

BOTANY CAMPUS

Friday 2nd August 2024

Term 3: Week 2

GARY JOHNSTONE - ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/caregivers

I have been impressed by how well our senior students have returned from the holiday break, showing focus and determination to make this term count as they prepare for their upcoming NCEA exams. As you read this newsletter, the cultural camp at Long Bay and the Cultural Concert on August 1st have recently taken place, and preparations for the School Ball (Saturday, August 10th), are well underway.

I have listed the school trips planned for August. As you can see, there are many activities happening – a sign of a vibrant and active school led by enthusiastic and committed teachers!

August

7 th	Yr9-13 Combined Points Netball Tournament
8 th	Yr12-13 PE & Outdoor Ed. Assessment - Kumeu Mud-Run
10 th	School Ball
12 th	Yr12 Golf Trip – Assessment
13 th	KBB Music Festival,
14 th	Y12-13 Geography Trip to Waihi including the Martha Gold Mine
16 th	Y13 Biology – Auckland Zoo
22 nd	Y13 OED day-Tramp
28 th –29 th	Y12 OED overnight Camp

DATES

School Ball
Saturday 10th August

Practice Exams
Mon. 9th – Wed. 18th
September

Attendance:

If your child is absent or if your child will be late to school, please fill in the Absence Web Form on our school website before 9am on that day.

If you need to collect your child early from school, please also use the Absence Web Form on the website.

Link to the absence notification page on our website: https://www.elim.school.nz/absence_form/

LEAVERS FORM:

A reminder of withdrawal of students (Year 11 to Year 12).

All formal notifications to withdraw from Elim Christian College will be required in writing, giving one term's notice. Therefore, if your child is not returning in 2025, please download a Leavers Form using the link below and email the completed form to enrolments@elim.school.nz as soon as possible or by Friday 27th September 2024.

Leavers Form: <https://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/StudentLeavingForm.pdf>

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Enrolment Team at enrolments@elim.school.nz.

CULTURAL CAMP

Whanaungatanga (relationship and sense of family connection) and **Manaakitanga** (kindness, showing respect, generosity, care for others) in action

God is truly good to us. We couldn't ask for better weather for our outdoor activities, and the students enjoyed a wide range of outdoor and cultural events at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education & Recreation Centre.

One of the highlights for the camp leaders was seeing everyone support each other as team members stepped outside their comfort zones. This was the first time a large group of international students decided to join in, and they had so much fun while making new friends across different year levels.



40 PAINTINGS IN 40 HRS EXHIBITION FUNDRAISER.

Huge thank you to all the artists and their Patrons!
Together we beat our goal and raised over \$1000 for the World vision 40 hour challenge.

We plan to do it again next year, only bigger and bolder!



SPORTS COUNCIL UPDATE

Welcome back to another term of Elim sports! These past two weeks our basketball, netball, football, rugby, and hockey teams have been starting up their weekly games again. We are super proud of all the effort so far and are looking forward to this term ahead. As we near the end of the season for some of these sports, we encourage you to get out there and support our players if you can. We are backing you all the way!

We also have Badminton and Table Tennis teams which begin their Term 3 Competition this week, playing in the Eastern Zone! All the best to these teams for their upcoming season!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT - Isaiah Dunn - U18 Nationals for Counties Manukau

This week, we have another talented student-athlete we would like to highlight. Isaiah Dunn is one of our First V basketball players here at Elim, and he has also been competing outside of school. During the first week of the school holidays, Isaiah went to Wellington to compete in the Foot Locker U18 Nationals for Counties Manukau. The team played hard through some tough games, pulling off several wins and finishing in 13th place.

When we asked Isaiah what the highlight of the competition was, he told us it was definitely the team aspect of it. Like any sport, there are several commitments that must be made by any player. Isaiah said it takes a lot of time and effort, a good mindset, and the desire to improve. If you are interested in trying out basketball, he encourages you to give it a go. It's never too late to try a new sport!

We can't wait to hear from more of our students about what they are doing outside of school!



CULTURAL CONCERT

The cultural concert on Thursday night was truly outstanding. To performers, stage crew, staff, audience, parents, and all who came or assisted or supported - thank you. Some years ago, I was on a school trip to Israel, and we attended a Messianic Jewish service. There, worshiping Jesus together in dance and singing, were Jews, Arabs, Russians, and others from many nations. I thought then and was reminded on Thursday evening that only in Christ can we ever be truly one. In Christ, difference in culture is cause for celebration and becomes a rich and empowering experience. Well done school. Mr Johnstone.

