

MAY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Address

Over the coming term, we are placing a strong focus on responsibility from our ARISE Learner Profile. This is more than just a word we talk about at school—it's something we want our students to understand, practise, and carry with them into every part of their lives.

At school, responsibility looks like students taking ownership of their actions:

- caring for our shared spaces and resources through kaitiakitanga | guardianship
- showing resilience and conscientiousness in their learning
- being prepared—arriving ready to learn, managing time well, and
- showing initiative in both the classroom and beyond

But responsibility doesn't begin and end at the school gate. At home, it might look like students organising their own belongings, remembering their togs or sports gear, or establishing routines that set them up for a successful day. In the community, it's about how our young people represent themselves and others—showing respect, contributing positively, and making thoughtful choices.

There is a well-known saying: **“give a person a fish, and you feed them for a day; teach a person to fish, and you feed them for a lifetime.”** Our goal is to equip our students with the skills and habits that will serve them long after they leave our classrooms.

We know that developing responsibility is a shared journey, and we warmly invite whānau to partner with us in this space. This term, we encourage you to give your child opportunities to take greater ownership—whether that's being in charge of their belongings, managing their time, or contributing more actively to family routines. These small, everyday moments build confidence, independence, and a strong sense of personal responsibility.

Together, by reinforcing these expectations at school, at home, and in the community, we can support our young people to grow into capable, thoughtful, and responsible individuals.

Blessings,

Andy



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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Starting from term 1, 2026 @ ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

BOOK FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND GET 50% DISCOUNT ON AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES FEES *

*CONDITIONS APPLY

LEARN ROBOTICS AND CODING USING LEGO BRICKS

After school care fee

3pm - 6pm

Casual - \$27

Part time after school care

(1-4 days) - \$22 per day

Full time after school care - \$85

Lego STEAM class fee

3.30pm onwards (Tuesdays,

Thursdays & Fridays)

Junior Engineering - \$28

Junior Robotics - \$33

AI - \$38

EV3 - \$42

Spike Prime - \$45



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Bricks4Kidz® – Learning Through Play!

We're excited to be running Bricks4Kidz sessions at school, where children explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) through fun, hands-on LEGO® building, coding, and robotics activities. These sessions help develop creativity, problem-solving skills, focus, and teamwork in an engaging and supportive environment.

In addition to our in-school classes, we also offer a Bricks4Kidz After School Care programme, providing a safe and enjoyable space for children after school, combining structured activities with free play and learning opportunities.

If your child enjoys building, creating, and exploring new ideas, Bricks4Kidz is a great way to learn while having fun!

For more information or to enrol, please contact: **Manish** Kemkar - westauckland@bricks4kidz.nz, **Mob: 027 205 3158**

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.



Preloved Uniforms



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.

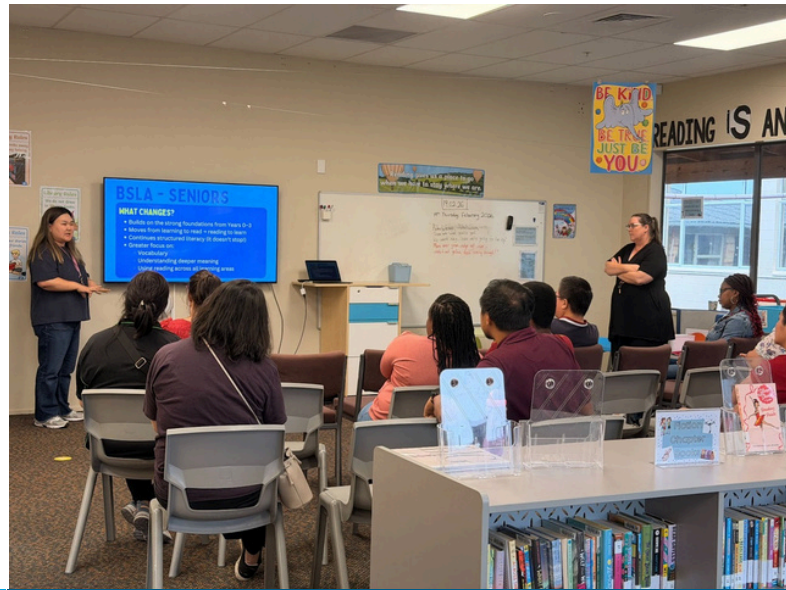
Learning Together: A Window into Literacy & Numeracy

It was wonderful to welcome so many whānau to our recent parent information session focused on Numeracy and Literacy. Led by our team leaders, the session provided an opportunity to unpack the programmes we use across the school, as well as give insight into our daily routines and the structure of a typical lesson.

We were encouraged by the strong turnout and especially appreciated the thoughtful questions and genuine inquisitiveness from those who attended. These conversations are invaluable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, and in supporting a shared understanding of how our tamariki learn and grow.

We look forward to continuing this series of sessions throughout the term, each focusing on key aspects of our kura. Coming up soon, we will be hosting a session on our Special Character, where we will also take a closer look at our weekly programme and planning overviews. This session will be led by our Teacher in Charge, Hannah Simmons.

Thank you again to everyone who joined us—we value your engagement and partnership.



Showcasing: Identity

Who Am I?

Who am I?

I am me, and that's no lie

I like art that sings of rainbow skies
And candy that glows like sugar suns before my eyes

A twirl of red and a splash of white
Sweet peppermint crisp and bright

Candy canes lined the walls like jingling bells
Filling the room with holiday smells

Velvet yellow and golden lace
Belle arrives with a fresh and kind embrace

I chase stories that come to life with shining armour
and enchanted wands
Where fairies dance across awakening ponds

Who am I?

I am me

I am Vicky

And I am enough just as I am

Partnering for Success

A reminder that our upcoming Whānau Conferences will be held on Wednesday 6th May (2:00–6:30pm) and Thursday 7th May (3:00–5:00pm). These meetings are a valuable opportunity to connect, share, and celebrate the learning journey of your child.

Bookings opened in the final week of Term 1 and have now closed. If you need to make any changes, or were unable to secure a time, please contact our office at office@elimhenderson.school.nz or phone 09 242 3516 —our team will be happy to assist.

These conferences will focus on your child's progress so far this year, along with their attitude and approach to learning. A more detailed academic summary will be shared later in the term through formal reports, but this is an important midpoint check-in.

We warmly encourage all whānau to engage in these conversations. Working together, we can continue to support our tamariki to maintain strong effort, build positive habits, and stay engaged in their learning.

Looking Ahead: Term 2 Dates

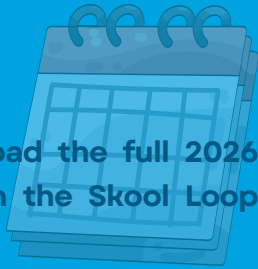
Monday 20th April: Term begins

Friday 24th April: Winning House Mufti Day

Whānau Conferences

Wednesday 6th May, 2:00 - 6:30 PM

Thursday 7th May, 3:00 - 5:00 PM



You can view or download the full 2026 Term Dates Calendar on the Skool Loop App

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

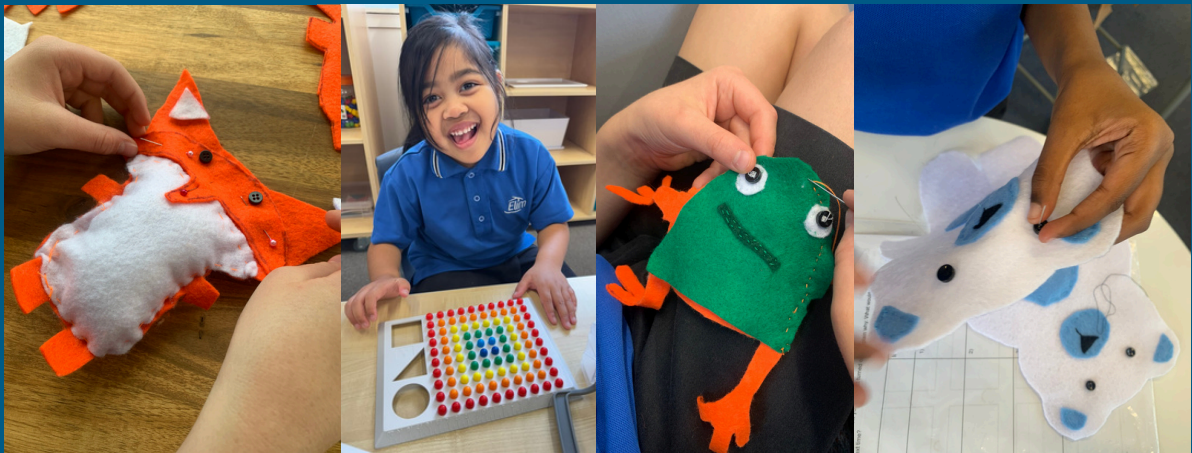
ANZAC Day 27th April



Kings Birthday 1st June



Around Our School



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**We teach Robotics & Coding
through Lego block building**



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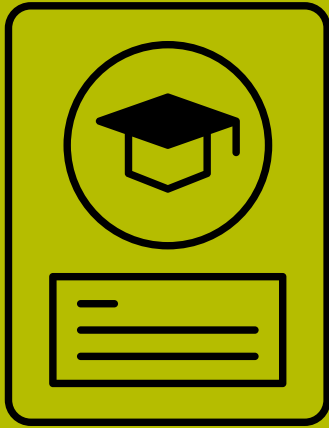
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Reports at your Fingertips



As part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication and accessibility, student reports are now being generated on KAMAR. This means reports will be distributed via email and will also be available on the KAMAR Parent Portal, where they can be accessed at any time.

Having reports stored in one central place allows whānau to easily revisit them, track progress over time, and stay connected with their child's learning journey.

If you do not yet have your login details for the KAMAR Portal—which also provides access to financial information—please get in touch with Kimberlee or Joey at the office. They will be happy to assist you in getting set up.

We encourage all families to take advantage of this platform as a simple and convenient way to stay informed and engaged.

Run Club : Ready to go again!

Run Club has already made a great start this term, with two fantastic sessions bringing together students and whānau for some active fun. It's been awesome to see such a positive turnout and plenty of energy on display!

We're excited to get up and running again this term and are currently finalising dates. Keep an eye out—we'll be sharing these with you soon.

Run Club continues to be open to students of all ages and abilities, and we warmly welcome whānau to join in as well. Whether you're there to challenge yourself, keep active, or simply enjoy the atmosphere, there's a place for everyone.

And of course, the big question remains... who will be the first to beat Mr Tasi in a race? We're still waiting!



STAY IN THE LOOP WITH SKOOL LOOP

Just a friendly reminder that all key communication and updates—including our “Week Ahead”—are shared through the Skool Loop app. It’s our one-stop place to keep you informed and connected with what’s happening across the kura.

If you haven’t yet downloaded Skool Loop, we strongly encourage you to make this a priority. It’s the easiest way to stay up to date and ensure you don’t miss important notices, reminders, or last-minute changes.

Thank you for helping us keep communication clear, timely, and accessible for everyone.



OPEN DOORS, OPEN OPPORTUNITIES

This term, we are excited to be hosting a series of school tours, along with our annual Open Day—wonderful opportunities for prospective families and students to experience life at our kura.

Our guided tours will take place on Wednesday 13th May and Wednesday 10th June at 9:30am. These are relaxed walkthroughs of our school, led by members of our student leadership team, offering an authentic glimpse into our learning environments and daily life.

Our Open Day, on Wednesday 27th May at 9:15 AM, will provide a more in-depth experience. This 90-minute session includes a presentation, the opportunity to hear from both our student leaders and leadership team, and a guided tour. It’s a great way to gain deeper insight into our ethos, programmes, and what makes our kura unique.

We warmly encourage you to share these opportunities with friends, extended whānau, and members of your church community who may be interested in joining our school.

A reminder also that applications for 2027 close on 31st July. This includes siblings of current students, and we strongly encourage whānau to submit applications early to avoid missing out. Please help us spread the word to others who may be considering enrolment.

