

12 June 2026

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Students,

I hope you are all looking forward to the BIG SING event next week. This will be my final email regarding the BIG SING—promise!

I would like to inform you of an important change to our departure time on **Tuesday, 16 June**.

Due to unforeseen last-minute programme adjustments by the event organisers, including the possibility of choir withdrawals or changes to the performance schedule, there is a chance that our choir may be required to perform earlier than originally anticipated.

To ensure we arrive with sufficient time to register, settle in, and be fully prepared should our performance time be brought forward, we will now depart from school at **7:45 am** instead of the previously advised **8:50 am**.

Updated Times

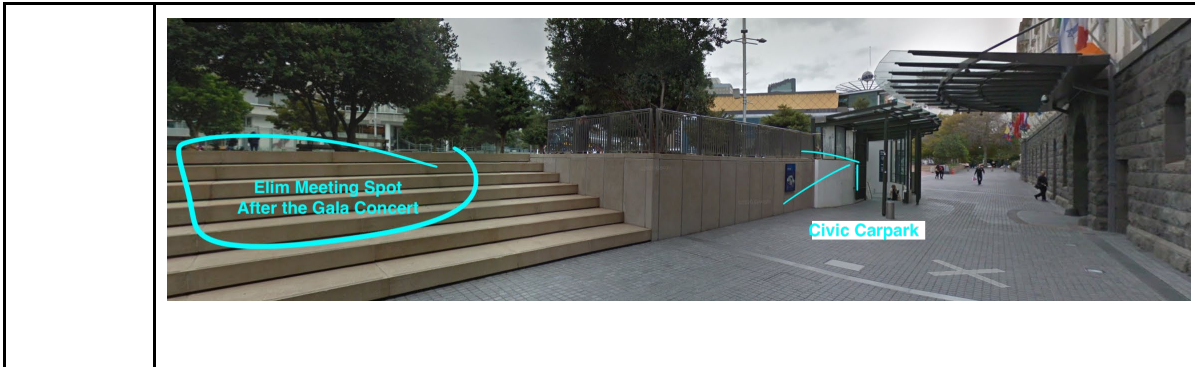
- **Departure from school:** 7:45 am
- **Pick-up from Auckland Town Hall:** 9:30 pm

Please refer to the attached day plan/timesheet for the full schedule.

We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause and greatly appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Thank you for your continued support of our choir students and for helping make this exciting performance opportunity possible.

Just a few final reminders regarding the itinerary and the collection of students after the Gala Concert:

7.45 am	BC students meet outside the Elim Botany church to catch the Howick and Eastern bus to the Town Hall
8.45 am	Arrive at the town hall
9.00 am	Session 1 starts - Elim voices perform at the beginning of the second half
12.30 pm	Session 1 ends
1.00 pm	Walk down to Commercial Bay for lunch Students will need either a packed lunch/dinner or some spending money
4.30 pm	Walk back up to the Town Hall - Dinner on the way
6.00 pm	Seated in the Town Hall for the Gala Concert
7.00 pm	Gala Concert starts - Elim are 2nd on
9.30 pm	Students are collected from the Town Hall Auckland (put this into Google Maps)



The Big Sing 2026

- When:** Tuesday, 16 June, all day
Students are to be picked up from the Town Hall after the gala concert approx. 9:30 pm
- Where:** Auckland Town Hall
- Times:** 7.45 am outside Elim church to bus into town
9.00 am Elim Voices sessions start
7.00 pm Gala concert - tickets required - ends at 9:30 pm
- Transport:** Bus
- Teachers:** Karen Liu and Marisa Abu-Al-A'dl
- Cost:** \$26pp - this covers entry fees and transport
- What to bring:** Full formal senior school uniform, including blazer and tie
Morning tea, lunch, and dinner, or sufficient money to purchase meals throughout the day and water bottle

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you once again for your support. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of music-making and representing our school with excellence.

Ngā mihi,

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