



## Principal's Update Thursday 6th May 2021

Welcome to Term 2, the weather has been outstanding and the students have returned from their holiday break energised and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that the correct uniform is worn and those in your care who attend Elim Christian College are tidy and well presented.

I attended a seminar several years ago on the neuroplasticity of the brain. At that time, the 5 key things identified for effective brain development and learning for all age groups were;

1. Regular exercise
2. Good diet
3. Sufficient sleep
4. Learn a musical instrument
5. Learn another language

I would like to focus especially on number 3 above - sufficient sleep. The amount of sleep that students have is something that only caregivers can monitor. Please ensure that students have a minimum of 8 hours (device -free) sleep per night and that they go to bed at a reasonable time to achieve this.

Mr Burton is currently on leave and will return at the end of May. This leave was granted in 2020, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, was deferred until now. In his absence I will take up his duties as Acting Principal. We look forward to his return. Please contact me on [gary.johnstone@elim.school.nz](mailto:gary.johnstone@elim.school.nz) if necessary.

Mr Mark Mack from our Mt Albert campus is currently on pre-approved sabbatical for term 2. In his absence Mrs Tania Calvert will lead the campus.

All day to day running of the three campuses is the responsibility of the campus leads. Should you wish to make contact with them please email in the first instance:

<b>BC</b>	Mr Stephen Briscoe <a href="mailto:stephen.briscoe@elim.school.nz">stephen.briscoe@elim.school.nz</a>
<b>GCJY</b>	Ms Neetha Mudhan <a href="mailto:neetha.mudhan@elim.school.nz">neetha.mudhan@elim.school.nz</a> or Mr Jonathan McPhail <a href="mailto:jonathan.mcphail@elim.school.nz">jonathan.mcphail@elim.school.nz</a>
<b>GCMY</b>	Mrs Mandy Heim <a href="mailto:mandy.heim@elim.school.nz">mandy.heim@elim.school.nz</a>
<b>MAC</b>	Mrs Tania Calvert <a href="mailto:tania.calvert@elim.school.nz">tania.calvert@elim.school.nz</a>

### New Staff

All campuses are fully staffed. We welcome the following new staff:

<b>MAC</b>	Mrs Anna Hemsely Maths
<b>MAC</b>	Mrs Courtney Rokobuta MAC Year 4
<b>GCJY</b>	Leonie Logan Literacy Teacher
<b>GCMY</b>	Sarah Fritschi MY Teacher
<b>BC / MAC</b>	Brianna Worsfold Learning Assistant

**Staff Only Day - Thursday 13th May 2021**- School is not open for students

A programme is being run by Kelly Club for students years 1-8 at the Golflands Campus on the 13th. To register: <https://www.kellyclub.co.nz/registrations/register>

**Reporting Student Absences -**

**On the day:** If your child will be absent for the day, more than half an hour late to school, or picked up early, please fill in the Absence Web Form on our school website before 9am on that day: [https://www.elim.school.nz/absence\\_form/](https://www.elim.school.nz/absence_form/)

**For absences of two days or more:** Please fill in the absence form on the first day of absence and specify the dates in the Reason field. *E.g. Johnny will be away from school today and tomorrow due to an ankle injury.*

**Extended Leave:** Parents / Caregivers are required to request leave in advance for their child. Extended leave should be requested from your child's Campus Lead by email. (see names and email addresses above).

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**Gary Johnstone**  
**Acting Principal**