

# PRINCIPAL'S PANUI

## STEPPING UP: OUR ARISE PARENTS COMMITTEE

Throughout Terms 3 and 4, our kura engaged in gathering interest from our whānau regarding participation in the ARISE Parents Committee. It is with great pleasure that we formally announce our team. Congratulations and welcome to:

Calvin A  
Chris N  
Clarice V  
Depthi K  
Jean C  
Lois R  
Michelle M

We are thrilled about the contributions that each of these dedicated members will make to our kura. On Thursday, December 12th, during our orientation morning, there will be an opportunity to connect and engage in kōrero with them.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, we will start to share our vision and action plan for the beautification of our kura, as well as our strategies for utilising fundraising efforts to involve our ākonga in both community engagement and learning. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

## MEET OUR CHAIR

To know a person's heart is to understand their purpose, their passion and the legacy they strive to create. In light of this, we took a moment to ask our ARISE Chair a few questions to better understand what drives them and why they volunteered to lead our parents committee.

### WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF CHAIR?

I am passionate about supporting our children's education and fostering a strong, faith-based community. I believe in the importance of integrating our Christian values into the school environment, creating a nurturing place where our children can thrive academically and spiritually. I find this opportunity, as a way for me to give back and support the school community.



### WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BIGGEST BENEFITS OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE PARENTS COMMITTEE?

As ARISE chair, I would work to build strong relationships among parents, teachers, and staff to enhance communication and collaboration. My goal is to advocate for our families' needs, organise meaningful events, and facilitate opportunities for fellowship, ensuring that our school remains a vibrant and supportive community for all. Being a driving factor in these efforts, benefits not only my child, but all children.



### WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR? AND HOW CAN WHĀNAU BE A PART OF IT?

Together, we can make a positive impact on our children's educational experience and guide them in their faith journey. The most exciting part of the new year is to build a community with the school environment.



# WALKATHON: COLLECTION INFORMATION

With the walkathon fast approaching, please take note of how to collect and donate any funds that your whānau have helped to fundraise. As we are a cashless school, all proceeds need to be donated electronically.

1. Each whānau to gather sponsors donations (i.e. electronically or cash)
2. Pay on behalf of sponsors via KAMAR parent portal or EFTPOS (at our school office)

*Please note the current charge on the parent portal is \$25 as this was the suggested amount to raise. Regardless, please donate whatever your tamariki has raised.*

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

To support our kaiako in developing and familiarising themselves with the update curriculum, in order to deliver programmes that reflect this refresh, we have a **Teacher-Only-Day** on **Friday 6th December**.

School will not be open for instruction during this day.

## FINAL MUFTI-DAY

Our final whole school mufti day is scheduled for Monday, Week 10.

We have established a tradition that empowers our Year 8 leavers to contribute to their final days at kura.

Our senior ākonga will shape this special occasion by selecting a theme for the mufti day.

**Participation in the event is optional**, and we look forward to seeing how the Year 8s choose to mark this milestone.

Once the theme and accompanying guidelines are finalised, **we will communicate the details via email** and through your **child's home learning book**.



## CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2025

We are pleased to announce some exciting developments for the upcoming academic year and look forward to sharing these with you.

On **Monday, December 9th**, you will receive information regarding your child's class placement (for our Y1/2 ākonga who will be in one of three classrooms) and their assigned kaiako as we have some internal changes across the year levels. This communication will be sent from [office@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:office@elimhenderson.school.nz) through our student management system.

Additionally, a note will be included in your child's home learning book as a reminder.



On **Thursday, December 12th**, all of our ākonga will partake in an orientation morning, including those who will be joining our kura for the first time in 2025, will spend the morning with their new classmates and kaiako in their designated spaces for the upcoming year.

We anticipate that this experience will foster familiarity and a sense of community within each ākomanga. Furthermore, we hope it will help alleviate any potential anxieties your tamariki may have.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to reach out to [slt@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:slt@elimhenderson.school.nz).

## INVESTING IN HEARTS AND MINDS

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a donation so far this year but are now in a position to contribute, we would greatly appreciate your support. Your generosity enables us to enhance our curriculum with a biblical worldview, which is central to our mission and activities. Please note that your donation is tax-deductible, and with March 31 approaching, your timely contribution would be especially valuable.