Elim Christian College

A FUTURE & A HOPE

GOLFLANDS CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

What a stunning Friday we have had to finish this week, let's hope the weather holds for the weekend!
We had another wonderful assembly this morning, thank you to Dev from the Gideons society who came in to gift our Year 9's their own pocket Bible. This has happened every year for many years and we really appreciate the gift to our students.
John Komarabattina, one of our Year 9 Prefects, shared James 1:2-4 with us in assembly this morning, reminding us to have joy as we face adversity, because it will produce perseverance and grow us into who God has called us. A timely reminder as we enter the harder weeks of the year.

Last week we had a group of Year 7's and 8's attend Sports Camp. On Friday 3rd July we will be having a celebration assembly of the teams effort. During this assembly we will hand out awards as well as see the team chant which they worked very hard at perfecting. You are welcome to join us, especially if your child went along to Sports Camp.

With the end of the term fast approaching, we are busy with lots of learning and assessments. Next week Year 9's will choose their Semester 2 option subjects as the end of Term 2 brings around the end of Semester 1. It's great to see what the students have learnt in their option subjects this term and for this semester - this newsletter is filled with amazing content from some of our wonderful options teachers.

A reminder to check your childs schoology gradebook for their latest grades and comments. These will be helpful in deciding which subject teachers you would like to book a session with next term at our Parent Teacher Conferences.

As always, I pray that you and your family have a rest filled weekend. I pray for health, joy and peace as you spend time together, and I look forward to another wonderful week next week as Week 10 begins.

Ngā mihi nui, God bless,
Mr Michael McKenzie
Deputy Principal

TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

Kiwi CAM exams
Tue 23rd June - Science
Thur 25th June - Maths
Fri 26th June - English

Friday 3rd July
Last day of Term 2

Monday 20th July
First day of Term 3

Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 21st July
Wednesday 22nd July

Tuesday, 28th July
Year 7&8 Cross Country
More info to come

Wednesday, 5th August
Parent Evening with Speaker: Jo Robertson
See the advert below for more info

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

with Jo Robertson

Parents will leave with an understanding of the online and offline world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.



- The online landscape: why and how young people are using tech
- Screen time, gaming, and social media use
- Understanding online risks: pornography, exploitation, and grooming.
- Practical strategies: filtering, games and privacy
- Counter messages, consent & and conversation starters.



For Parents, Caregivers & Grandparents of children aged 4-18-years-old.



Jo Robertson, an experienced therapist and researcher, brings over 17 years of experience working with children, youth, and parents.

Please save the date:

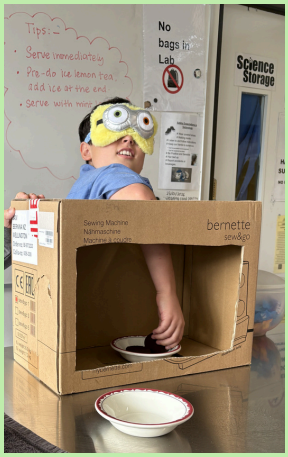
5 August 2026 at 7pm in the Golflands Hall

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MAHI TAHI.....

Year 7 Food Technology

Our Year 7 Food Technology students have had an action-packed term of culinary adventures! They started by mastering accurate measurements with pina colada mocktails, followed by grilling quesadillas, designing their own loaded spuds, and using the microwave for apple crumble. They also tackled classic mac and cheese, faced an Eggs Benedict MasterChef challenge, and tested their senses with blind food-guessing games using touch, smell and taste. It's been an amazing experience and they are already eager for more. For their final session, they will be baking a crowd favourite: scones. Make sure to hold them to it as your child should be ready to serve you fresh scones for breakfast during the upcoming holidays!




Year 8 Food Technology

Our Year 8 Food Technology students have been busy in the kitchen this term, baking everything from scratch-made bread and pizzas to sweet muffins and biscuits. Alongside their cooking, a blind ginger beer tasting taught students a valuable lesson in how our own perspectives can cause assumptions about flavour. They've also been exploring nutrition and sustainability, rolling up fresh sushi and crispy vegetable fritters to learn how to minimize food waste. The excitement builds next week with our highly anticipated MasterChef challenge! Though the ingredients remain a closely guarded secret for now! We can't wait to see what they create, and you can taste their hard work for yourself by joining us to try some student baking at the Middle Years Showcase in Term 3.







Year 7 Multi Materials Technology

Our Year 7 students have been busy diving into the world of textiles, mastering the art of hand sewing to create their very own felt keychains. Following the design process, the students took charge of their own journey, self-learning techniques like the straight stitch and backstitch at their own pace. This project turned out to be a lesson in patience and dedication, with many students willingly using the seam ripper to redo their work whenever they weren't fully satisfied with their progress! Their hard work has certainly paid off, as most of the class can now be seen proudly showning their handmade felt keychains on their school bags. Some students pushed their skills even further by designing and sewing an "ugly monster," which introduced the skill of sewing on buttons. We are so proud of the resilience and creativity our designers throughout this project!



Year 8 Multi Materials Technology



Our Year 8 Multi Material class have stepped up to the challenge this term, creating custom drawstring bags from scrape fabric for a chosen stakeholder! Following a design process, the students brainstormed, planned, and executed their projects using the sewing machines. This is a brand-new experience for the vast majority of the class. They showed independence by learning how to thread their own machines, wind bobbins, and navigate through self-guided learning. The students contribute back to the community by manufacturing extra drawstring bags for the Ted Manson Foundation to support their literacy initiatives with young school children in South Auckland. We are proud of our Year 8s for mastering a brand-new skill while using their creativity to make a meaningful difference in the wider community!

Year 8 Hard Materials Technology







This term, Year 8 Hard Materials students have been deeply engaged in design thinking, successfully navigating two major practical units: "Make a Sign" and the recently concluded "Make a Tray" project. It has been incredibly rewarding to witness their growth and soaring confidence, particularly in their scroll saw techniques and timber sanding. By focusing on the finer details, they achieved beautifully crafted, smooth finishes. The students brought great enthusiasm to using traditional hand saws and took immense pride in seeing their dedication come to life in their final projects.











Year 7 Hard Materials Technology





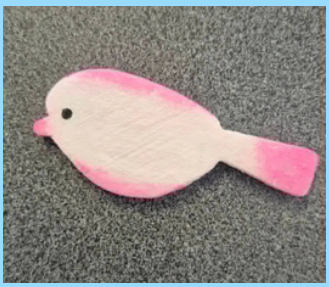






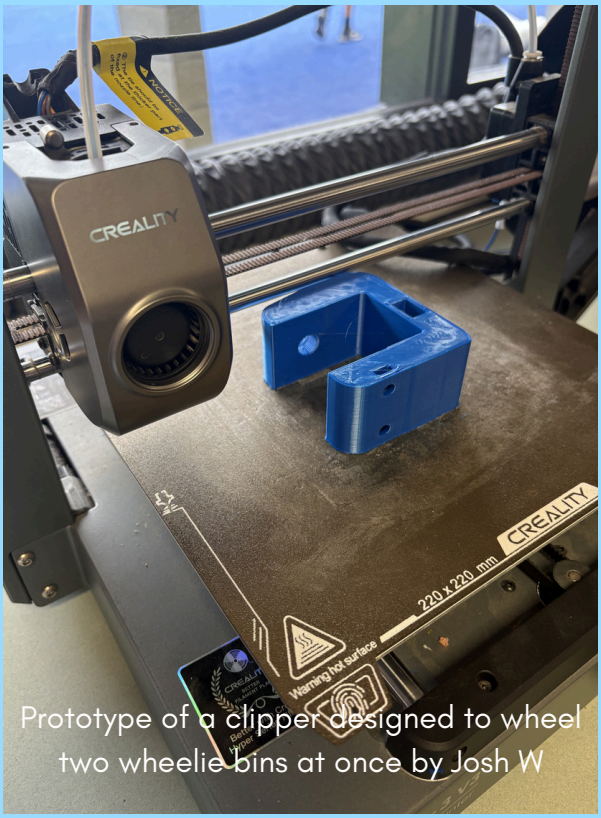






This term, our Year 7 Hard Materials students have been focused and productive, kicking off the first half of the term hammering away at our creative "String Art" projects. Alongside this, students practiced foundational skills on the scroll saw—a brand-new experience for many of them. After researching, planning, and designing their own concepts, they brought their ideas to life. Several students truly excelled with the scroll saws, crafting highly successful keychains and necklaces. These newly acquired skills lay a fantastic foundation that we look forward to building upon next year in Year 8.

Year 9 Product Design



Prototype of a clipper designed to wheel two wheelie bins at once by Josh W

Our Year 9 Product Design students have began a 10-week self-directed project this term. Stepping into the shoes of real-world designers, students began by identifying a practical everyday problem and collaborating with a real stakeholder to solve it. Over the term, they navigated the the design process: from initial brainstorming sessions and sketching out concepts, communicating through technical drawings to developing their designs and carefully planning their materials. The diversity of projects range from polymer earrings, sleek wooden desk organisers, to a clever custom clipper designed to wheel two wheelie bins at once with just one hand. A key highlight of this project is the requirement to push their boundaries by learning a completely new skill or workshop machine. From managing a timeline, problem solving to crafting the final product, our students have shown incredible resourcefulness and hands-on problem-solving. Visit us at the Middle years Showcase to see their completed final products on display !

Year 9 Food Design

Our Year 9 Food Design students wrapped up an incredible 6 weeks running a weekly staff café! Working under intense kitchen pressure, they delivered top-tier hospitality and served refreshing drink such as pina colada mocktails, iced chocolate, iced frappes and Iced lemon tea. Our weekly dishes range from savoury scones, muffins, bread scrolls to stir fry and butter chicken on rice! For their final week, they minimised food waste by clearing out the fridge to make vegetable fritters. Two weeks ago, they baked treats for the Year 7 camp parent volunteers alongside their usual café prep, consistently rising to the high expectations set by Mrs Kho.

To finish the term, they will explore the abundant grace of God through the winter citrus harvest. Over the next four weeks, they will learn about nature's seasonal provision and master traditional techniques to preserve these fruits. Tino Pai, Year 9!

Here are some comments by our staff:

Butter chicken and the best citrus tea I have ever had in my LIFE, courtesy of our student cafe - Mrs Connell.

The Blessed Bean Cafe has been the highlight of my week. The students have done an amazing job creating yummy treats each week. The lemon iced tea was 10/10 - Mrs Young

Thank you to all the Year 9 students who have worked amazingly well throughout Term 2. I have definitely looked forward to my Thursday Treats, and they have all been 10/10! - Mr Davis

The food and drinks were always enjoyable, and the students provided such friendly and welcoming service. - Mr Wang

Your food and drinks make Thursday our most anticipated day of the school week! - Mrs Chang









A glimpse into the Drama room so far...

The Y7s have completed their monologue performances and are now rehearsing for their next group performance.











Y8 Drama groups are filled with lots of creative ideas as they come together to develop antihero plots based on fairytale or Disney characters!

Our Y9 class has just finished their Aladdin musical blocking assessment which has been a labour of love! Enjoy some photos from our trip to the Op-Shop for costume shopping, and then some snippets from their performance.











Y7-9 Music







The music curriculum across Years 7-9 focuses on developing an understanding of music theory and putting that into practice by working in groups to perform a song of their choice. With Year 9 music running for a semester, Year 9 students also develop their ability to compose music for a film or documentary.









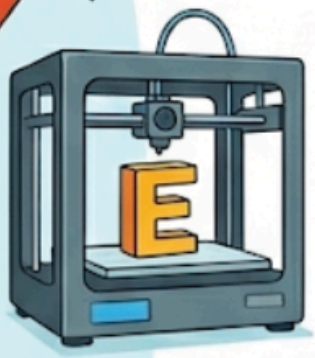
MIDDLE YEARS SHOWCASE

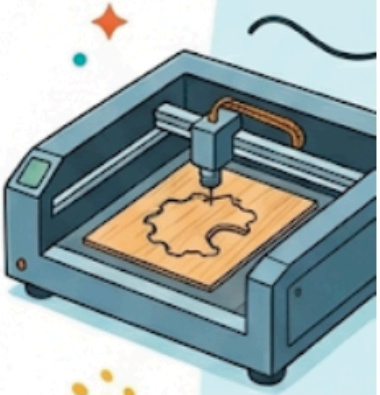
CELEBRATING STUDENT CREATIVITY & INNOVATION





Discover the amazing work of our Middle Years students across range of creative disciplines!





Sewing & Textiles | Woodwork & Design | Product Design | Art & Design | Food Tasting





DAY 1: Tuesday 21st July | From 12:30pm

NIGHT 2: Wednesday 22nd July | From 3:30pm



VENUE: Mahi Tahi Workshop



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ALL WELCOME

Join us in celebrating our students' learning



STUDENT SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

THIS IS A COURTESY NOTICE ON BEHALF OF THE ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AROUND THE GOLFLANDS CAMPUS DURING DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIME.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE ACTIONS AROUND THIS MATTER, WE ENABLE POSITIVE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THEIR SAFETY AND OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

SOME TIPS TO ASSIST WITH IMPROVING ROAD USER SAFETY:

WE APPRECIATE CHILDREN BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL BUT IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE WITH YOUR CHILDREN, SAFETY IS STILL MORE IMPORTANT. YOU CAN SIMPLY TAKE THEM TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN IN.

***PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE U-TURNS**, RATHER USE THE SIDE STREETS OR LOOP AROUND BOB CHARLES DRIVE TO GO THE OTHER WAY.*

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE SIDE ENTRANCES: SIMON OWEN AND MONTECITO PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO ROAD RULES IN THESE RESIDENTIAL ROADS.

IT IS AGAINST THE TRAFFIC LAWS TO PARK WITHIN 1 METRE OF A DRIVEWAY.

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK ON YELLOW NO-PARKING LINES.

NO DOUBLE PARKING IS PERMITTED.

NO VEHICLES ARE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL BUS BAY DURING PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES.

*WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET, HOWEVER PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL OTHER FAMILIES ARE ALSO BATTLING THE POOR WEATHER. **CHILD SAFETY REMAINS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SO ROAD RULES STILL MUST BE ADHERED TO.** ENSURE YOUR CHILD EXITS YOUR VEHICLE ONTO THE PAVEMENT SIDE, NOT THE ROADSIDE.*

ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD BE USING THE DESIGNATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY AT ALL TIMES.

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