

## **Year 7/8 Term 3, 2023 Newsletter**

Wednesday 26th July 2023

Dear parents, caregivers and whānau,

We have had a very settled start to Term 3. I would like to commend the students for completing their animal posters following our zoo trip last term. They were creative and displayed a high standard of work. Please see the two examples below.

In Term 3 our biblical theme is looking at “God is calling us to walk with Him”. We will be looking at stories in the bible that reveal ways people have walked with God, particularly in the Old Testament, as we covered the New Testament last year. As a Christian school we do expect the students to learn the bible verses that are part of the weekly homework programme.

Our main Term 3 inquiry topic comes from our social studies unit, which looks at the NZ Government and Politics. This coincides with this year's general election. The unit looks at local and national government, how laws are made and the general election.

This term our science unit is on “Forces & Motion”, where students will investigate simple machines.

In mathematics our main focus is on the geometry & measurement strands of the curriculum. While students will continue the normal maths work in their books, they will also work in small groups on a Geometocity activity where they build their own model of a city. We ask that students continue learning their times tables at home.

This year we will be entering a Year 7 team and a separate Year 8 team into the Mathex Competition, which is held at the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium, Selwyn College on 24 August at 6.30pm.

Our literacy focus is persuasive speeches, with our speech finals being held on Wednesday 23th August at 11.45am in the Ballroom. Please note that an email was sent out last week with information around topics.

We will be having a schoolwide celebration, Book Week in Week 9. This will be followed by the Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp in Week 10.

**Just a few reminders:**

**HOMEWORK:** Students will receive a homework sheet every week. Homework will include work that reinforces what is happening in the classroom and will include spelling activities, a memory verse, a reading chart and some aspect of NZ history. Maths homework will be done through the Education Perfect software. Students may also be asked to finish work that was not completed in classroom sessions.

**MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please send any changes in details i.e. medical information /address / phone numbers etc. to [mtalbert@elim.school.nz](mailto: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 3, students wear the winter uniform. Please refer to the school website for requirements - [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 using 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.

**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](mailto: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. We are happy to discuss anything with you.

If you would like to get in contact with us, our email addresses are:

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Yours sincerely,  
The Year 7/8 Teachers,







