

Year 1-3 Term 3 2023 Newsletter

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dear parents, caregivers and whānau,

Welcome to Term 3. We are now halfway through the year! We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. This term, we are excited to be starting a new entrants class. We would like to welcome Mrs Rita Ah Kau who joins our Year 0-3 team as the Year 0 teacher. She is excited and enthusiastic about this new teaching role and we know the Year 0 children will enjoy being in her class. To all our new students and your families we would like to welcome you to our Year 0-3 team. We wish you all a blessed term filled with learning and making new friends at Elim.

The teachers in the Year 0-3 team include:

Room 25 (Year 0): Mrs Rita Ah Kau

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 Christine Earl

Team Leader: Mrs Joanna Emery

The **Biblical theme** for the term is **God calls us to serve**. Students will learn about the story of the church community through the books of Galatians and Ephesians. They will explore how God wants us to serve in our school, church and wider community. In our science unit this term we are focusing on the Living World, specifically focusing on animal predators found in the sky, the sea and on land.

Kotahitanga Value: Pukuahuwhenua (diligence). We show pukuahuwhenua when we are diligent.

Elim Exploration: Community (Service)

John 15:12-13 *'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: he who lays down his life for his friends.'*

Core Knowledge: God calls us to serve.

Enduring Understanding: God wants us to serve in the school/church community and in the wider community.

Key Question: How can I best serve in my school, church or my local community?

- Science Focus: Living World - animal predators (in the sky, the sea and on land)
- Literacy focus: BSLA and Structured Literacy; recount writing and persuasive writing
- Numeracy focus: addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals
- Strand Maths: Measurement
- Physical Education focus: Large ball skills (basketball, netball, soccer)
- The Arts focus: Music, Drama

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 3 is Pukuahuwheua (diligence) so students will be learning to have a diligent attitude towards all class activities, as well as completing class activities to a high standard. 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 taken 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,

The Year 0-3 Team, Mt Albert Campus