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'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' - Jeremiah 29:11"

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Principal's message

By *Andy Lawrence*

For me, December always brings a sense of cheer and contemplation as we round off our year. It brings me great joy to reflect on the incredible achievements and milestones we've collectively reached in this past term to prepare for the coming year. I can assure you that the staff have been working tirelessly to put everything together.

In light of this, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our team for their unwavering commitment to establishing this wonderful kura for our future whānau and ākongā. The pieces are falling into place, and we are thrilled to share the exciting next phase of our journey with you.

As our akomanga begin to take shape and other countless tasks are completed, I can't help but turn towards wondering what next year will hold. As my team will attest, the countless possibilities and potential of a new year fill me with a wealth of energy. I only hope that the sense of excitement is building for yourselves and your tamariki as you look to join us in the new year.

Take note of the events and dates in this issue and feel free to reach out if you still have a question on principal@elimhenderson.school.nz



Get Ready for Elim Henderson Orientation Day on January 25, 2024!

Join us on Thursday, January 25, 2024, as we launch the new school year with a day dedicated to connection and community.

The event begins at 9:00 a.m, offering an early opportunity for warm welcomes and introductions before the official assembly commences at 9:20 a.m.

Following the assembly, engage in a guided school tour to familiarise yourself with classrooms and meet your teachers. The day is designed for all members of the Elim community to come together, fostering relationships and enjoying fun activities.



To foster a sense of belonging, please ensure you're in your full uniform. If your stationery packs are ready, bring them along to leave in your classrooms, ensuring a smooth and organised start to the school year.

For more information about Orientation Day, check out our [website](#). Please RSVP ([link](#)) by Jan 14th 2024 to confirm your place.

We look forward to welcoming each one of you on January 25th, setting the stage for a year of growth, connection, and success. Wishing you a fantastic start to the school year!

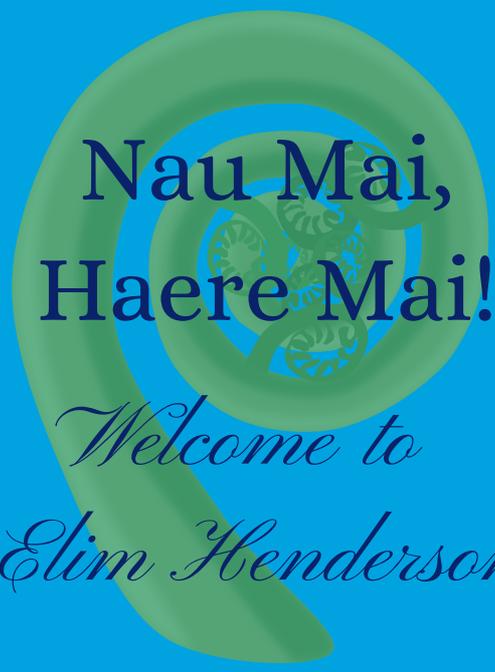
Invitation to Pōwhiri: A Ceremony of Welcome

With joy and anticipation, we wish to extend a warm invitation to all Elim Henderson whānau to join us in a special Pōwhiri, as we inaugurate Elim Christian College Henderson with a ceremony of welcome and unity.

Date and Time:

Thursday, February 8th, starting at 9:00 AM

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you as we embark on an exciting and blessed new journey together.



**Nau Mai,
Haere Mai!**

*Welcome to
Elim Henderson*

Layers of Elim Henderson: Class, Team, and House Names

At Elim Henderson, our commitment to providing a holistic and enriching educational experience is reflected not only in our teaching but also in the meaningful names we give to our classes, learning groups, and houses. These names serve as more than mere labels; they embody the spirit and ethos of each layer of our school.

Ākomanga (Classes)

Rūma - Pīwauwau (New Entrant)

Rūma - Pīkawakawa (Year 1-2)

Rūma - Kea (Year 3-4)

Rūma - Tūi (Year 5-6)

Rūma - Takahē (Year 7-8)

Rūma - Kekenō (Technology)

Tīma (Teams)

Maunga (Years 0-2)

Ngahere (Years 3-8)

Whare (Houses)

Our school's house system, represented by Hīnau, Kawakawa, Nīkau, and Pōhutukawa, fosters a sense of community, friendly competition, and collaboration across all year levels.

For a detailed insight into the names and their rationale, please refer to the [School Structure Narrative](#).

Elim Christian College
Henderson
TE WHARE

HĪNAU



KAWAKAWA



NĪKAU



PŌHUTUKAWA



*“he will be like a tree firmly
planted by streams of water,
which yields its
fruit in its season”
- Psalm 1:3*

Welcome to Elim Henderson: First Day Details

Term 1 begins on **February 7, 2024**, and we're thrilled to welcome our ākongā for an exciting year at Elim Henderson.

On the first day, ākongā can arrive between 8.15 and 8.35, gathering at the Whare Pukapuka (library) for an 8.40 start.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to join us for the assembly, observing the start of your tamariki's learning journey at Elim Henderson.

Following the assembly, ākongā will move to their classrooms with their kaiako to begin a day of learning and exploration. We look forward to a day filled with growth, discovery, and academic achievement for each and every ākongā.



Student and Parent Handbooks and more...

Exciting news! Our Student and Parent Handbooks are now available on our [website](#), along with essential details about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). Explore these valuable resources for insights into school life, policies, and more.

And that's not all – keep checking our website for ongoing communication and additional updates.

Stationery & Uniform Update

In collaboration with OfficeMax, we are working to offer you a convenient option for purchasing your required supplies.

Please see the [stationery page](#) on our website for more information.

Our uniform provide is Elizabeth Michael Uniforms in Eden Terrace. Please visit our [uniform page](#) to find out more information, including the guide to purchase online.

Term Dates for 2024

Please take note of the following dates:

Term 1: Wednesday, 7 February to Friday, 12 April

Term 2: Monday, 29 April to Friday, 5 July

Term 3: Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September

Term 4: Monday, 14 October to Friday, 20 December

