



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED  
 ICE BLOCKS ON THURSDAY LAST WEEK- THE  
 STUDENTS ENJOYED THE TREAT

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

This newsletter is a short one. I trust you will be blessed as you read it. I, along with many of you, have finished the Elim Christian Centre 21 days of prayer and fasting. There have been so many powerful and timely words of encouragement and wisdom. Have you as a family unpacked James 3.17? Wisdom has so many characteristics and we all seek wisdom. Day 11 had us unpacking harmony and ways to reconcile relationships. Easy to read but hard to do at times. Pastor Luke Brough often says, “God is more interested in our character than our comfort”. Can I encourage you to talk around the dinner table about this truth?

I am sure there are students, who, like me prefer the comfort road. Pastor Steve Green challenged us on day 17 of the 21-day challenge, to consider how we pray. Do we pray for ourselves or, do we genuinely pray for others? It takes diligent and disciplined commitment to grow as a disciple of Christ. To consider others before we consider ourselves. Being selfless is in contrast to being self-focused or selfish - this is an ongoing lesson for as long we live. Can I ask you to discuss this with your children?

Our **school values** of **biblical truth** and **biblical discipleship** are pivotal in our pastoral processes. They are the basis for our special character. Please will you pray for our school- that we would remain fully committed to these values and enable our children to grow in the grace and the knowledge of God through the curriculum taught here?

We had a successful hui with our Māori parents on Wednesday night last week and it was humbling to hear of the commitment and the vision that our families have for their children. Kai pai to all who attend the evening.

Well done to the **swimmers** who did their best at the swimming sports in a chilly Panmure pool. I have just returned from **Year 7 camp** and what a joy to see our students taking on challenges in the mud and soft rain. The washing lines were full! Do get them to talk about that **amazing campfire worship**.

A reminder to message your child's tutor teacher, the head of learning, a whānau leader, or myself should you have any questions or items to celebrate. A reminder that I am available for a face-to-face chat on Wednesday afternoons from 3 pm - 3.30 pm

Ngā mihi nui,  
 Mrs Mandy Heim  
*Deputy Principal*

# Upcoming events :

- Monday 18th March Teacher Only Day - NO school for students.
- Thursday 28th March- House colours mufti - no payment.
- Thursday 4th April - Cultural celebration mufti and shared lunches- more details will be sent out.
- Tuesday 9th April - Selected students - Co-Requisite information meetings
- Wednesday 10th April - Sports round-up, celebration. Parents welcome
- Friday 12th April- last day of term 1.

**YEAR 7 CAMP PHOTOS  
AND A CAMP  
NEWSLETTER WILL BE  
SENT TO YEAR 7  
FAMILIES.**



Praise



**THANK YOU  
PARENTS FOR  
YOUR PAYMENTS  
TO CAMP;  
WITHOUT YOUR  
SUPPORT WE'D  
NOT BE ABLE TO  
RUN THIS  
EVENT.**

# CENTRAL EAST AND WEST ZONE ATHLETICS

WE RECENTLY HAD 4 OF OUR MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS QUALIFY TO COMPETE IN THE CENTRAL EAST & WEST ZONE ATHLETICS ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH AT GO MEDIA MT SMART.

ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WASN'T GREAT AND MADE FOR DIFFICULT CONDITIONS THE STUDENTS COMPETED WELL AND HAD A GOOD DAY DESPITE THIS.

**JAYDON RANDALL** COMPETED IN THE JUNIOR BOYS 100M SPRINT AND HIGH JUMP

**ENELIKO FAAFOI** COMPETED IN JUNIOR BOYS 100M SPRINT  
**JUDAH GREEN** COMPETED IN JUNIOR BOYS 100M SPRINT, 200M SPRINT, LONG JUMP, AND HIGH JUMP.

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
**JUDAH GREEN** ACHIEVED 8TH PLACE IN THE HIGH JUMP.  
**JAYDON** ACHIEVED 1ST PLACE IN HIS 100M HEAT AND 4TH OVERALL WHICH QUALIFIED HIM TO COMPETE IN THE FINAL WHERE HE ACHIEVED 7TH PLACE OVERALL.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE TO ALL OUR STUDENTS WHO COMPETED ON THE DAY!



# LOST PROPERTY?

LOST PROPERTY- ITEMS THAT ONCE WERE SPECIAL AND ONCE BELONGED SOMEWHERE GET MISPLACED AND THEN ARE RELABELED AS LOST PROPERTY.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS MISPLACED OR LOST SOMETHING RECENTLY- DO ENCOURAGE THEM TO CHECK THE GREY BIN OUTSIDE RECEPTION. **WE DON'T WANT THIS BIN FILLING UP!**

