

# PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI

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## SKOOL LOOP – INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

As we continue refining the way we communicate with whānau, we have recently made a few updates to our use of Skool Loop to help streamline access to important information and make communication more relevant and timely for families.

Following consultation and feedback from our community, one area highlighted was the **integration of school finance information** within the app. At present, these systems sit across different platforms, with finance being part of our student management system, which means a fully integrated solution is not currently possible. However, as an interim step, **the tile in the top right corner of the app now links directly through to the KAMAR portal**, making it easier for families to navigate between the different areas they may need to access.

As our kura continues to grow, we also want to ensure communication remains helpful, targeted, and manageable for families. From Term 3 onwards, notices that apply only to specific groups (i.e. classes, teams or houses) will increasingly be shared through Skool Loop group subscriptions. This could include reminders for a particular house, updates for a sports team, or notifications about a class returning later than expected from an event or trip.

General notices will still continue to be shared through the main “General” tab for all users. However, **we encourage whānau to subscribe to any relevant groups ahead of Term 3** to ensure they receive the information most applicable to them. This can be done by going to Settings, selecting Subscribe to Groups, and ticking the groups you would like to receive notices from.

As part of this shift, we recently trialled sending team newsletters only to the groups they applied to, helping ensure communication reaches the right people without adding unnecessary notifications for others. If you're interested in reading these, please subscribe to the groups and locate them in the notices section. Alternatively, these can be on our [website](#).

## ELIM COUNSELLING HUB

Throughout this year, we have been in conversation with the Elim Counselling Hub, exploring what a partnership with them could look like for both our ākonga and whānau. Led by the wonderful Lynley McCabe, the team offers a caring and professional service for individuals who may need a little extra support, guidance, or simply someone to walk alongside them during challenging seasons.

We know that life can sometimes feel a bit heavy, and having access to trusted support can make all the difference. Through this developing partnership, we hope to create another pathway of care for our community – one that is accessible, supportive, and centred on wellbeing.

At this stage, whānau who are interested in accessing support are encouraged to first connect with a member of our SLT team, who can then make a referral to the Counselling Hub. Families are not required to share full details of their situation; however, if information is shared, it will be treated with the utmost care and confidentiality. Our team can also help communicate next steps and provide further information about the available services.

Any enquiries can be directed to [slt@elimhenderson.school.nz](mailto:slt@elimhenderson.school.nz)

## OPEN DAY REFLECTIONS

Today we had the pleasure of opening our doors to prospective whānau during our Open Day, welcoming a wonderful number of families into our kura community. It was especially encouraging to hear that many visitors had come through word of mouth and recommendations from our current families – a real testament to the strength, warmth, and sense of belonging within our school.

It was a privilege to host these families, share the heart and vision of our kura, and give them a glimpse into the learning, relationships, and opportunities that make our community so special. **Days like these are always a reminder that schools are built not only through programmes and facilities, but through people and connection.**

As we move through our final year of establishment, we want to sincerely thank our current whānau for the ongoing support, encouragement, and trust you continue to show. Every conversation, recommendation, and act of partnership helps strengthen and grow our kura, and we are incredibly grateful to be building this journey together.