

Year 1-3 Term 1 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to the Year 1-3 Team at Elim Christian College Mount Albert Campus. We hope that you have had a blessed, joyful summer break with your family and friends.

The teaching team includes:

Room 1 (Year 1): Mrs Ella Oxford

Room 2 (Year 2): Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 3 (Year 3): Miss Yeonie Jeong

Support staff includes:

Release Teacher Room 1: Mrs Jeanette Starrenburg

Learning Assistant: Mrs Kirsty Sim

Literacy Activator: Mrs Lynda Butler

ESOL Teacher: Mrs Joanna Emery

Music Specialist: Mrs Yung Chang

SENCO: Mrs Tania Calvert

Team Leader: Mrs Joanna Emery

This term our focus is **God wants us to work**. We will learn about the story of Jesus in the New Testament. The students will understand that God wants us to work, serve and live in His kingdom. In Integrated Inquiry, the students will learn about the different roles and responsibilities family members have.

Elim Exploration: WORK (Mission)

Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed

Key Knowledge: God wants us to work

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to work, serve and live for the kingdom of God

Key Question: How can I serve, work, reach out and bless others for the kingdom?

- **Social Studies:** Economic World
- **Literacy Focus:** Structured Literacy
- **Numeracy Focus:** Addition and Subtraction
- **Strand Maths:** Statistics- graphs, investigations, probability
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Manaakitanga- Respect
- **Scripture:** Learn and know **the story of Jesus through the Gospel of Mark**
 - Understand that Jesus came to serve others and to sacrifice His life for us
 - Develop servant hearts to help and bless others at school

HOME LEARNING: Guidelines for home learning will be pasted in the student's home learning books from Week 3 onwards. Please take time to read these guidelines. During Week 2, we will be focusing on our school memory verse and students are encouraged to read daily. There will be no home learning sheets this week.

DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM: Seesaw is used to communicate notices with parents. More formal information will be sent through emails. Please ensure you have the Seesaw notifications turned on. The students will also use Seesaw to showcase their learning.

KOTAHITANGA: Elim is a Kotahitanga - PB4L school (Positive Behaviour for Learning). Our classroom management systems are based on Elim Christian College values and uphold the special character of our school. We use a tino pai (traffic light system) to reward students based on the Kotahitanga values. The focus in Term 1 is Manaakitanga (respect) so students will be learning what respect looks like in various school settings. All students start on a green light at the beginning of the day and have the potential to move to the purple 'tino pai' light for outstanding behaviour. Any student not adhering to classroom expectations will receive an orange light warning (a chance to change their behaviour). If the behaviour continues, an orange light is given. Where there are patterns of negative behaviour, parents will be informed.

UNIFORM: During Term 1, students wear the summer uniform. Refer to the school website for requirements or the Elim uniform [handbook page](#). Please ensure that all items are **clearly named** and students bring their hats to school **every day**.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION: All students are required to take their morning-tea and lunch wrappers, uneaten food, etc. home with them. They cannot dispose of it at school. The recycling bins at Mt Albert Campus have little provision for landfill items and food scraps. We would still like to strongly encourage all our parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and to buy in bulk.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Carpe Diem Kids provides before-school care off-site and after-school care **on-site**. Students are dropped to school in the morning. Information about this service can be accessed via their website - <https://carpediemkids.co.nz/>

PARENT HELP: The school operates on the Ministry of Education's best practice. We have class trips and activities planned for this year. These cannot go ahead if the adult:child ratio is not met. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status, please check with our admin staff. If you are not police-vetted via our school as yet, please note that this takes a few weeks to process.

We have an open-door policy. Teachers are in staff devotions until 8:30 am. They are available in their classroom to answer questions and to chat about minor issues from 8:30 am – 8:40 am and again after school. Alternatively, if you would like the time to talk further, please make an appointment with the teacher. They will be more than happy to discuss the matter with you.

If you would like to get in contact with us, our email addresses are:

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We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1-3 Team, Mt Albert Campus

The New Zealand Curriculum:



* *Vision*: Our vision is for young people who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners.






* *Principles*: The New Zealand Curriculum principles embody beliefs about what is important in school curriculum - nationally and locally. They should underpin all school decision making.

* *Values*: Values are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. They are expressed through the ways in which people think and act.

Recommended Apps to download on home devices

If you require a colour copy, or for any other queries regarding apps,
please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher

	Apps to download for communication and showcasing of student work	
SEESAW Family	Seesaw Family is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share learning and what's happening in the classroom through photographs, videos, notes or activities with parents, caregivers and whānau. Teachers will also send important messages and reminders using Seesaw.	
SEESAW Class	Seesaw Class is a student-driven digital portfolio that allows students to upload photographs, video or notes of their learning from the classroom or home.	
	Recommended Apps to download	
Nessy Hairy Phonics 1	Paid App: Hairy Phonics 1 app introduces consonant digraphs and floss doubles: sh, ch, th, ck, ff, ll, ss, zz, ng.	
Nessy Hairy Phonics 2	Paid App: Hairy Phonics 2 app Introduces vowel digraphs. Learn 9 phonemes (sounds): ai, ay, ee, ea, ie, oa, oi, oy, oo.	
Nessy Hairy Phonics 3	Paid App: Hairy Phonics 3 app will help you learn vowel-r and magic 'e'. Learn 9 phonemes: ar, or, er, ir, ur, a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e.	
Bible: <u>YouVersion</u>	Free: please ensure this is the ' <u>youversion</u> ' app	
Bible App for Kids	Free: Through interactive adventures and beautiful animations, kids explore the big stories of the Bible	

Sumdog	Free: Maths learning App	
Math Slide: addition and subtraction	Free: 1-4 player interactive Maths learning App	
Math Slide: multiplication and division	Free: 1-4 player interactive Maths learning App	
Epic!	Free: Online Kids Library	
Subscription Apps recommended		
Mathletics	Reinforces maths concepts, level and tasks set by teacher.	
Reading Eggs	Literacy Learning App	