

10th May 2023

Dear parents, caregivers, whānau

Welcome to Term 2. We hope that you have had an amazing holiday with your family and friends. At the start of this term, we welcome all new students and their families to our Year 0-3 team. We wish you all a blessed term filled with learning and making new friends at Elim.

We would like to welcome Miss Natalie Harbott who joins our Year 0-3 team as the Room 1 teacher. She is excited and enthusiastic about this new teaching role and we know the Year 0/1 children will enjoy being in her class.

The teachers in the Year 0-3 team include:

Room 1 (Year 1): Miss Natalie Harbott

Room 2 (Year 2): Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 3 (Year 3): Miss Yeonie Jeong

Support staff includes:

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

The **Biblical theme** for the term is **God has designed us for a purpose**. Students will learn about the early church through the Book of Acts. They will explore God's purpose for the church, as well as their own individual purpose. In our science unit this term, the students will learn about the Solar System. This will be followed by a trip to the Stardome Observatory at the end of the term. There will be more information about this trip communicated to you later in the term.

Kotahitanga Value: Māia - Courage. We are courageous we show māia.

Elim Exploration: Design (Purpose)

1 Peter 2:9- *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.*

Core Knowledge: God has designed you for a purpose

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to understand the purpose of the church and my place in it.

Key Question: How can I find out the purpose God has designed me for?

- Science Focus: Planet Earth and Beyond - The Solar System
- Literacy focus: BSLA and Structured Literacy; recount writing and creative writing in Year 3
- Numeracy focus: Addition and Subtraction Year 1-2 Multiplication and Division Year 3
- Strand Maths: Geometry
- Physical Education focus: Large ball skills (basketball, netball, soccer)
- The Arts focus: Music, Dance

HOME LEARNING: Guidelines for home learning are pasted into the students' home learning books. Please take time to read these guidelines. Students will receive a home learning sheet every week. Reading is checked daily in Year 1-2 and everything else is checked weekly on Friday. Included each week is a copy of the scripture focus and discussion prompts for families to use at home. Refer to your child's home learning book for more information. At the beginning of each term, please let the school office know of any updated information for your child. Please send any changes in medical information/address/phone number, etc. to: mtalbert@elim.school.nz

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 2 is Māia (courage) so students will be learning how to show courage and persevere through situations or challenging activities in the classroom. 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: All items of school uniform may be worn as appropriate to the weather conditions. Refer to the school website for requirements - <https://www.elim.school.nz/uniform/>. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

Please note:

- Long-sleeved polo shirts/regulation track pants may be worn in Terms 2/3.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Carpe Diem Kids provides after-school care **off-site**. Students are picked up from school in the afternoon and take to the programme. Information about this service can be accessed via their website - <https://carpediembkids.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 then available in their classroom to answer questions and to chat about minor issues until 8:40 am and again after school. Alternatively, if you would like the time to talk further, please make an appointment with the teacher.

Notices: *To keep you up to date, Parents please refer to our school website where you can check notices and our current school calendar. If you are not receiving these notifications, please contact Mount Albert Campus Office.*

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 0-3 Team, Mt Albert Campus