



Year 4-6 Term 3 2023 Newsletter

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dear parents, caregivers and whānau,

Welcome to Term 3. We are now half way through the year! We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. At the start of this term, we welcome all new students and their families to our Year 4-6 team. We wish you all a blessed term filled with learning and making new friends at Elim.

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 Christine Earl

Team Leader: Miss Jessica Kidd

The **Biblical theme** for the term is **God calls us to serve**. Students will learn about the story of the church community through James – Faith and Works. They will explore how the church community helps them put their faith into action in the local community. In our science unit this term, the students will learn about living communities and unpack various ecosystems.

Kotahitanga Value: Pukuahuwhenua- Diligence. We show Pukuahuwhenua when we are diligent.

Elim Exploration: Community (Serve)

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:** Living World -Ecosystems
- **Literacy Focus:** Structured Literacy, Comprehension Strategies- making connections and summarising
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number knowledge, fractions, decimals, ratios, collaborative group problem solving
- **Strand Maths:** Measurement- perimeter, area, volume, time

HOME LEARNING: Guidelines for home learning are pasted in the students' home learning books. Please take time to read these guidelines. Students will receive a home learning sheet every week. Included is a copy of the scripture focus and discussion prompts for families to use at home. Students are encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes a day and complete their maths That Quizzes. There is also an optional extra task for students to complete, if they choose.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Students have one physical education lesson each week where we cover different skills. For this term our focus is invasion games. We recommend students wear the physical education uniform and bring running shoes for these lessons.

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 3 is Pukuahuwhenua (diligence) so students will be learning what diligence 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: 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.

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 them 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://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.

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.*

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,

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