

TERM 3 SPORTS CELEBRATION

Well Term 3 certainly didn't end as we had hoped or planned for. However, we are thankful that we still have plenty to celebrate even with our winter sports season abruptly coming to an end. Amazingly most of our teams were able to complete their season, with a few only having their final games to go!

I do want to acknowledge the disappointment of not being able to complete these final games and for those teams who were unable to attend Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week (1st XI Boys Football, Premier Netball and U19 Boys Basketball) and our Year 7-8 students who were attending AIMS Games. Also, to all our students who were preparing and looking forward to our Term 4 events. We thank you all for your efforts in training and preparing for these events.

We also want to take some time to acknowledge what our students have achieved and congratulate them. Firstly thank you to every single student who got involved and contributed to sports this year. Special mention to also all our students who helped with refereeing and coaching at the numerous tournaments and games over the year, thank you. All of our students represented Elim superbly, within their different sports codes and should be incredibly proud of their accomplishments.

As we were unable to gather together to celebrate, here is a little write up to re-cap and recognise our Term 3 sports events and to celebrate our teams, as well as students who have been awarded the team awards for the year.

I would first like to acknowledge all our volunteer helpers. From coaching, refereeing, managing, transporting and supervising, we could not offer what we do without your support.

To our coaches this year. Your time, passion and commitment to training our students, upskilling them, working alongside them and for encouraging and challenging them is incredibly valued. Without your support we would not have had the number of teams or sports available to our students. Thank you.

To our managers - your communication, management and organisation of our teams is highly valued and we could not function without this. Thank you for all your time and support throughout the season.

To our referee's - thank you so much for your time and expertise with refereeing our students' games. This is quite often a tough and thankless job but without you a game can not go ahead. We appreciate you supporting our teams.

And to all our sideline supporters. It is so great to have your support each week. It really helps create an awesome atmosphere and encourages our students. Thanks for coming out to cheer on our teams rain or shine!

All the very best to our students who are leaving on your new adventures next year. Thank you for your commitment and valuable contribution to sport here at Elim over the years.

We are looking forward to all that 2022 has in store and seeing all our students back out there next year.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing break over the summer holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ngā mihi nui,

Kim Borthwick / Paul Gray

Sports Coordinators

SOUTH EASTERN ZONE NETBALL

Before lockdown we were able to attend the SEZ Netball Tournament. It is always a popular event and this year was no exception. We entered 5 teams into the tournament, held at Howick Pakuranga Netball Centre. All students played incredibly well against some tough competition in some pretty miserable weather conditions. Well done to all our teams on your efforts and the way you represented yourselves and Elim. Thank you to all our senior students who refereed and parent support who braved the weather on the day to help with managing our teams and support on the sideline.



SOUTH EASTERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Unfortunately for the second year running the SEZ Cross Country event has been cancelled due to Covid. However, we do wish to acknowledge the 25 students who were set to compete in the competition on the 19th August and thank them for their dedication to training in the lead up. BIG thank you to Mr Richard Wagener who was training the team during school lunchtimes to prepare them for the event.

ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS



We had 4 students attend the CSA Road Race Championships to compete in the Senior Boys U19 race. We were grateful to get this event in, the day before lockdown was announced!

Well done to Braydn Trollip, Harvey Sands, Aaron Jackson and Ben Rickerby. Congratulations Ben for placing 9th overall! Massive thank you to Mrs Karen Rickerby for taking the team to the event and encouraging them from the sideline. Thank you for everything you do for sports at Elim.



YEAR 7/8 SPORTS TEAMS

Elim Eagles Basketball Team

The team was composed of both experienced players and those new to basketball. They performed exceptionally well and grew in their teamwork with each game and I believe they were well under way to win the B grade tournament for term 3.

Team Awards

MVP: Daniel King

Most Improved: Tawhiri Neva

Sportsmanship: Zachary Lim



AIMS Games Basketball Team

Our AIMS Games basketball team was entered into the A Grade Underdog Basketball league in preparation for AIMS Games. The team performed well in what was a very tough competition. Although none of the results went our way, each game the students improved in their own abilities but also in their team work. I can only imagine what the team would have been able to accomplish if the season continued.

Team Awards

MVP: Alfred Zhuo

Most Improved: Jaydon Randall

Sportsmanship: Jayden Chandra



We would also like to recognise those students who were busy preparing to attend AIMS Games and represent Elim in their individual sport codes. These included Cross Country, Tennis, Swimming, Gymnastics (Artistic, Aerobics, Trampolining) and Badminton. Thank you for your tremendous efforts in preparing for the tournament, before the disappointing cancellation due to Covid.

YEAR 9-13 WINTER SPORTS SEASON

Wow what a busy season we had, with a number of teams competing in a range of sports codes of the Term 2/Term 3 competitions.

We wish to recognise and celebrate all our winter sports teams on their fantastic achievements over the season. We also wish to recognise students who have been awarded our team awards for the year.

MVP's (Most Valuable Players), Most Improved and Sportsmanship team awards. Well done, and congratulations to you all.

FOOTBALL

This year we had 3 football teams represent Elim across the College Sport Competitions. So great to see football continuing to thrive and students getting involved!

Junior Year 9-10 Boys Team

Our Junior Boys Football team played in the 14B Central East Grade Competition, and ended their season undefeated! They were due to play their final match for 1st and 2nd place against Sacred Heart Boys College, but unfortunately this match was unable to be played due to Covid. They had drawn 1-1 with Sacred Heart in a previous match during the season. It would have been a very exciting final!

A big thankyou to our coaches, manager, referee and parent supporters. This year the team was coached by two of our Senior Students - Jaden Carr and Callum Green, alongside Mr Chris Hall and one of our ex Elim students, Fynn Hall.

Thank you to Mrs Michelle Willis for being an amazing manager and to Mr Derek Papesch for refereeing the teams home games.

Congratulations to the team on an outstanding season. These students are exceptional and represented Elim with distinction.



Team awards

MVP: Munashe Zvavahera

Most Improved: Keagan Wolsky

Sportsmanship: Kaleb Dodd

Girls 1st XI Team

Our girls football team this year was made up of Y9-13 students from all 3 campuses, which was exciting to see. The team competed in the Manukau Senior B League and had a great start to the season making it through to the championship round. There were some great wins and narrow losses. Throughout the season the girls became a cohesive team and played hard each game, always displaying excellent sportsmanship on and off the field. Well done team! It is so great to see the growth of interest with girls football over the years.

Massive thank you to our coaches Mr Stephen Bennett and Mr Duncan McNeill. All your time each week given to games, training and also transporting the team is highly appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Narina Clarkson who managed the team and to Tash Bennett, the team captain for communicating with the girls each week and always being an encouraging and supportive team member. Even when you weren't able to play due to injury you were still there supporting the team on the sideline! Also, special thanks to Ricco Reckling for refereeing the home games.

Team awards

MVP: Esther Curnow

Most Improved: Annebell Dogger

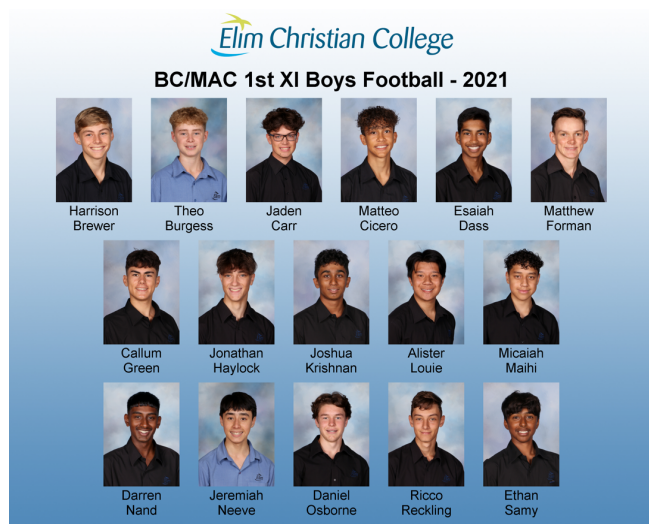
Sportsmanship: Tash Bennett



1st XI Boys Team

Our 1st XI team played in the Senior A3 grade again this year. The team was made up of students from our BC and MAC campuses. This grade holds some tough competition and our boys had a challenging season with a mix of wins & losses, but through this continued to display excellent sportsmanship, determination, skills & teamwork over the season. Congratulations to each team member on your season. You should be proud of the way you represented yourselves and Elim.

Special mention and thank you to Rogen Chigwende and our Junior team players, for stepping up when we needed extra players.



Special thanks to Mr Malcolm Osborne for coaching our team at games every Saturday! The commitment is huge with games as far as Orewa! Really appreciate you being there to support the team each week. Also to Mr Sam Mackenzie for your commitment to coaching the team over the season and transporting our MAC students to and from training each week.

To our wonderful referee's, thank you Mr Mark Forman and Mr Bob McCoskrie for refereeing our home games throughout the season. It's not an easy job refereeing these games and we really appreciated it.

Lastly, thank you to all our supporters for your encouragement on the sideline each week.

Team awards

MVP: Jaden Carr

Most Improved: Jonny Haylock

Sportsmanship: Ricco Reckling

BASKETBALL

This year we had a big growth in basketball teams over our campuses. It is awesome to see the interest growing here at Elim - with a total of 6 teams across Year 9-13, including our first ever Girls team.

It was exciting to have 2 teams from our Year 9-10 students entered into the college sport competition. The season had 3 weeks of grading where both teams were graded into the Central Eastern B Grade.

Both teams were committed to early morning training before school and were very hard working and dedicated over the season.



GCMY Basketball Junior Boys A - 2021



Y9/10 A Team

Our Y9/10 A team took out the grade in an exciting final against King's College. Congratulations to the team on a great season! It was very exciting to watch your games over the season and see all your hard work pay off on the courts! You did an incredible job this season & should be very proud of your achievement.

Massive thank you to coach Mr Aaron Koh, one of our ex Elim students and a highly skilled & knowledgeable basketball player. It is so great to have you back coaching and developing our students. Thank you for all your input into the team over the season!

Also big thanks to the team manager Mr Derek Papesch for doing an excellent job organising the team each week. Thank you also to all of our parents who assisted with transporting and supporting the team on the sidelines.

Team Awards

MVP: Zion Saili

Most Improved: Luca Papesch

Sportsmanship: Chad Anderson

Y9/10 B Team

Our Y9/10 Development team had a superb season learning and developing their skills under the excellent guidance of coach Mr Reuben Dunn. Thank you so much for all your work with the team over the season. Your coaching philosophy really helped grow individual players as well as the overall team this year. Thank you for all your time supporting, encouraging and developing the team.

Although the scoreboard did not always reflect the effort, every member can be incredibly proud of what they achieved and how far they've come as a team and personal growth over the season.

Well done to all the team for their achievements throughout the season.

Team Awards

MVP: Isaiah Dunn

Most Improved: Luke Hunter

Sportsmanship: Timothy Suresh



GCMY Basketball Junior Boys B - 2021



U17 Boys Team

This year we had an U17 Boys Basketball team, competing in U17B Grade. Quite a few of our team members were new to basketball this year and it's been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and develop their skills over the season. This definitely showed on the court each week.

Thank you coach Mr Logan Macic for all your time, effort and dedication to coaching the team. We so appreciate you taking on the team to challenge, grow and develop them.

Also, special thanks to Mr Jason Webb for refereeing all their games over the season and Mrs Lee Bailey for being on scorebench each week. We appreciate you.

Well done to all our team members on a fantastic season.



Team Awards

MVP: James Persson

Most Improved: Harrison Brewer

Sportsmanship: Esaiah Dass



U17 Girls Team

This year we had a very passionate group of girls who we entered the College Sport competition to play in the U17 Girls Grade. None of us knew what to expect for the season, as we have not previously entered a girls team into the competition. But during grading they quickly showed their strength and unity as a team. Their skills developed incredibly over the season. It was inspiring to witness each member of the team grow in knowledge, understanding and skills of basketball. The team placed 1st in the grade, completing the season undefeated in an exciting final against St Kentigern College! Huge congratulations girls, what an incredible season to witness.

Massive thank you to Mrs Vania Dunn who coached the girls this year. Thank you for all your time and commitment to the team, especially all those early morning training and travelling far and wide for games. Also a big thank you to all our supporters over the season who came to watch and cheer the team on at games.

Team Awards

MVP: Jasmin Munro

Most Improved: Alena Elmore

Sportsmanship: Neorah Chandra

Special mention of thanks to Fabian Lomax and Xavier Kim for refereeing our Junior and U17 Girls basketball teams each week. This is not an easy job, and we so appreciate you giving up your Wednesday and Thursday evenings to referee our games. Also a big thank you to our teachers who transported our teams each week to their games.

U19 Boys Team

Our U19 Senior basketball team graded into the Open A grade this year. This team has been a strong unit over the years, forming in Year 9 and have strengthened immensely over the years. Moving up into the Open A Grade this year was a good challenge for them with some great competition. All but 2 of the team members this year are Y13 and we will be sad to see you go! Each member of the team brought something special to the unit. You have all shown great sportsmanship and dedication both on and off the court. Thank you for representing Elim so well, we are so proud of everything each one of you has accomplished over the years.

Massive thank you to coach Mr Keli Pepa, who has been with this team from Year 9. What an incredible commitment over the past 5 years and to have seen the growth of the team has been so inspiring. You have been incredibly vital to the basketball programme over the years and we appreciate all your input both in skill and personal development to each and every member of the team over the years. Your time, expertise, and commitment is highly appreciated. We can not thank you enough for all your amazing support of sport at Elim! Also a big thanks to all our parent support over not only the season, but a number of years. It is so appreciated.

Team Awards

MVP: Devere Townsend-Pritchard

Most Improved: Xavier Kim

Sportsmanship: Tevita Pepa



HOCKEY

Hockey is growing from strength to strength each year. This year it was exciting to enter both a Boys and Girls hockey team into the College Sport Competitions. Massive thank you to our coach Mrs Jane Stone, who has been doing incredible work helping to develop Hockey at Elim. We appreciate all your valuable time, skills and knowledge coaching the two teams. It's a big job and we appreciate all you give to our school! It's so encouraging to see students getting passionate and more involved with this great sport!

Both teams represented Elim exceptionally and you can all be incredibly proud of your accomplishments.



Boys 9 aside Team

Our Boys team competed in the 9-aside Auckland competition this year, which is full field but with 9 players!

The team had an incredible season this year and really showed their skills and strength as a team on the field each week. They were set to play their final game for 1st and 2nd place the week of lockdown, so unfortunately never managed to play the game. The team placed 2nd overall for the grade. What an outstanding result! Huge congratulations boys and well done on a fantastic season!

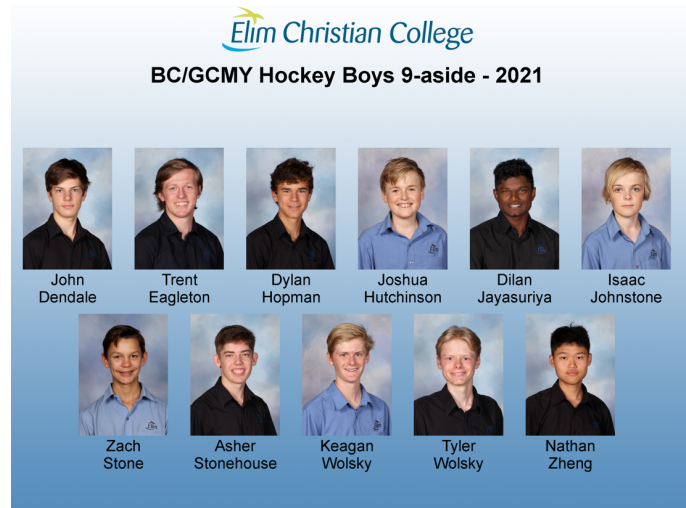
Thank you to our teachers who helped transport each week and to Mrs Karen Dendale for being an amazing manager with all your organising of the team and providing half time snacks!

Team Awards

MVP: Dilan Jayasuriya

Most Improved: Nathan Zheng

Sportsmanship: Dylan Hopman

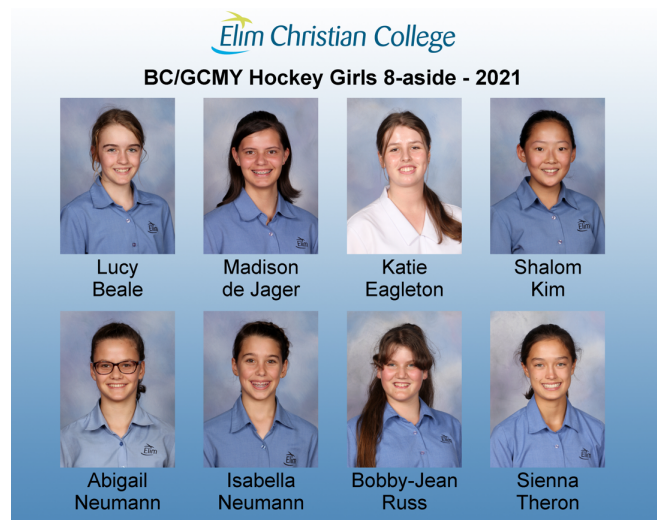


Girls 8 aside Team

We also had an 8 aside Girls team entered into the Term 2 and Term 3 (before lockdown) competitions. We had a couple of students join us from Botany College which was awesome to have them part of the team this year!

A huge thanks to Mrs Ruth Beale and Mrs Bronwyn Neumann who stepped up to manage the girls, coaching and transporting them at games each week. Thank you so much for all your help with the team this year and encouragement from the sideline. Really appreciate your time given each Friday evening!

The girls really grew over the season and placed 3rd in the competition. Congratulations girls! Well done to you all.



Team Awards

MVP: Abigail Neumann

Most Improved: Isabella Neumann and Bobby-Jean Russ

Sportsmanship: Lucy Beale

NETBALL

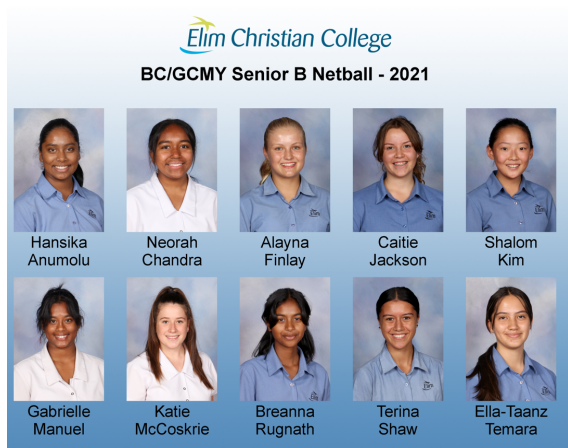
This year we had 2 senior teams represent Elim in the Secondary Schools Counties Manukau Netball Competition held at Papakura Netball Centre. It is so exciting to see the amazing talent amongst our netballers here at Elim.

A massive thank you to our coaches Mrs Kim Hunter and Mrs Vania Dunn for your incredible efforts this year with our teams. Your passion and talent with coaching and developing the girls both in skills, understanding and overall character is inspiring. Thank you for all your input into sports here at Elim.

Senior B Team

Our development team was a mix of Year 9-12 students who competed in the Senior B Grade.

Over the season the team really came together, strengthened and encouraged one another. It was so great to see their development, skills and confidence grow over the season. At the end of the grading round, the team moved up into the championships round and placed 4th overall in their grade. Well done on such a fantastic season girls.



Thank you to Mrs Sally Anumolu for being such a brilliant manager. We appreciate everything you did this season. And to all our parent supporters each week!

Team Awards

MVP: Neorah Chandra

Most Improved: Terina Shaw

Sportsmanship: Shalom Kim and Katie McCoskrie



Premier Team

Our top team played in the Premier Grade this season and made a big impact on the competition.

Each player should be incredibly proud of what they achieved and put out onto the court each week. Your sportsmanship, team unity, passion and determination showed both on and off the court.

The team placed 1st in the grading section round, where they were then promoted into the Championships round, placing 3rd overall.

This is an awesome achievement girls. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the season. You should all be incredibly proud of what you achieved.

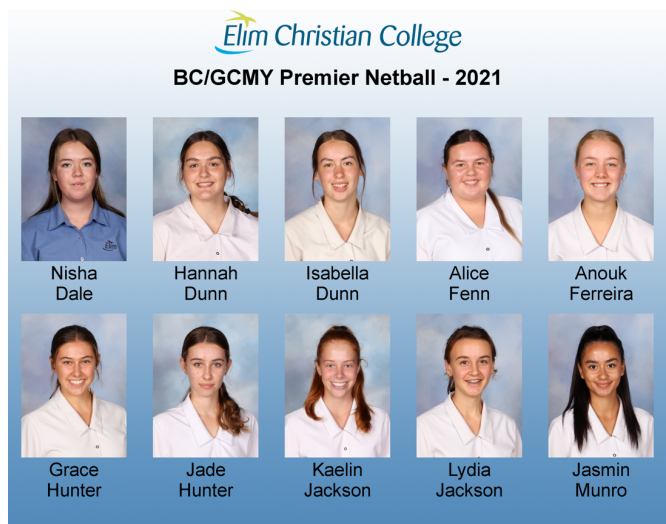
Thank you to our team managers Mrs Beccy Fenn and Mrs Amy Dale for all your support and organisation over the season.

Team Awards

MVP: Isabella Dunn & Grace Hunter

Most Improved: Lydia Jackson

Sportsmanship: Alice Fenn



SQUASH

This year we had 3 teams competing in the college sport squash competitions, including the new addition of a girls team! Our boys A & B teams played in the Open Boys B Grade, and our girls in the Open B Girls grade. Thank you to all our players for their commitment to games, and early morning training. Well done on another fantastic season this year.

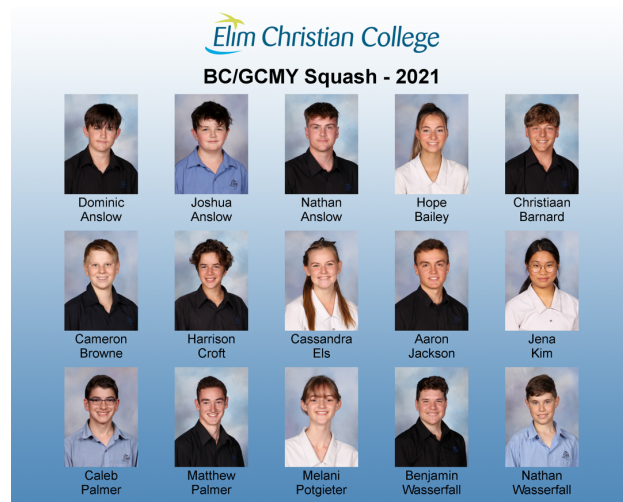
Massive thank you to Mr Mark Mack for coaching the students throughout the season. Your knowledge, experience and passion for encouraging and developing the students is so valued. Also a big thanks to Mrs Kerry Mack, who helped manage and transport the teams each week to their games. Special mention also to our parents and teachers who helped with transporting and supervising the teams throughout the season. Thank you to you all for your support.

Team Awards

MVP: Aaron Jackson

Most Improved: Cassandra Els and Benjamin Wasserfall

Sportsmanship: Christiaan Barnard



BADMINTON



Badminton was thriving again this year with many students coming along to train each week to develop their skills. This year 3 teams were entered into the Eastern Zone competition run by Auckland Badminton. Two of these teams played in the B grade, and one in the C grade. We had an exciting final between our two B grade teams where they played off for 1st & 2nd place. Congratulations to Elim B1 for winning the grade. And well done B2 for putting up a great challenge!

Our Elim C team also had a great season, playing at Li Ning Badminton Centre each week. Big thanks to Mrs Paulette Borchers who transported and supervised the team each week.

Also, big thanks to our teachers Mr Michael Lowe, Mrs Karen Liu, Mr Harim Kim & Mr Graeme Foster for coaching, transporting and managing our teams each week. Your encouragement and development with the students is so appreciated and your support is so valued. Thank you!

Team Awards

MVP: Neha Joseph

Most Improved: Samuel Wang

Sportsmanship: Joash Kumar



TABLE TENNIS

Big thank you to Mr Michael Lowe for continuing such a fantastic job with our table tennis programme. This year we had 3 teams entered into the Auckland League run by Auckland Table Tennis.

Both our C1 and D1 grade teams qualified to compete in the Auckland Table Tennis Championships. Unfortunately, due to Covid this was cancelled.

Congratulations to our C1 team who placed 1st overall in the C grade. Special mention to Ricky Wen who placed 1st and remained undefeated in singles. Also well done to our D grade team placing 2nd overall for teams, and to our 3 students placing in the top 10 overall for individuals. Thank you also to Mr Rutland and Mr Charman for transporting the team each week to their games at St Kentigern College.

Well done everyone on a fantastic season!

Team Awards

MVP: Ricky Wen

Most Improved: Joshua Hutchinson

Sportsmanship: Tyler Wolsky



RUGBY

This year our students were given the awesome opportunity to play school rugby, forming composite teams with two of our local schools. We had 4 students from Elim who joined with Botany Downs Secondary College and Sancta Maria College

Unfortunately they were unable to complete the competition due to Covid lockdown, however they all had an excellent season in their respective teams and placed well at the end of their pool rounds. Well done for taking up the opportunities and proudly representing Elim.

Isaiah Dunn played with BDSC in the U14B Grade, placing 4th in their pool at the end of the season.

James Persson played in the BDSC U15 Open Team, competing in the U15B Grade. The team placed 1st in their pool. Congratulations guys!

Immanuel de Ridder and Levi Snook, represented Elim in a composite team with Sancta Maria this year, playing in the 6B grade. The team gelled extremely well and really supported each other throughout the season. Overall they had a fantastic season, remaining undefeated, finishing in 1st place. Congrats!!

Thank you to Botany Downs Secondary College and Sancta Maria College and all the coaches and managers involved for providing the opportunity for our students to play school rugby. Thank you also to our Elim parents for your support. We are super grateful to be able to offer the opportunity to our rugby players.

