



A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

As daylight hours slowly get shorter and seasons start to change, I'm reminded of Daniel's praise to God in Daniel 2:20-23. The same God that has set the seasons and times in motion, is the same God who gives us wisdom and insight just as he did for Daniel.

Week 5 and 6 have been business as usual for the Middle Years. Our students are flying through topics and assessments in all subjects, learning and participation is in full swing. We are blessed with the continued good weather which has allowed for lots of outdoor activity, especially great for our PE classes and lunchtime activities.

Last week we had our Elim Swimming Sports, it was great to see students from the Middle Years getting involved in this opportunity. Thank you to Mrs Borthwick for organising this and to all staff and student leaders who helped out.

This coming Monday, 17th March, the Golflands Campus will be having a practise Lockdown Procedure. Part of this will be testing our communication systems out to our Whānau and community in case of such a scenario. Please be aware there will be Practise Lockdown messages sent out and on the School Website on Monday when our practise begins. As you would have seen in the news this week, lockdowns at schools are a reality, and can happen for a variety of reasons. It's important that we practise these procedures to ensure our systems are all in place and up to date.

Excitement is building for our Year 7 cohort as they prepare for camp on Monday. We know that this is going to be a great time for all students to connect with each other and grow in their relationship with God. Thank you to Mrs Snook for all the hard work and planning she has put into organising the camp. I can't wait to share about their experiences in our next newsletter.

As always, I hope you have a restful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Mr Michael McKenzie
Deputy Principal

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 17th - Wed 19th March

Year 7 Camp

Mon 17th March

Golflands Campus Lockdown
Procedure Practice

Thurs 27th March

\$2 TNT mufti day

Thurs 27th March

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

Thurs 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

First Day of Term 2

Monday 28th April



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE YEARS

On Friday mornings we have our MY Worship assemblies. This past week was a special one for just our Year 9's and 10's.



PE on the top field is a highlight of the summer months.



Wednesday Assemblies are our Kotahitanga assemblies, where we dive into our 4 Kotahitanga values or have guests come and speak. Here is a snapshot from our 'Voices of Hope' assembly.

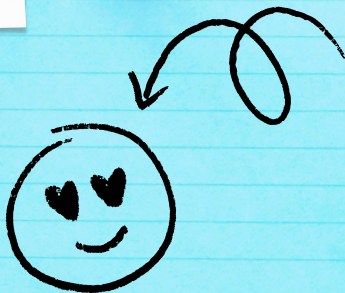
Helpful tips
from our
counselling
team

Keep the COMMUNICATION lines open...



At times, it can feel challenging to keep the communication lines open with your young person. This is particularly hard when they are going through something tough and may be less open to talking so I thought I would share some thoughts that may be helpful...

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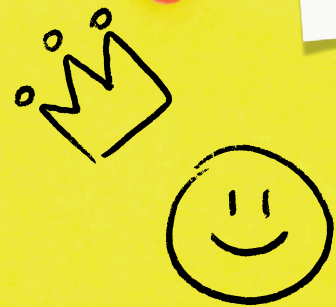
Keep talking in the good times

make an effort to take an interest in the easier times with the easier topics. This builds connection for when the harder topics come up.

Make eye contact

If your child wants to chat, put down what you are doing and make eye contact. This is a simple signal that says "you matter to me" and "I am here for you" more loudly than any words we might actually say.

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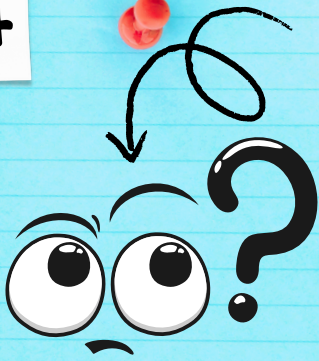
Non-judgemental

Take the non-judgemental stance (even if the internal alarm bells are ringing:). They will be likely to talk more to you if they don't feel judged. They have chosen to talk to you, that indicates trust. Ask "Is there any way you think I can support you?" That gives room for them to let you know if they want you to do something, if they just want some advice, or if they just needed to vent and for you to listen.

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Ask questions

Ask questions (not interrogation style!) but genuinely enquiring eg. What did you think about when that happened? What feelings did you have going on when that happened? What's the hardest part of this all for you?

Validate feelings

When you do this, it doesn't mean you agree with their actions but it does tell them that you care about how they feel. Eg. It's so hard when our friends leave us out, it can feel really hard and sad and lonely (validating feelings). Acknowledging how they feel does not mean you agree with them that should stay home from school to avoid the person. It means they know their feelings are valid and real and they will need to be brave to go to school and face the situation.

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Celebrate strengths

Notice, name and celebrate the strengths you see especially ones over which they have some control eg. Wow-when I overheard you helping your brother with his maths, I was amazed- you explain things so calmly!

Referrals to counselling can be made by parents and teachers and students can also refer themselves (we do have a waiting list but aim to see students within 2 weeks). If you would like to make a referral, please use the Counselling Referral Form on the school website or contact myself on yvette.britten@elim.school.nz.

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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IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FOR BOTH ANDROID AND IPHONE

Elim Christian College

MATHS 
NO PROBLEM!

Parent Information Evening

for Year 1 - 8 parents

Thursday 27 March
6.00 - 7.00pm



Elim Christian College
Golflands Campus Hall



Come and learn more about your child's
journey in Maths this year!

ARISE

Parents in Prayer

Tuesdays @

8:40am Botany cafeteria

2:30pm Golflands courtyard

Come join our team!



OWN
YOUR
JOURNEY

Be Recognised

The award will help your CV stand out.

Make a Difference

Volunteer in your community.

Step out & Explore

Discover new things about yourself.

Develop and Grow

Learn and master new life skills.

YOUR DUKE OF ED

Improve Wellbeing

Make friends, have fun, push your limits.

Physical • Skills • Service • Journey

Visit <https://dofehillary.org.nz/> or message Mr Taylor for more details.

2025

BOOKINGS FOR ALL VOYAGES NOW OPEN

September 2025 - April 2026 10-day voyages are now LIVE on our website!

New voyage dates for the remainder of the year and out to April 2026 are now open for booking. But be quick as we do anticipate spaces to fill up pretty fast, particularly on summer and school holiday voyages.

To book a voyage all you have to do is:

- Log in or create a [MySOA profile](#) on our website
- Pay a \$500 deposit
- Select your chosen voyage date
- Get excited for the adventure ahead!

Embarking on a Spirit of Adventure voyage is a one-of-a-kind chance to build essential life skills in an inspiring and adventurous setting. You'll set sail on an unforgettable journey, where you'll push your physical limits, collaborate with others, enhance your leadership skills, and grow your confidence. Whether you're tackling new challenges or stepping up to lead in tough situations, each voyage is a powerful opportunity for personal growth and having lots of fun at the same time!