# Elim Christian College A FUTURE & A HOPE

#### **GOLFLANDS CAMPUS JUNIOR YEARS**

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Welcome back, we hope you had a blessed Waitangi day and look forward to the term ahead. All of our classes have been settling into their new routines and getting to know their new teachers.

Please take note of the planned activities for the term as shown on the permission slip and make sure that you fill in the permission, EOTC and bus forms as soon as possible.

**Swimming will start on Friday, 14th February** and we do need Parent Helpers to help on Fridays. Please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher if you are able to help and have a current Police vetting.

This is very important - if we do not have enough Parent Helpers for a particular class, that class might not be able to go swimming.

**Cultural Day**: We are celebrating all the different cultures in our school. Our special cultural day will be on Thursday, 3rd April 2025.

We would like to especially celebrate the following cultures during this term's cultural day (we will have another cultural day in Term 3 to celebrate other cultures in our school):

- Korean
- Indian
- South African
- Chinese

More information will follow.

**ELIM Māori Parents Hui**: Nau mai, Haere mai - Mr Adamson, the Junior and Middle Years Leadership Team warmly invite you to join us for our first Hui in the Staffroom on Thursday, 3rd April 6pm - 8pm. Invitations and more information will be sent out.

If there are any Parents able to **help coach or manage sports teams** this term - could you please get in contact with Mrs van Leeuwen.

Our focus for this term is God wants us to work, serve and live for the kingdom of God. Romans 12:9-10 & 14-16, reminds us to love each other genuinely, share in each other's joys and sorrows, and live together peacefully.

To our Chinese families:新年快乐 / 新年快樂 / "New Year Happiness" to you all.

Have a blessed term.

Ngā mihi nui Mrs Brieta Groenewald Deputy Principal (Golflands Campus Junior Years)

#### TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, 13 February**: Welcome to our Learning Spaces Evening 6pm - 7.30pm

#### Fridays, 14 February till 4 April:

Weekly swimming lessons for Year 3 - 6 Students

**Tuesday, 18 February**: Photolife Portrait Photos

#### Ministry Provided Teacher Development Day (Year 1 - 8) 7 March

(School closed for Year 1 - 8)

**Year 5 Camp** 12 – 14 March

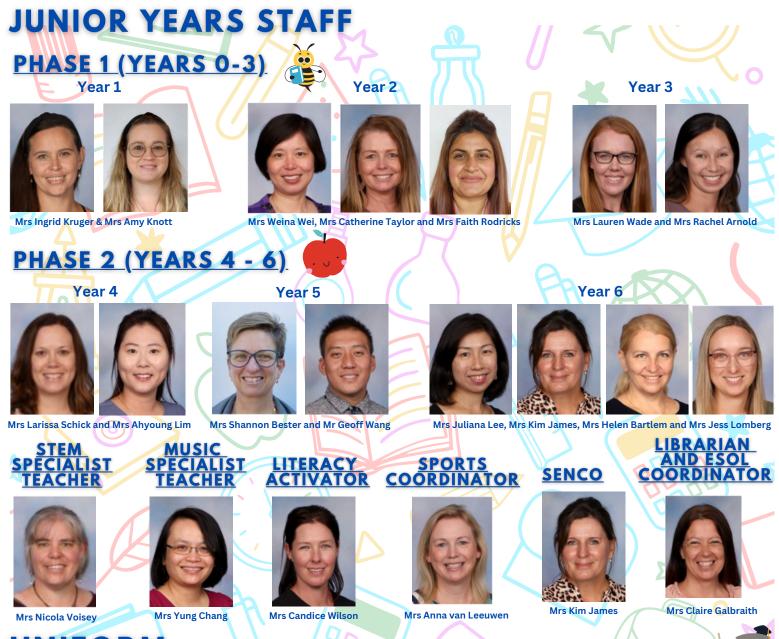
#### Maths No Problem Parent Information evening 27 March from 6 – 7 pm

Cultural day

Thursday, 3 April

Winning house mufti (free of charge) Thursday, 10 April

> Easter Assembly at Botany Campus 11 April at 8.40am



### UNIFORM

Please note:

- Short-sleeved polo shirts must be worn in Terms 1/4.
- Year 0-6 students must wear a regulation uniform sun hat in Terms 1 and 4, when outside. No hat -No play. Students will be required to stay under the shade of the veranda.
- Sandals may only be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Shoes and socks may be worn all year round.
- For girls whose hair reaches the collar, it must be tied up and off the face at all times. Hair for boys must not reach the collar and must be off the face at all times. If it is tied up a single black hair tie is permitted.

### IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT REMINDER: NO PETS ON SCHOOL SITE

A friendly reminder that, for the safety and well-being of all students and staff, pets are not permitted on school grounds. While we understand the love you have for your furry friends, their presence can sometimes create unexpected situations, especially with children who may have allergies or fears. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding.





### SWIMMING - YEAR 3 - 6



Swimming at Lloyd Elsmore – Term 1

The John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation has invited Elim Christian College to participate in their Community Swim programme. Please see below for the dates and times for your child's lessons; this information will also be included in the Term 1, 2025's permission / information notice:

#### Starts: Friday, 14 February 2025 and Last Friday of swimming: 4 April 2025.

10.00am - Room 11 (Year 6) (Bus leaves at 9.30am) 10.30am - Room 1 (Year 3) 11.00am - Room 2 (Year 3) 11.30am - Room 3 (Year 4) 12.30 pm - Room 4 (Year 4) 1.00pm - Room 12 (Year 6) 1.30pm - Room 14 (Year 5) 2.00pm - Room 13 (Year 5)

The Community Swim Bus will pick each group up approximately 30 minutes before each lesson. Please let your child's Pastoral Care Teacher know if you can help supervise these sessions, and come on the bus to ensure we have the correct adult/child ratio for safety reasons.

#### If we do not have enough adult helpers we will not be able to attend the lesson.

Please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher as soon as possible if you are able to assist. Police vetting is required for all Parent Helpers. If you need more information about Police Vetting please email golflands@elim.school.nz

Your child will be taking part in swimming lessons with Community Swim. Eight 30-minute learn to swim lessons are delivered by qualified swimming instructors from the Swimgym swim school. The children are transported to and from school in special Community Swim buses.

The goal of the Community Swim Programme is to enable all children to develop the basic life skill of swimming and water survival skills. This aids them to realize the opportunities that await when the door to the world of aquatics is opened.

If your child owns a pair of goggles, we recommend they bring these along as this will assist considerably with their learning to swim. If your child has long hair, please ensure this is tied up for swimming.







### IMPORTANT REMINDER: RESPECTING STUDENT PRIVACY

The Privacy Act 2020 exists to promote and protect individual privacy by providing a framework for protecting personal information. With this in mind, we'd like to remind everyone about the importance of respecting student privacy. We understand the desire to capture special school moments, but it's crucial to remember that not all parents wish for their children's images to be shared publicly.

Therefore, we kindly ask that you refrain from taking photos or videos of other students at school events or on school grounds. Please focus on capturing memories of your own child. Sharing photos or videos of other students on social media or any other platform is a privacy concern and we ask kindly for all Parents to refrain from doing so.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all our children. Thank you for your understanding.

### ABSENCES

We ask that all students arriving after 8:40am sign in at the office using the electronic tablet provided. The office staff will assist younger children with this. Parents / Caregivers will be contacted where ongoing patterns of lateness continue. It is expected that all students are on site before the 8:30am bell. If your child will be more than half an hour late to school, need to be picked up early or will be absent - please fill Absence Web school website before 9am that the Form on our on day: in https://www.elim.school.nz/absence\_form/

### MEDICATION

Please remember that no medication should be in student's bags - hand in all medication at the office for safe keeping. If a student needs medication, they need to come to the office for their medication.

### POLICE VETTING

Please make sure your police-vetting documentation is up to date if you are keen to support with school activities. There is a \$10 administration fee to process Police Vetting Forms. Please ensure this is done as soon as possible, if you want to be a Parent Helper during our swimming sessions this term.

## LUNCH ORDERS

There are a number of options for students to buy food for lunch during the week. We do encourage students to bring a healthy packed lunch from home most days. In the event students do not have lunch or would prefer to purchase something please see the information below. All lunch orders are done through Kindo. Please note that all containers from our lunch providers must be taken home to be disposed off. The bins at school cannot accommodate this volume of rubbish.

### **IMPORTANT LINKS AND PERMISSION SLIP**

Student handbook: This can be located on our website for easy reference: Student Handbook

**Internet User Agreement**: (For Years 4-6 students only) Students will bring home a copy of this agreement in their homework books, please read the Elim Christian College Internet Use Policy as outlined in the Student Handbook with your child and have them sign it. Parents are also required to complete the online internet user agreement form.

Please complete the **online permission form** by Friday 7th February, by clicking on this link: <u>https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/GCJY-Permission-Slip-T1-2025.pdf</u>

Please complete the **annual EOTC Permission Form** (all parents).

#### ENTRY AND EXIT TO OUR SCHOOL SITE

Junior Years students are encouraged to enter and exit from the Golflands Drive gate unless accompanied by a Middle Years sibling, as the side gates (at Simon Owen Place and Montecito Place) will be locked at 8:45am in the morning and at 3:10pm in the afternoon. (These side gates will not be open on days that Middle Years students are off site.)

All students arriving after 8:40am must sign in at the school office.

#### TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND OUR SCHOOL

This is a courtesy note on behalf of the Elim Christian College Board of Trustees to assist the school community in traffic movement around the Golflands Campus during drop-off and pick-up time. We are committed to continually improving the safety of our children.

#### Some tips to assist with improving safety:

We appreciate children being on time to school but if you are running late with your children, safety is still more important. You can simply take them to the office to sign in late.

Please use the Kea crossing before and after school.

Please do not u-turn in front of the school. Rather, use the side streets to loop around Bob Charles Drive to get to the other side.

It is against traffic laws to park within 1 metre of a driveway.

You are not permitted to park on yellow no-parking lines.

No traffic is to enter the school bus bay during pick-up and drop-off times.

No double parking is permitted.

Child safety remains the highest priority and so all road rules must be followed around our school.

# Thank you for your grace and kindness in supporting our school values on the road around our school.













### **ARISE PARENTS IN PRAYER**



### **KINDO - LUNCH ORDERS**

