

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Kia ora whanau,

This term, the Year 4-6 students have been learning what poverty means and unpacking various aspects e.g. food and distribution as well as housing and income, from a global viewpoint as well as locally. They looked at organisations supporting this issue and have a developing understanding of equality and inequality, as well as social justice and social injustice.

In order for students to apply their understanding of this topic, they will be participating in a social justice project to create a positive effect in their community.

Over the past two weeks, students have brought in a **100ml clear jar** to decorate according to our Integrated Inquiry theme, with the intention of spreading hope and light. Students will be **making candles** to place inside the jar. Reconnect is a registered charity group founded in 2017. Their goal is to raise the awareness of those who are overlooked, undervalued, and forgotten in our society. Reconnect would like to partner with Elim to help students make small changes for the world. They are providing all of the materials needed for our tamariki to make a candle to place inside the jar, at no cost.

Reconnect would like to share this good cause and activity on their SNS accounts with the name of the school and pictures taken on the day of the candle classes. They would be pictures of students' backs and shots of their hands downwards. If you do not want this portion of your child photographed, please inform us as soon as possible.

Students will be making these candles on Monday 27 March and sending them home on Tuesday 28 March with a persuasive brochure/ poster encouraging their family, extended whānau or a community member to **purchase at a cost of their choice**. All proceeds will go towards [The Hope Centre- Asian Outreach](#). If you choose to make a donation, then you will have until Friday 31 March to make that payment into the Elim School account. *Please clearly state that any financial contribution is for The Hope Centre*. This donation will not be eligible for a donation receipt as it is being collected on behalf of the school to an outside organisation. We will aim to announce the total amount of funds raised before the end of the term.

School bank account:
Elim Christian College BOT
02-0100-0357672-000

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done (Proverbs 19:17 NIV). Thank you in advance for your support towards creating social justice in our community and globally!

Kind regards,
The Year 4-6 Teachers