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Principal's Update - End of term Announcements

Kia Ora parents and caregivers,

We have arrived at the end of term 1 already and I am amazed at how fast this went by. It has been an excellent term for our students and our school and I would like to thank the many people who have welcomed me and made me feel a part of the school so quickly. As we finish up for the term I am reminded of Psalm 136 where the psalmist reflects on the love of God that is never-ending.

Psalm 136

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

I pray that you all have a restful and blessed holiday period and that you are able to spend time with your family and remember and enjoy the enduring love of God.

Opportunity to Bless the school

I would like to take the opportunity to let you know that we have an exciting project underway for our Golflands Campus. As part of our strategic planning cycle, the leadership team has been reflecting on how we can continue to serve our students and ensure they have opportunities in all areas of their school day.

As a result of ongoing conversations, I am pleased to share that we have decided to install a new extensive playground for our Middle Years students, and plan some playground enhancements for our Juniors Years in 2025. Playgrounds are vital in schools and aid in children's development. Spaces that provide for physical activity, social interaction, and cognitive and emotional growth, ultimately promote well-rounded learning and development in children.

As part of this project, we will be doing some fundraising in Term 2 which will be in line with the launch of an exciting Obstacle Fun Day in Week 3 for our children to enjoy. All children who sign up will go into the draw each week to win spot prizes and we will be presenting some premiere prizes to our top fundraising students for most monies raised.

Do you own a business that might like to support this work?

We are looking to maximise our impact by raising significant funds and are currently looking for support from our community, businesses and charitable trusts in the way of donations, corporate sponsorship and prizes. If you would like to partner with our school in any of these ways and contribute towards this project, please contact me directly.

Farewell to Mr Gary Johnstone

I would like to take this opportunity to honour and farewell one of our longstanding and faithful staff members. Mr Gary Johnstone has worked at Elim Christian College for 20 years in a variety of roles but most recently as the Associate Principal. He has had a leading hand in the growth at Botany campus and the establishment of the Golflands campus. He helped the establishment of the Mt Albert and Henderson schools. His leadership is a fine example of a biblically inspired Christian walk and we thank God for placing him with us for such times. I would like to personally acknowledge the support of Gary in helping me to transition into the Principal role. His grace and faith have encouraged me and given me a smooth beginning to my time at the school. Thank you Gary! We wish you and your family all of the best as you embark on the next chapter of God's plans for your future. May the Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you.



Thank you to the students, teachers and support staff for a great start to 2025. Your hard work and kindness to each other make this a wonderful place to learn and grow together. Have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

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Mr Julian Adamson
Principal