

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Elim Christian College
Henderson



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MAIA — THE — — MOA

Each term we focus on a learner profile or value from our ARISE Framework, with Term 2 centred on **COURAGE | MAIA**. For us, this focuses on the **quiet strength** ākonga show each day in their learning, relationships, and choices. Across all year levels, we intentionally nurture this value in age-appropriate ways.

Across the board, we're seeing students:

- *Trying new things despite nervousness*
- *Using their voice to seek help, share ideas, and support others*
- *Choosing what's right, even if difficult*
- *Taking personal and social risks for growth*

Maia the Moa is on the lookout for **courageous ākonga** who rise to the challenge, show integrity, and take brave steps in their learning and friendships. Who will she spot next?



**SAY HELLO TO
THE NEWEST
ADDITION TO
OUR KURA!**

WELCOMING ANÉL VILJOEN

In response to our continued roll growth, we are excited to announce the opening of an additional New Entrant class in Term 3. This new class, **Rūma Makomako**, will allow a group of students from the same cohort to begin their school journey together, creating a wonderful opportunity for them to form friendships, build confidence, and settle into school life alongside their peers. Starting school as part of a cohort helps children feel a greater sense of belonging and eases the transition from early childhood education into the school environment.

We are also delighted to welcome **Mrs Anél Viljoen** to our teaching team. Anél will be the kaiako for this classroom. She brings a wealth of experience and a passion for nurturing young learners. We are confident she will create a warm, engaging and supportive learning space for our newest ākonga. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this new class will have on all our ākonga and school community.

PLANNING AHEAD — INTENT TO RETURN

As we plan ahead for the 2026 school year, we are beginning the important process of confirming enrolment intentions. This helps us understand how many places we may have available for new families and ensures we can make thoughtful, well-prepared decisions as our kura continues to grow.

We kindly ask all current whānau to complete this [short form](#) to indicate your intention to return in 2026.

Whether you are continuing with us or planning a transition, your response is essential. If you do not intend to return, the form will guide you through a few follow-up questions to help us understand your plans and support your whānau accordingly.

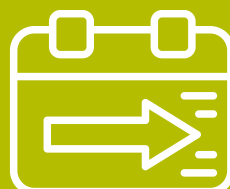
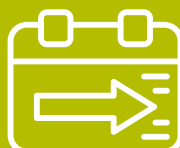
We are grateful for your continued partnership as we nurture a thriving, connected learning community. If you have any questions or would like to speak with us directly, please don't hesitate to contact our office team at office@elimhenderson.school.nz.

PLANNING AHEAD — A QUICK REMINDER

As we continue to grow our kura community, we've begun planning for future enrolments—especially for siblings or family who may be joining us in 2026 or 2027. If you're considering enrolling whānau in the coming years and haven't yet completed our short expression of interest survey, we'd love to hear from you.

Click [here](#) to complete the survey — it only takes a few minutes and will help us with planning and preparation.

This is not an enrolment form, just a helpful way for us to anticipate interest. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office team at office@elimhenderson.school.nz.



TAIMA KŌRERO

In partnership with Elim Christian Centre, we warmly invite all parents and caregivers to join us for an eye-opening and informative evening with Brett Harvey of Tāima Kōrero – Time 2 Talk. This presentation is designed to help whānau navigate the ever-changing digital world and understand how to best protect our tamariki from the harmful effects of online content. Brett will unpack what parents need to know about devices, online media, and the practical steps we can take to keep our young people safe in an increasingly connected world.

Date: Thursday, August 14

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Elim Christian College
Henderson, 80 Central Park Drive

For: Parents & caregivers of
children aged 3-18

Register here: tinyurl.com/Elim-Henderson



TERM AHEAD

As we near the end of Term 2, we wish to share the planned events, celebrations and opportunities of the upcoming term.

It is full of wonderful and exciting moments from start to finish. More details on key events such as Book Week, Samaritan Week and Te Nui o te Tarana (Elim's Got Talent) will be shared closer to their commencement.

To see what's in store, please click this [link](#).

2026 DATES

Planning for the upcoming year has already begun, drawing on the successes and feedback we have received thus far.

To provide you with advance notice and sufficient time to prepare for your summer, we would like to inform you that the 2026 academic year will commence on Friday, January 30th. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's requirements, this schedule positions us to conclude the academic year as early as Friday, December 11th, subject to the inclusion of Teacher Only Days throughout the year.

Additionally, please remember that the current academic year will conclude on Tuesday, December 16th.

WE LOVE

We've loved seeing our tamariki making the most of our library – exploring new books, reading together, and developing a genuine love for stories. At our kura, we believe that reading is for everyone, and we're excited to keep nurturing a strong reading culture across all year levels. **We also have a number of exciting reading events coming up this year to keep the momentum going!**

READING

In **Week 2 of Term 3**, we'll be hosting our **Scholastic Book Fair!** This is a fantastic opportunity to stock up on great reads – and maybe even get a head start on those Christmas gifts. Every purchase also helps us, as a portion of the sales goes directly back to our school to support the growth of our literacy resources.

BOOK WEEK BINGO

As part of our upcoming **Book Week celebrations**, every student will receive a Reading Bingo board tailored to their year level. Each square on the board includes a reading challenge – such as trying a new genre or reading aloud to someone at home. Once completed, students will earn **5 tokens** for their **Whānau House**.

Additionally, **all ākonga from each class who complete their board** will receive a Flipping Fun ticket and a \$20 voucher to use with the **Lucky Book Club**. This is a fun way to encourage reading variety and recognise student effort.

Happy reading, everyone!

COMMUNITY SHELF & READ-A-THON

We're thrilled to launch our **Library Community Reading Shelf** – a simple and effective way to foster a love of reading across our school. Soon to be located in **the atrium**, this shelf runs on a **“bring a book, take a book”** system. Students and families are welcome to contribute used books and take one home to enjoy.

We are currently accepting children's books, young adult fiction, and general fiction titles in good condition. This initiative supports our school value of Responsibility and shows that reading is something we value and share as a community. Book donations from whānau are warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Additionally, in Term 4 we're launching a **school-wide Read-a-thon** to encourage students to read as much as possible, tracking their progress in reading logs and seeking sponsorship from family and friends. This competition will be organised by Whānau House, with the house that reads the most books winning a special prize. More details will follow next term.