



## Year 4-6 Term 1 2023 Newsletter

Tuesday 7 February 2023

A warm welcome from the Year 4-6 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 4 (Year 4): Miss Yen Kim

Room 5 (Year 5): Miss Hannah Fale

Room 6 (Year 6): Miss Jessica Kidd

### Support Staff includes:

Release Teacher: Mrs Jeanette Starrenburg

Learning Assistant: Mrs Kelley Trebilco

Literacy activator: Mrs Lynda Butler

ESOL Teacher: Mrs Joanna Emery

Music Specialist: Mrs Yung Chang

SENCO: Mrs Tania Calvert

Team Leader: Miss Jessica Kidd

This term our Biblical theme 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 for His kingdom. In Integrated Inquiry, students will learn about the impact of poverty and social justice and the effect they can have in the community.

**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 Matthew (Year 4) and Luke (Year 5-6)**
  - Understand that Jesus' mission was to seek and save sinful people.
  - Develop their ability to reach out to others as they work in this world.

**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 for at least 15 minutes a day. There will be no home learning sheets this week.

**SWIMMING:** The swimming pool is up and running again. Classes will have 1-2 sessions per week in the pool for most of Term 1. Please ensure your child wears full togs (rash tops are accepted) for their session. Goggles are optional and swimming caps are recommended to avoid hair entering the filter system.

**DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS:** Students are required to bring a **fully charged** iPad to school each day. 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. Year 4 students will be using Seesaw on a regular basis to showcase their learning. The Year 5-6 students use Google Classroom to post digital work. Any learning they are particularly proud of will be posted to Seesaw for families to see.

**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 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**.

**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 to 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 4-6 Team, Mt Albert Campus

## Apps to download

If you have any other queries regarding apps,  
please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher

Free Apps		
Google Drive, Docs, Spreadsheets, Slides (4 apps)	Free: Create and share easily. iPad and computer compatible. View, edit and share docs/files to a range of collaborators or viewers.	
Google Classroom	Google Classroom is a free blended learning platform	
SEESAW Class	Seesaw is a student-driven digital portfolio that inspires your students to do their best	
Google Draw	Google Drawings is a diagramming software	
Epic!	Free Online Library	
QR Code Reader/ Creator	Free: scans QR codes which provide direct links to information/ videos/audio from a website	
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, <b>kids</b> explore the big stories of the <b>Bible</b>	
Kahoot!	Free: Play, create, host quizzes	
Optional		
Lexia Core5 UK (optional)	Free: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundational reading skills to develop automaticity and fluency</li> <li>• Listening and reading comprehension with complex text</li> <li>• Academic and domain-specific vocabulary to improve comprehension</li> </ul>	
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	
PicCollage app	Free: Picture editor and collage creator	
Clips	Free: Quick Movie Creator	