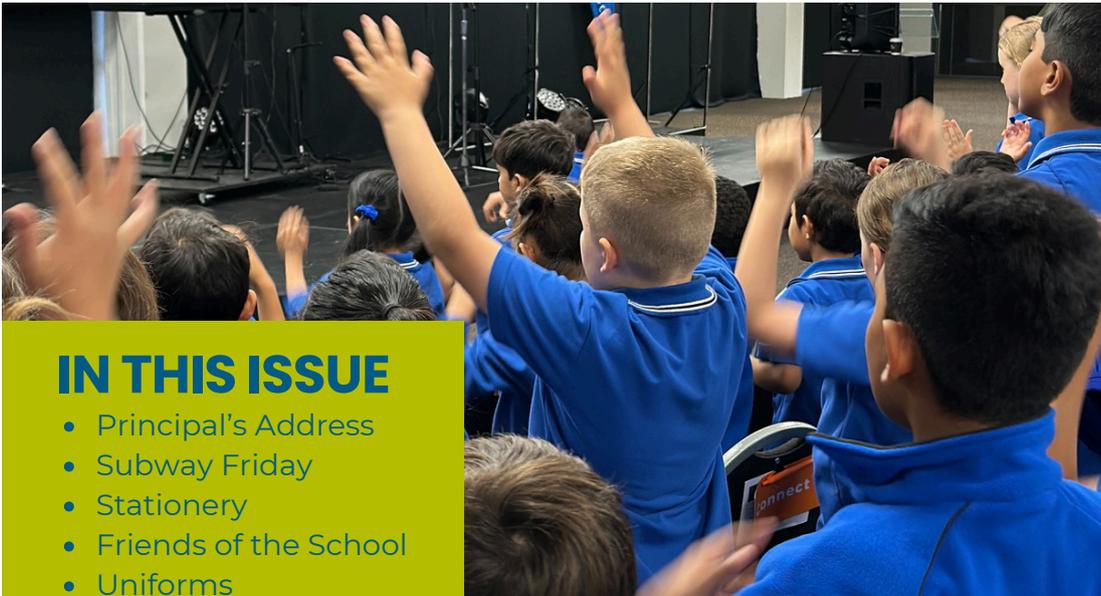


# FEBRUARY

# NEWSLETTER



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*Elim Christian College  
Henderson*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

## Principal's Address

A very warm welcome to all our new and returning ākonga and whānau. It's wonderful to have you with us as we begin another exciting year of learning and growing together.

This year, we're continuing to build on the foundation of our ARISE Learning Profile—a guiding framework that helps us shape not only how we learn, but who we are becoming as people. ARISE stands for a set of qualities and capabilities that we believe will empower every learner to thrive, both in and beyond the classroom.

Our focus for Term 1 is on achievement, and we're approaching it with the mindset of progress before perfection. That means we're encouraging our learners to set goals, take risks, and celebrate the steps along the way. It's not about getting everything right straight away—it's about showing up, giving it a go, and growing stronger with each effort.

As the term unfolds, we'll be looking for meaningful ways to acknowledge and honour all aspects of ARISE, alongside our core values of courage, diligence, kindness, and respect. These are the heart of our school culture, and we're excited to see them in action across classrooms, the playground, and our wider community.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, located below the text 'Ngā mihi nui,'.

# 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.

# UNIFORMS

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.prestidges.co.nz](https://www.prestidges.co.nz)

65 New North Rd, Eden Terrace, Auckland



## HATS

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.

## Drop-Off and 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 akomanga 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:

Our younger students (Year 1-3) can be collected from outside their classrooms from 2:55PM. Our older studnets will meet you down in the atrium at 3PM.

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

### 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, 13 February 2026, 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

Telephone: 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)

## Welcome to our Hāpori

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 this the coming academic new year.

Mrs Kimberley Malloy will take lead of our Awa team and teach the Year 3 akonga (students).

Mrs Michelle Hayden will take on a new role as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Specialist, working alongside our Ngahere team leader to cocreate a robust programme.

Mrs Rachel Park will work to support our akonga with their language and learning.



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# Health and Safety Protocol

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.

# LOST PROPERTY

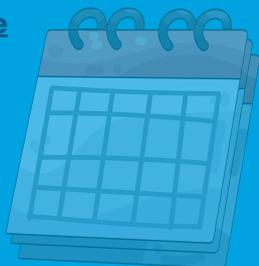
It is important that everything that belongs to your child, such as drink bottles, lunch boxes and clothing items, including socks and shoes, is clearly named. Sewing a brightly coloured label is encouraged. A lost property box is located at the reception desk should you need to find a missing item.



# Looking Ahead: 2026 Term Dates

As we begin a new school year, it's a great time to look ahead. Our 2026 term calendar is now available to support planning for the year ahead.

You can view or download the full 2026 Term Dates Calendar [here](#)



Key reminders:

- Term dates include public holidays and teacher-only days for the year
- A detailed “Term Ahead” planner will be shared early next year, outlining key events and learning focuses for Term 1

We look forward to another year of learning, growth, and connection in 2026!

## It's All About Communication, Communication, Communication

We're excited to introduce **Skool Loop**, a new communication tool we'll be using from the start of 2026 to share key reminders, notices, calendar updates, and more—all in one easy-to-access place.

This app is part of our response to community feedback asking for more centralised and whānau-friendly communication. **It's also part of the Zero Data initiative**, meaning it can be used without mobile data or WiFi.

From Term 1, we'll begin using Skool Loop for notices and reminders. It will also allow parents and caregivers to submit absences directly via the app. All existing communication channels will remain in place to give whānau flexibility.

### 💡 A note about ads:

To keep the app free, Skool Loop includes static advertisements. If you're a whānau member who owns a business and would like to share your services with our community, please contact me directly—I'm happy to pass your details on.

### 🔧 Need help setting it up?

Full download instructions and guidance are available in the [Principal's Pānui](#). We encourage all whānau to download the app before Term 1 so you're ready to stay connected from day one!

# Friends of the School

## Join Our Friends of the School Whānau

We're excited to introduce Friends of the School – a renewed way of bringing people together to support events, initiatives, and connections across our kura community. This refreshed approach builds on the wonderful foundations laid by our ARISE Parents Committee and is designed to:

- Create clearer structure and smoother coordination, supported by a designated staff lead
- Enable consistent, sustainable planning for school events
- Celebrate and welcome whānau involvement in flexible, inclusive, and meaningful ways

Whether you've been involved before or are new to our school community, we'd love to stay connected with you and share opportunities to be involved in 2026 – in ways that work for you.

If you're interested, please register your interest using the [form here](#) , and we'll be in touch with ways you can support our kura.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support – together, we help make our school a place of belonging, warmth, and shared purpose

