



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

Thank you to those who attended the Welcome to the Middle Years Evening last week. I hope that the evening was informative and helpful for you to meet our wonderful staff and see around the school. The school deeply values our partnership with you in the education of your children, and events like this allow us to create meaningful connections to support this journey.

Please take note of some very important reminders for next week:

Friday the 7th of March is a Teacher Only Day for Years 7-8 only.

Year 9 and 10 will have a normal school day. This Teacher only Day is a Ministry Provided Teacher Development day aimed at supporting our Y7 and 8 Mathematics teachers in implementing the newly updated Maths curriculum.

On Thursday the 6th March there is a fundraiser where students are able to purchase \$2 Ice Blocks. Please refer to the advertisement on the last page of the newsletter for more detail.

This week we had our worship and tech team auditions led by Mrs Nyla Ezekiel and Mr Paul Gray. We were blown away by the number of students wanting to be a part of these teams.

It was also great to see some of our musicians involved in items at the Meet the Proprietors evening over the weekend. A big thank you to Mrs Yung Chang and Miss Bethany Britten for helping these students display their God given talents.

I am constantly reminded of the blessing it is to be at this school. I am reminded of Luke 2:52, and how just as Jesus grew in wisdom, stature and favour from a young age, we are blessed to be on journey with your children as we help them grow in wisdom and stature by the grace of God.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy reading about school life in this newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui
Mr Michael McKenzie
Deputy Principal



TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 5th March

Elim Christian College Swimming Sports

Thursday, 6th March

\$2 Ice Block Fundraiser

Friday 7th March

Ministry Provided Teacher
Development Day (Year 1 – 8)

School closed for Year 1 – 8

27th March

\$2 TNT mufti day

Thursday 27th March

Maths No Problem Parent
Information Evening (Year 1 – 8)

Wed 17th - Fri 19th March

Year 7 Camp

Thursday 3rd April

Whānau Hui

Year 9 Waka Ama Experience

10th/11th April

Easter Assembly at Golflands Campus

Please note change of venue

11 April at 8.40am

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 11th April

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE YEARS



Top left: Friday Worship assemblies are a great way to start the end of the week. Our fabulous worship team lead us in worship so well.

Top Right: What wonderful weather we have been experiencing over the last few weeks.

Left: Y9MPT sanding their pewter products.

Right: Y7 Food Tech baked potato creations



Last Saturday, Emma Thein-Xie, Melody Smith, and Jake Thein-Xie gave a beautiful performance during the Welcome to Elim evening, helping set a warm and welcoming tone for the event. Their talents contributed to creating a pleasant atmosphere for both new teachers and parents. They also enjoyed some lovely desserts as a treat afterward. We are grateful for their contribution to such a special occasion!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- 1) EMAIL ADDRESS: If parents want to contact school please use golflands@elim.school.nz
- 2) ABSENCE FORM: If your child is going to be away/late or you want to pick them up early, please fill in the Absence Form found on our Elim Christian College Website - DO NOT email or message a teacher to say your child is going to be away.
- 3) MEDICINE: No medicine should be stored in school bag, except for inhalers in the Middle Years. Please bring all medicine/tablets to the office for safe keeping. If a child needs to take medicine at a certain time of day, please see Mrs Bishop in the office and she will make sure it will be given to them at the right time.
- 4) OFFICE: Parents who come on site during the day must come through the office to get a Parent Pass - please do not head straight up to your child's class during school hours.

1. 电子邮件地址：如果家长想要联系学校，请发邮件到 golfland@elim.school.nz。
2. 请假：如果您的孩子需要缺席、迟到或提前离校，请填写学校网站上的请假表。请不要发送电子邮件或短信给老师通知孩子缺席。
3. 药物管理：学生不得在书包里存放任何药物。请将所有药物、哮喘吸入器或药片交到学校办公室保管。如果孩子需要在特定时间服药，请联系办公室的 Mrs. Bishop，她会确保孩子按时服药。
4. 学校办公室：家长进入学校时，必须先到办公室领取黄色的家长通行证（parent pass），不得在上课时间直接前往孩子的教室。

1. 이메일 주소: 학부모님께서 학교에 연락하시려면 golflands@elim.school.nz 이메일을 이용해 주세요.
2. 결석 신고서: 자녀가 결석하거나 지각할 예정이거나 일찍 하교를 원하실 경우, Elim Christian College 웹사이트에서 결석 신고서를 (Absence Form) 작성해 주세요. 교사에게 이메일이나 메시지를 보내 자녀의 결석을 알리지 마세요.
3. 의약품: Inhaler 제외한 모든 약은 학교 가방에 보관할 수 없습니다.
 - 모든 약품/정제는 사무실에 맡겨 안전하게 보관해 주세요.
 - 특정 시간에 약을 복용해야 하는 경우, 사무실의 Mrs. Bishop을 찾아가 주 세요. Mrs. Bishop이 정확한 시간에 약을 복용할 수 있도록 도와드립니다.
4. 사무실 방문:
 - 학부모님께서서는 사무실을 통해 "학부모 출입증" (Parent Pass) 을 받아야 합니다.
 - 학교 시간 중에는 곧바로 자녀의 교실로 가시면 안 됩니다.

UNIFORM

The staff and leadership are very pleased to see the Middle Years uniform being worn with respect and pride.

Thank you to all parents and students who have reached out with questions around uniform, I trust that we have been able to assist you in these queries. And a reminder to all parents to feel free to reach out at any time to your child's tutor teacher or pastoral lead regarding any uniform questions.

As always, the link to the student handbook is below if you want any clarifications.

STUDENT HANDBOOK



- Please read through the Student Handbook which contains lots of useful information for both parents and students about uniform, absence protocols, traffic, etc.
<https://sites.google.com/elim.school.nz/student-handbook>

SPORT AT THE MIDDLE YEARS

PARENT/CAREGIVER AND WHANAU SUPPORT

We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful support we receive from our school community, which helps make our sports program a success! As we prepare for another exciting year of school sports, we are reaching out to parents/caregivers and whanau who may be able to lend a hand as Coaches, Team Managers, or assist with transport and supervision for our teams and athletes. Your involvement is invaluable in ensuring our students have the opportunity to compete and participate. If you're able to help in any way, we would love to hear from you—thank you for being such an important part of our Elim sports whānau!

Please contact our sports department at sport@elim.school.nz.

A friendly reminder that the school operates on MOE best practice. All volunteers wanting to assist with sports or extracurricular coaching, managing or transportation must have an up-to-date police vetting approval with the school. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status or need more information about Police Vetting please email golflands@elim.school.nz



SPORTCIRQLS

In 2025 Elim Christian College will start using an app called SportCirqls for our communication about school sport. This will be our primary form of communication for sport at Elim.

Parents have been sent an email asking them to sign up to SportCirqls. Please click on the link and make sure that you do the following:

- 1: Click on sign up (free), select individual. Once you have done this you will receive a confirmation email.
- 2: Click on confirmation - Settings.
- 3: Once in Settings click on Organisation and type in Elim Christian College and select (please make sure notifications are turned on).
- 4: Click on Relationships and you can link yourself to your child/children

Please also help your child sign up by using the link sent to their school email address:

- 1: Click on the link that was emailed
- 2: Click on Sign up and individual
- 3: Complete sign up details
- 4: Click on confirmation email and sign in
- 5: Click on settings and go to played sports to select sports that they are interested in or want to play.
- 6: In settings, click on Organisation and make sure Elim is ticked.

If you have any questions regarding the set up of your child's SportCirqls account please contact info@sportcirqls.com.





STUDENT SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE 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. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AROUND THIS MATTER, WE ENABLE POSITIVE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR SAFETY AND OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

SOME TIPS TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING ROAD USER 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.

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE U-TURNS, RATHER USE THE SIDE STREETS OR LOOP AROUND BOB CHARLES DRIVE TO GO THE OTHER WAY.

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SIDE ENTRANCES: SIMON OWEN AND MONTECITO PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO ROAD RULES IN THESE RESIDENTIAL ROADS.

IT IS AGAINST THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO PARK WITHIN 1 METRE OF A DRIVEWAY.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK ON YELLOW NO-PARKING LINES.

NO DOUBLE PARKING IS PERMITTED.

NO VEHICLES ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUS BAY DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET, HOWEVER PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OTHER FAMILIES ARE ALSO BATTLING THE POOR WEATHER. CHILD SAFETY REMAINS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SO ROAD RULES STILL MUST BE ADHERED TO. ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE PAVEMENT SIDE, NOT THE ROADSIDE.

ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY AT ALL TIMES.

MUFTI DAY - TERM 1, 2025



On March 27th, Elim Christian College will hold a \$2 school-wide mufti day to raise funds for the Tony McClean Nepal Trust.

In 2007, Tony McClean achieved one of his dreams – to visit Nepal, meet and live with the people and trek in the Himalayan mountains. During his six month stay, Tony taught in a local school at Pokhara. He spent much of his spare time with children in an orphanage, helping with sports activities and caring for the children. How he loved playing soccer on the rough ground outside the orphanage! He constantly commented how, even with so little, the children were always happy. Tony was keen to explore Nepal and went on a number of treks in the Annapurna region. One of Tony's attributes was his ability to build relationships with others, and during his stay he made contacts with people undertaking humanitarian projects in local villages. Tony's life was tragically cut short when he died in the canyoning disaster at Mangatepopo, New Zealand on 15 April 2008. Much of his planning to achieve his vision of helping the people of Nepal was found on his laptop, and hence the Tony McClean Nepal Trust has been formed to fulfill Tony's vision. The underlying principle of the trust is that the potential for people in the world can only be reached when those who have resources, share them with those who do not, for the benefit of both. The Tony McClean Nepal Trust (TNT) works amongst the Shudra communities of the Lamjung, Gorkha and Pokhara regions of Nepal. The trust's activities are designed to meet the socio-economic, health, educational and spiritual needs of Shudra and other marginalized people.

One of the things they pride ourselves on is their low running costs as a trust. They entirely run by volunteers who are passionate about the cause, allowing 99.9% of all funds they raise end up over in Nepal making a difference in the lives of people they partner with.

Thank you for your support.

KINDO - LUNCH ORDERS

Elim Christian College

Ordering your
SCHOOL LUNCH
is easy via **KINDO APP**

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FRI**

SUBWAY



**TUES,
WEDS &
FRI**



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MYKINDO APP
IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH ANDROID AND IPHONE

Elim Christian College

Golflands campus

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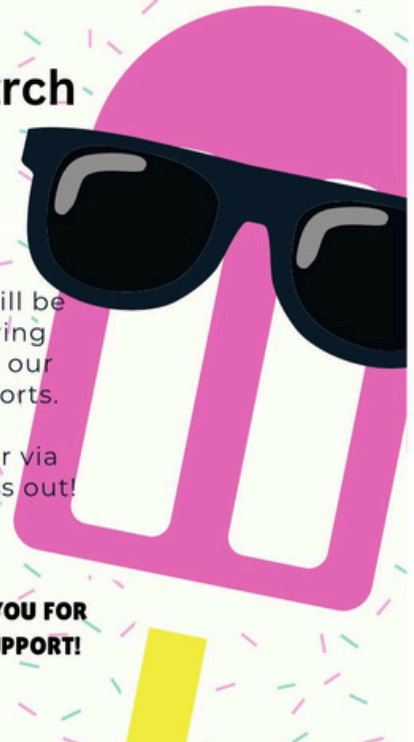
Thursday 6 March

Our student leaders will be selling ice blocks during lunchtime to support our school fundraising efforts.

Bring cash or preorder via Kindo so you don't miss out!



**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**



ARISE

Parents in Prayer

Tuesdays @

8:40am Botany cafeteria

2:30pm Golflands courtyard

Come join our team!

