 2** Monday 24 April ends Friday 30 June (includes ANZAC Day, Queen's Birthday, Kahui Ako Staff Only Day)
- **Term 3** Monday 17 July ends Friday 22 September (includes Special Character Staff Only Day)
- **Term 4** Monday 9 October - 14 December (includes Labour Day)

Looking to 2023: We are currently inundated with enrolment applications at all our campuses and enrolment interviews are going really well. If you are intending to move to another school for 2023, please would you let us know ASAP by emailing: enrolments@elim.school.nz We have so many wanting to come, and we need to know what additional spaces we will be able to fill.

Outgoing Board: it is with deep gratitude and humbleness that we thank our current Board who complete their amazing service of 3 years in the next few days. What a stunning group of people they have been as they have been called to steward and guide this school over the COVID years and through

our financial downturn. Month after month we have seen wisdom, discernment and superb critical decisions made and followed through.

As Principal I am forever grateful for parents who serve with faithfulness, who get the vision and give so generously of themselves. Especially to those who are not returning:

Hayden Briscoe (9 years of exceptional commitment, first as a Proprietor representative and subsequently a parent representative, Hayden is the outgoing Presiding Member)

Richard Wagener (6 years of stellar relentless positive leadership)

Stephen Briscoe (our staff representative for such dependability and foresight)

Colin Marshall (proprietor representative for such wisdom and insight) - thank you gentlemen so much - you are such difference makers.

Parent-Lead Devotions at GCJY

I leave you with this wonderful devotion prepared by the Fiu whanau for the GCJY staff devotions! Thank you, Ana and Ben, for such an inspirational and encouraging word!!!

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Nga mihi nui

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

Murray Burton MNZM
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