

Year 7-8 Term 2, 2023 Newsletter

Thursday 27th April 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

We have had a very settled start to Term Two, and I just wanted to share with you in regard to what is happening this term.

Our biblical theme is looking at “God our Creator”, which leads into the variety of creative skills that God has given us as individuals, and then looking at how we can serve God with creativity. As a Christian school we do expect the students to learn the Bible Verses that are part of the weekly homework.

Our main Term Two inquiry topic is a science unit looking at “Plants and Animals”. Students will look at how scientists identify and classify these and look at endangered species.

In Mathematics our main focus is on the Algebra Strand. Students will be asked to complete different tasks for homework via the Education Perfect software programme. We also ask that students continue learning their Times Tables at home.

Our Literacy focus is on Narrative Writing and in Reading we will be looking at completing work relating to Novel Studies.

Due to ANZAC Day being celebrated at the beginning of the term, “War and Conflict” is the theme we are studying in Social Studies.

In the middle of the term we will be having a schoolwide celebration, Hosanna Week. More information will be coming out soon.

Just a few reminders:

HOMEWORK: Students will receive a homework sheet every week. Homework is due on Fridays. We will check on memory verse and reading weekly. Homework will include work that reinforces what is happening in the classroom. There will be spelling, a memory verse and reading. Maths homework will be done via the Education Perfect software.

MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please send any changes in details i.e., medical information /address / phone numbers etc. to mtalbert@elim.school.nz

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.

UNIFORM: During Term 2, students wear the winter uniform. Refer to the school website for requirements or the Elim uniform [Uniform requirements](#). Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

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.

COMMUNICATION: Please refer to our school website where you can check email communications and our school google calendar. If you are not receiving email notifications, please contact the Mt Albert office, mtalbert@elim.school.nz.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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