

PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI #12

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YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED

During our consultation process this year, one “practical next step” that was recommended centred around accessibility of communication. While there is a range of key documents and systems (*including our Term Ahead, team newsletters outlining learning each term, and notices displayed in the atrium*), many of you expressed a desire for a more centralised, easy-to-access place for **reminders** and **updates**. We took this onboard, explored what our Student Management System could offer, and ultimately felt we needed something more responsive and whānau-friendly.

I am excited to share that we are launching our new **Skool Loop app** – a tool designed to bring all our essential reminders, notices, calendar items, and updates into one place.

Even better, **Skool Loop is part of the Zero Data initiative**, meaning it can be accessed without data or WiFi, ensuring every whānau can stay connected.



You are welcome to download the app now, and we have provided simple step-by-step instructions below to help you get started. We are currently applying the finishing touches behind the scenes, **and the app will officially come into full operation from the start of next year**. Our goal is for all whānau to have Skool Loop installed so we can communicate in a clearer, more timely, and more accessible way.

Thank you again for your feedback – it continues to shape and strengthen the way we serve our community. We are excited to share other initiatives, projects and changes we’re making, slowly but surely, in response to the wonderful recommendations you’ve made.

We will also have ample opportunities in the future to further engage with the kura on its direction and service of this incredible community.

GETTING UNDERWAY WITH SKOOL LOOP

HOW TO DOWNLOAD SKOOL LOOP & SELECT OUR KURA

1. Download the **Skool Loop App** from **Google Play** or the **App Store**
2. Open the app – you will land on the welcome screen
3. Tap “**Select your schools**” and either search for our kura or browse by region
4. When you find **Elim Christian College Henderson**, tap to select it (you can select more than one if needed).
5. Tap the ‘Select schools’ button in the top-right corner.
6. Press the big orange “Choose” button to load our kura.
7. Select the groups that are relevant to you, then tap your phone’s ‘back’ button to return to the home screen
 - a. We have organised these by team w/ sub-groups for each class
 - i. **Maunga (Y0-1)**
 1. Rūma – Pīwauwau (Y1)
 2. Rūma – Pūtakitaki (Y1)
 - ii. **Awa (Y2-3)**
 1. Rūma – Kākāpō (Y2)
 2. Rūma – Kākāriki (Y2)
 3. Rūma – Kea (Y3)
 - iii. **Ngahere (Y4-8)**
 1. Rūma – Tōrea (Y4/5)
 2. Rūma – Tūī (Y5/6)
 3. Rūma – Takahē (Y7/8)

You can subscribe to Notice Groups at a later stage by tapping **settings** in the bottom right corner of the home screen and selecting “**subscribe to groups**”.

Lastly, please note that this app will allow you to submit absences from 2026 onwards via the absentee form. All current methods of notifying absences will remain, allowing greater opportunity to notify us.

If you have any questions pertaining to this app, please touch base with either myself or **Miss Jieun Kim**.

Ngā mihi nui,