



9 May 2025

Principal's Update

Kia Ora parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to term 2 and what a fast and fun start it has been! It is great to see students at all levels smiling and happy to be in classes and learning. I was pleased to see several of our students involved in local missions and support of those in need in our local community over the holiday period. Service is something that we value highly here at Elim Christian College and I am impressed at the willingness of our students to give generously of their time and resources to those around them.

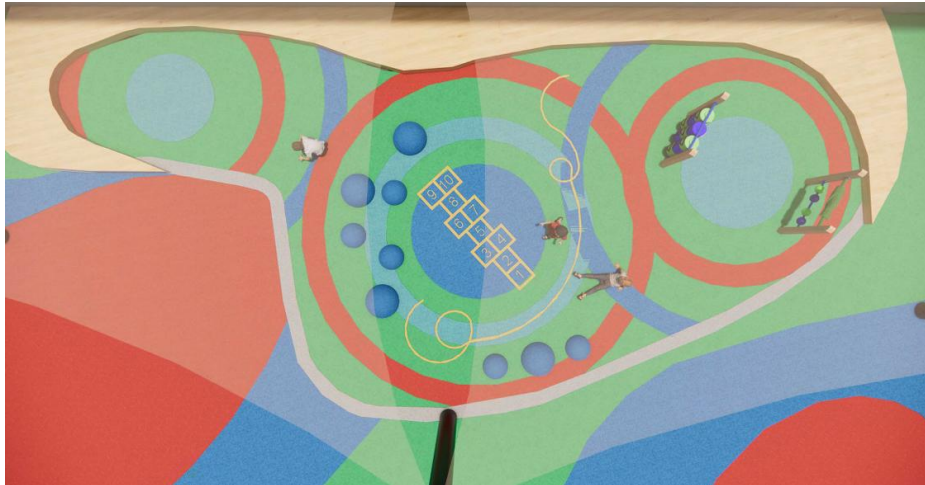
This week I have been privileged to see several sports teams in action as the winter sports season begins. I have seen netball, football and basketball teams all launch their seasons well. I wish them well and I would like to thank those parents and teachers that have volunteered to coach and manage our teams. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Term 2 is a critical time for our senior school as students become more involved in internal assessments and cover much of the material for their end of year exams. I know that our teachers are working hard and I encourage you to talk to your son or daughter about their progress and what they have on their school calendar each week.

Update on Inflatables Day Fundraiser

I am so excited to say that as of this morning, Friday 9 May, our wonderful ARISE parents team have raised over \$21,000 to support the school. With just over a week still to go, we are on track to make a significant contribution to our school environment through upgraded play areas, mature tree planting, new sports equipment and other exciting projects on both campuses. I would like to thank you all for your generosity and support of our school. Your donations will go completely to the improvement of our campuses for our students.





Artist's impression of the new junior playspace to replace the existing sand pit.

I know that many of our Junior and Middle years students are excited at the chance to “slime” some of the teachers and to take part in the Inflatables day next Friday the 16 May. I would ask that you continue to seek out friends and families that are willing to donate to this excellent cause. All students are still able to register and donate at the fundraising website:

<https://elimchristiancollegeobstaclefun.raiseit.co.nz/>

The ARISE parents are looking for adults who can help on the 16 May with the inflatables day in a range of activities throughout the day. If you can spare a few hours, **and you already have a current police vet with the school**, please complete the form at [this link](#).

But wait, there's more!

We have been generously donated a voucher for a vehicle service through one of our families at All Automatic Repairs in East Tamaki. This **service is valued at \$1100 dollars** and will be allocated via a silent auction. To put in a bid for the voucher, [please fill in the google form at this link with your details](#). The person with the highest bid will be contacted to arrange delivery of the voucher. There is a reserve of \$400 but I personally expect that this will go for the actual value or perhaps there is a generous donor who might even go above the market rate for this excellent cause!

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Classroom Heating as we approach Winter

We are currently working on getting new and improved heating into our classrooms across the school but it is unlikely that this will be up and running for the colder weather that seems to be already arriving. In the interim we will allow students to wear:

“A plain black or blue jacket, worn over the winter uniform (not in place of it). This may be worn in class in the morning until the teacher has decided that the classroom is warm enough for jackets to be removed.”

I apologise for the delay in this essential classroom heating requirement. Please be assured that this is a top priority for us and we are working as fast as we can with the Ministry of Education to get this installed.

Parking around the school

I am pleased to report that I have been in communication with Auckland Transport about some of the parking and poor driving that we experience around our school, particularly at the end of the day. Enforcement officers may be present over the winter months giving out tickets for illegal parking. In addition we will work with AT to investigate possible ways of improving the parking situation. I will send out further communication regarding community and neighbour consultation when we reach that point in our planning. In the meantime can I please remind you all of the importance of careful and considerate driving and parking for the safety of our students and to maintain excellent relationships with our local community.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We look forward to a productive and settled term and I continue to pray for God's blessing in your lives.

Ngā mihi nui



Mr Julian Adamson
Principal