

# PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Over the break, I had the privilege of taking a few camping trips with my whānau on a few camping trips. We ventured to the mighty Northland and settled at a stunning beach on the Karikari Peninsula.

One of the moments that truly captured my attention was the immensity of the night sky, revealing, in its vast beauty, the creativity of its Creator.

In 1 Corinthians 15:41, Paul writes, "The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their glory."

As we gazed up at the constellations, each shining with its own unique brilliance, I was reminded of our tamariki—their individual gifts, talents, and passions, each reflecting a distinct kind of glory.

Our calling this year is to nurture and develop these unique qualities in every ākonga, enabling them to grow in confidence and purpose so that they may, in the words of Matthew 5:16, "let (their) light shine before others, that (others) may see your good deeds and glorify (our) Father in heaven."

May this year be one of discovery, growth, and abundant blessing for us all.

Ngā mihi,

# 2025 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO OUR HAPORI

We are incredibly excited to welcome a number of new whānau (families) to our hapori (community), and equally enthused to introduce a handful of new kaimahi (staff) for some special projects throughout the coming academic new year.

- Mrs Anél Viljoen will take lead of our classroom release for kaiako (teachers), catering to ākonga across the kura in their usual learning programmes
- Mr Innes Nisbet will take on a new role as Science/Technology Specialist, working alongside our Ngahere team leader to co-create a robust programme, infusing his love for all things gardening
- Ms Nikki Mulligan will introduce an arts programme that will support and encourage the unleashing of our tamariki creativity.

We cannot wait to see these disciplines in action.

## SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

Providing an education with a biblical worldview is an incredible privilege - one we take seriously. We are continually striving to provide firm foundations built upon Christian values and principles to help instill a sense of hope for the future that awaits our ākonga. Your support means the world to us, including your financial contributions to this kura.

Please contact our office for a direct debit form to streamline this facet of school life. Additionally, our administrators and Senior Leadership team are more than willing to help you understand how your contributions build a better and brighter kura. Please contact our office for a direct debit form to simplify this part of school life.



# STATIONERY & UNIFORM

## STATIONERY

Your child is required to have ALL their stationery at school by **Monday 17 February 2025**. Please do not remove any items from the pack. All items will be kept at school for use when needed.

We've partnered with OfficeMax to simplify your back-to-school preparations!

Your child's class list has already been uploaded to [myschool.co.nz/elimhenderson](https://myschool.co.nz/elimhenderson). All you need to do is enter your details, review the list, make any necessary adjustments, and confirm your order. Orders over \$70 qualify for free delivery, with OfficeMax shipping everything directly to you.

Payment options include internet banking, credit or debit card, and Zip Pay, which allows you to split the cost into four interest-free payments over six weeks while receiving your order immediately.

By ordering through OfficeMax, you'll also help our school earn rewards that go toward purchasing essential resources. WINZ quotes can be obtained by calling 0800 724 440 or emailing [enquiry@myschool.co.nz](mailto:enquiry@myschool.co.nz).

Start your back-to-school shopping today and set your child up for success!

#Zip Pay is subject to approval and credit checks. Late fees and T&Cs apply. Visit [myschool.co.nz/zip](https://myschool.co.nz/zip) for details.



## UNIFORM

*PRESTIDGES Schoolwear* are our uniform providers and can provide you with all of your needs. Please view our student handbook or the [website](#) for more information on uniform standards.



Shop Hours:  
Mon - Wed, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Thur, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Fri, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Sat, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

09 358 1680 | [uniforms@prestidges.co.nz](mailto:uniforms@prestidges.co.nz) | [www.prestidgesl.co.nz](http://www.prestidgesl.co.nz)

65 New North Rd, Eden Terrace, Auckland

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Key events and celebrations can be located in a handful of places to ensure you remain up to date with school life. These include a calendar on our website's home page as well as your parent portal (under Contact Us on our website), the Term Ahead and Yearly Overview can be located on our communications page.

We have a number of exciting events occurring both this term and year. Please see below for a snapshot:

## TERM 1

- **Feb 11th:** School Picnic + Meet the Teacher
- **Feb 28th:** ARISE Fundraiser - Movie Night
- **Mar 11th:** Parent Info Session (Numeracy)
- **Mar 25th:** Parent Info Session (Literacy)
- **Mar 26th:** Class Photos
- **Apr 4th:** Elim Olympics | Celebration of Learning
- **Apr 7th:** Mufti Day
- **Apr 9th:** End-of-Term Awards Assembly
- **Apr 11th:** Last Day of Term 1 (**2pm Finish**)

## TERM DATES:

- **Term 1:** Jan 31st - Apr 11th (**2pm Finish**)
- **Term 2:** Apr 28th - 26th June (**2pm Finish**)
- **Term 3:** Jul 14th - Sep 19th (**2pm Finish**)
- **Term 4:** Oct 6th - Dec 16th (**12pm Finish**)

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & TEACHER ONLY DAYS:

- **Feb 6th:** Waitangi Day
- **Jun 2nd:** King's Birthday
- **Jun 19th:** TOD - Curriculum Refresh (Maths)
- **Jun 20th:** Matariki
- **Jun 27th:** NZ TOD - Association of Christian School's Conference
- **Aug 11th:** TOD - Curriculum Refresh (Maths)
- **Oct 27th:** Labour Day

## JOIN THE FUN

We encourage our school community to get involved in various ways, such as helping at events, supporting classrooms, or joining school trips.

- **\*\*Upcoming Fundraiser\*\*:** We need volunteers for our movie. Sign up by the office and one of our committee members will be in touch
- **\*\*School Trips\*\*:** Extra hands are welcome for trips, but all parent helpers must be police vetted to comply with MoE best practices. Contact Joey at the front office to get the vetting process underway.

Your support creates valuable experiences for our students, and we greatly appreciate it!

# STAYING IN THE LOOP

At Elim, we value open and effective communication between our kura, whānau, and community. To ensure you receive the right information at the right time, here's an overview of how we communicate and where to go for different types of queries. By staying connected, we can work together to support our tamariki and ensure a smooth and successful year ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## THE QUERY GUIDELINES

### General Enquiries

- contact our office at [office@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:office@elimhenderson.school.nz) or (09) 242 3516

### Attendance & Absences

- Report via our website or contact our office

### Learning & Pastoral

- Your child's teacher is the best person to address any learning or pastoral concerns. Email is often the most efficient way to communicate, and if needed, a meeting can be arranged. For matters requiring additional support, teachers may involve their team leaders or our SENCO, Bev Smith, to ensure the right guidance and care.

### Finance & Payments

- contact one of the members from our finance hub at [accountsreceivable@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:accountsreceivable@elimhenderson.school.nz)

### Urgent Matters

- Call the office directly at (09) 242 3516

## OUR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

- School Newsletter – **sent monthly** this includes important updates, upcoming events, and key notices (**primary form of communication**)
  - Please view previous editions on our website at the [communications page](#)
- School Website – find key policies and general school information
- Parent Portal – track your attendance dues and other payments, as well as viewing key dates (contact office for access)
- Email Updates – sent when required directly to whānau for timely messages or information about upcoming events, including key logistics and details

## HOW TO CONTACT US

- Phone: (09) 242 3515
- Email: [office@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:office@elimhenderson.school.nz)
- Website: [www.elimhenderson.school.nz](http://www.elimhenderson.school.nz)
- School Address: 80 Central Park Drive

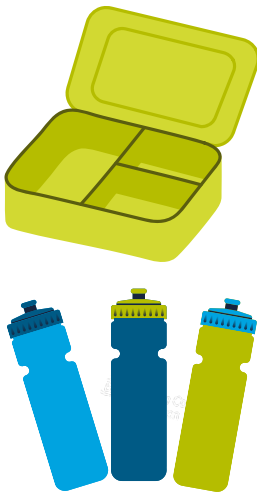
**Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM**

## WHO'S ON THE OTHER END



## IN SEARCH OF THE LOST PROPERTY

It is important that everything that belongs to your child, such as drink bottles, lunch boxes and clothing items, including socks and shoes, is clearly named. Sewing a brightly coloured label is encouraged.



**A lost property box is located at the reception desk should you need to find a missing item.**

## TE WHARE O KURA

Last year, our amazing ākonga put in some serious elbow grease to showcase the fabulous traits, values, and attributes of an Elim learner, all while racking up tokens for their te whare each week, term, and the whole year!

A big, glittery shoutout to our inaugural winners of the year: HĪNAU!

To celebrate, we're rolling out a prize chosen by Hīnau students themselves! Stay tuned to discover the reward they've picked for themselves.

Now, this year, we're hitting the reset button—the jars are empty and the adventure begins anew! Every day is a chance to earn tokens by embodying our Elim Character: courage, diligence, kindness, and respect.

Whānau can join the fun too! Contact your child's kaiako to find out their te whare.



**HĪNAU**



**KAWAKAWA**



**NĪKAU**



**PŌHUTUKAWA**

# DROP OFF & PICK UP

As we settle into the new school year, we want to ensure that drop-off and pick-up run smoothly and safely for everyone. Please take note of the following info.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Monday to Friday, 8:40 AM to 3:00 PM. Our ākomanga are open from 8:15 AM and ask that all ākonga are collected by 3:15 PM.

## DROP OFF ZONES

The designated drop off zone can be identified by the diagonal yellow lines. To keep traffic flowing, please stay in your vehicle.

If you need to park and walk your child in, please use one of the remaining parking spaces and avoid the designated visitor carparks.

## PICK UP PROCEDURE

To ensure the duty of care is successfully handed over, we ask that all ākonga are collected prior to 3:15 PM from the atrium.

Please ensure that one of our kaiako has sited you prior to your departure.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

One of our highest priorities is the safety of ākonga and whānau. Please note the following safety reminders.

During pick-up and drop-off, our speed limit is 10kmph. Please use the designated pedestrian crossing and footpaths at all times. No u-turns or double parking as this can create hazards for others.

Thank you for working with us to keep our kura, local residents and the tamariki at Olive Shoots safe and efficient during these busy times. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



# SUBWAY FRIDAYS

We are excited to announce that from Friday, 28 February 2025, you can order fresh, customised Subway lunches for your child!

The subway lunches will be delivered to our school every Friday, ready for your child to enjoy a fresh, customised sub at lunch eating time.

Orders are made online through your myKindo account - one account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... Go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) to create an account and start ordering!

For Apple and Android users download the mykindo app.

Orders need to be placed by 5.00pm each Thursday, and can be cancelled by 9.00am on Friday morning if your child is going to be away. Pre orders for the term can also be placed ahead of time.

Help? Visit [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz) or tel. 09 475 5287 (0800 395 8624) weekdays 8am-4pm.

## LINKS

[www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) | [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz)

## HANGARAU | TECHNOLOGY Y7-8 UPDATE

At Elim Christian College Henderson, our **Hangarau (Technology)** programme follows a two-year cycle, helping ākonga explore real-world skills. This year, we are focusing on **Digital Technologies**, where tamariki will develop skills in **problem-solving, creativity, and digital design**.

In **Term 1, our theme is Mahi / Work**, and Year 7-8 ākonga will explore how digital tools are used in different jobs. This connects with our **Social Sciences inquiry**, where we're learning how innovation and leadership create opportunities and challenges.

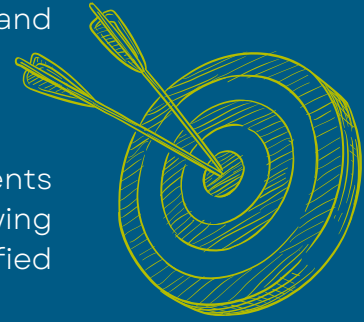
A key project this term will be **designing simple websites about different jobs**, helping ākonga research careers and understand how technology is changing the way people work. They'll learn practical skills in digital design while thinking about how mahi shapes communities and society.

As the year unfolds, ākonga will take on exciting projects like **digital storytelling, sustainability tracking, and inclusive tech design**. We look forward to sharing their progress - keep an eye out for updates in future newsletter!



# HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We have several Health and Safety practices, as well as emergency policies and procedures in place.



## Emergencies:

Each term a trial evacuation and lockdown drill is held. Staff and students follow well-documented instructions based on best practice models. Following each trial, a review is held. In case of a real emergency, parents will be notified via text message. Please ensure the office has your up to date details.



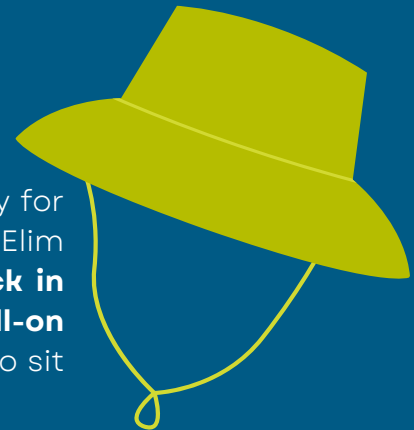
## Absences and Student Illness:

If your child is sick at home, please complete the web absence form or phone the office at **09-242-3516** before 9.00am on the day. Please note that a medical certificate is required for 3 or more days at home.

For all other absences, including cultural events and special family occasions, sufficient notice of a week needs to be given to the school and the web absence form completed as well. **For extended absences and travel, a formal request needs to be made to [principal@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:principal@elimhenderson.school.nz) at least 3 weeks in advance.**

## Sun Safety:

In Terms 1 and 4, wearing an Elim school hat when outside is compulsory for all students. Years 0-6 wear blue bucket hats. Years 7 and 8 wear black Elim cap. **Sunblock is also advised, and while we have a supply of sunblock in each classroom, it will be helpful if your child also has their own little roll-on sunblock.** Students who do not have their hats at school, will be asked to sit in a designated shaded area at play times.



## PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

### NUMERACY

We're excited to introduce our updated maths curriculum and Maths – No Problem!, a mastery-based approach designed to build strong problem-solving skills and confidence in mathematics.

Join us for an informative session where we'll unpack how this programme supports deep understanding and how you can help at home.



Tuesday 11th March @ 5:30 PM



Ātea Kaiako (staffroom)

### LITERACY

From the early years through to senior students, our literacy programmes are designed to build strong readers, writers, and thinkers. Learn how Better Start Literacy develops essential phonics skills, while T-Shaped Literacy expands depth and breadth across the curriculum. We'll also explore our writing approaches, ensuring a balance of skill development and engagement. Come along to find out how we support literacy growth at every stage!



Tuesday 25th March @ 5:30 PM



Ātea Kaiako (staffroom)