

# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

As a staff, we gather regularly to learn professionally and grow spiritually. It's a commitment we hold as leaders and kaiako in a Special Character School. Part of this routine allows us to hear from the leadership and pastoral team of Elim – an opportunity that I relish.

Today, rather than sharing a message directly from me, I wanted to relay my learnings from a devotion shared by Ps. Pete McArthur, the lead pastor of Elim Christian Centre Henderson.

In 2 Corinthians 12, we hear from Paul as he writes to the church in Corinth. Discussing what he refers to as “a thorn in his side”, Paul unpacks his learnings from this experience. As we would expect, prayer and pleading were central acts in response to this hardship. In submitting himself and bringing this circumstance before the LORD, Paul claims that God said to him, “my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”.

In a simple albeit profound manner, that I have grown accustomed to, Ps. Pete contextualises just how “odd” and “counter-cultural” this train of thought is – not only in our day and age but also in the Roman customs. He proceeded to share that we tend to view weakness as something to be hidden or masked. However, in doing this we miss out on a valuable opportunity.

While this message was deeply resonant for myself and our staff – many whom thanked Ps. Pete for bringing this message – I can't help but see the beautiful implications of this for our ākonga. How wonderful to know, to truly and deeply realise, that while accomplishments and achievements are worthwhile pursuits, our “weaknesses” are equally valuable ways to acknowledge and experience the grace and power of God.

Paul ends by telling us then “when I am weak, then I am strong”. May we continue to pray and learn that God is ever-present – in our wins but also our losses.

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## EZ LUNCH - Subway Fridays

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Just a friendly reminder you can order delicious subway lunches for your child/ren.

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!



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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.

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Also see this [link](#) for more information.



# Winter Uniform Standards

We would like to remind all students and families of the importance of presenting Elim Christian College with pride. Our Elim school uniform is a key part of our identity and reflects the high standards we uphold as a learning community. Full uniform guidelines can be found on our [school website](#), and we encourage all families to review them regularly.

We are pleased to announce that in Terms 2 and 3, students in Years 0 - 6 have the option to wear long, plain black tracksuit pants instead of the school shorts or skirt. Our Year 7 and 8 students are expected to continue to wear their shorts (for boys) or skirt (for girls), throughout the year, including Terms 2 and 3.

## Hair

For girls whose hair reaches the collar, it must be tied up and off the face at all times – this includes to and from school. Hair tie colours are dark blue, black or white only.

Hair for boys must not reach the collar and must be off the face at all times.

As always, we ask students to ensure they are wearing the correct uniform items and that these are clean, well-fitted, and worn respectfully. The uniform is a symbol of our shared values, and we believe every student should wear it with pride.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our strong school culture.

## Second-Hand Uniform

Over the past term, we have had several whānau from our kura and beyond donate their pre-loved school uniforms.

This has led to the establishment of a second-hand uniform shop. While the items available aren't extensive, if you are in need of something please see either Kimberlee or Joey at the front office.

On a similar note, should you wish to donate any items that your tamariki have outgrown, please drop these past the office, including at the end of the year.

As our kura continues to grow, this will become a wonderful community resource. Until then, please make use of this whenever needed.





# Our Community: Helping Out

We're on the hunt for a handful of people who would be willing to help us keep our grounds looking beautiful.

Whether you're interested in gardening, handy with a leaf blower or you've mastered the art of sweeping, our Principal – Mr Lawrence – would love to hear from you.

Our goal is to see if we could have a roster of parents or guardians help us out once per week on a few routine jobs. In exchange, we can offer coffee and great company (self-professed).

If this sounds like a way you'd like to contribute and serve, please email directly through to [principal@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:principal@elimhenderson.school.nz)

We look forward to hearing from you.



## Praying for our Community

A core part of our staff routine each morning is to pray for a variety of people, places and events. Our commitment to involving God in everything – big and small – is something we hold dearly.

Throughout the year, as different needs have arisen for whānau, we have taken the time to pray for their circumstances and join with them to see answers. It has been rewarding to learn of these answers and celebrate with our community in this space.

As the year progresses, if you find yourselves needing prayer, please do let a member of the Senior Leadership Team know either in person or via email ([slt@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:slt@elimhenderson.school.nz)). Using our discernment we share only the necessary details and join as a staff in prayerful agreement.

Consequently, we would love for you to also hold the school up in prayer during your family devotions or your own. We're believing and asking for continued growth, to bring the right kaiako to our kura as employment opportunities arise and for his continual provision in all we do. We appreciate your diligence in this space.

# Reaping the Benefits: Noel Leeming Deals

Kia ora whānau,

We're pleased to let you know that Noel Leeming's Friends & Family offer is just around the corner! From 5–18 May 2025, you'll have access to fantastic discounts across a wide range of tech and appliances, both in-store and online.

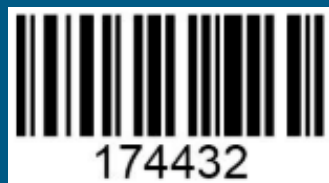
Not only is this a great opportunity to save, but 2.5% of total sales will be donated to Variety – The Children's Charity, supporting children living in poverty to thrive and reach their full potential.

What's included in the offer?

- Cost + 5%\* on Computers, Whiteware, TVs, and Mobile Phones
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How to access the deals:

- Online: Use the code `FFMAY25_VARIETY` at checkout at [www.noelleeming.co.nz](http://www.noelleeming.co.nz)
- In-store: Visit any Noel Leeming store nationwide and simply scan the barcode on the attached flyer



Feel free to share this offer with your wider whānau and community—it's open to all, and every purchase helps make a difference.

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on all Smart Home

**cost\* + 10%**

storewide, exclusions apply<sup>#</sup>

**15%** off all tech support & product protection<sup>^</sup>



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# Open Day

Every year we take the opportunity to open our kura doors and showcase the wonderful learning and opportunities available to new whānau and ākonga. While we use a few avenues to communicate this information, you are our greatest advertisements and we are continually honoured to hear how you promote our kura to your friends, family and members of your local church.

This, on Wednesday 4th June, we will be opening our doors once again to welcome potential whānau to gauge if our kura is for them. We would greatly appreciate you passing on this information to any prospective parents. There is more information on our [website](#).

## A Day-in-the-Life

As we have come together to gather insights, plan, consult, and reflect on the future of our kura, we are filled with enthusiasm for the steps that lie ahead. The increase in enrolment opens up wonderful opportunities, particularly for extracurricular activities. To be strategic and intentional, we are seeking students from specific year groups to foster thriving classrooms and transition to single-year level classes in our junior school.

In the upcoming weeks, we will invite our ākonga in Years 3-6 to personally extend an invitation to a friend or peer. This will simply encourage them to join us for a "Day in the Life," where we will host a special program showcasing our outstanding educators and programs. .

To illustrate how attainable this vision is, we are specifically looking for the following students from these year groups for 2026:

- 7 Year 2 students
- 11 Year 4 students
- 5 Year 5 or 6 students
- 7 Year 7 students

After speaking with the ākonga in Rūma - Tūi and Kea, they are very excited about this opportunity and the ongoing growth of our kura. We kindly ask for your support in helping your tamariki navigate this opportunity and consider whom your best to share this with, whether it's with family friends, peers at their church, or anyone they know who would love to join our Special Character School.