

Tuesday 28th July

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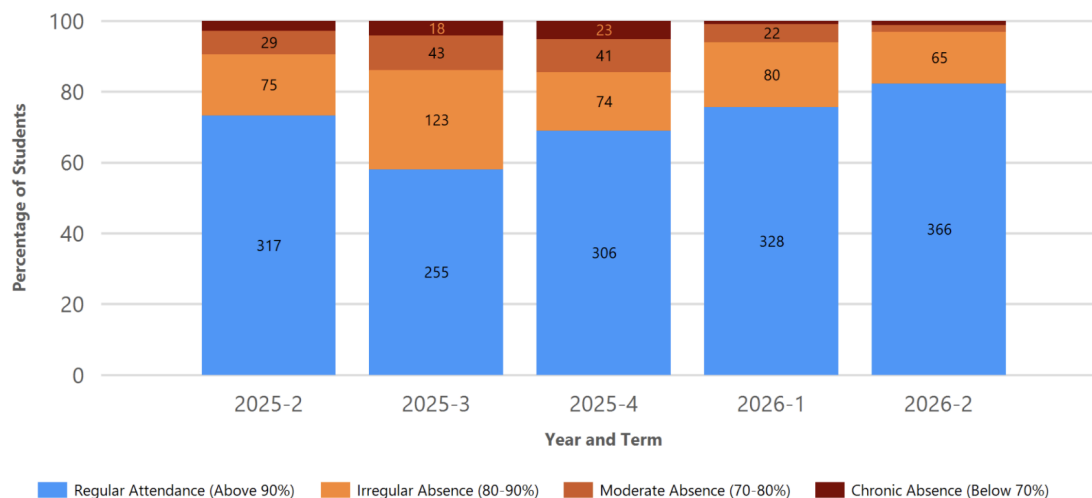
What a great start back to term 3 we have had. We have already seen events happening across the school including a fabulous celebration yesterday to conclude our Missions Fundraising for Acts for ACTS supporting children to attend school in Rural Cambodia 2026. Some key messages to start the term well.

Celebrating Attendance in Term 2

Regular Attendance rates (students attending over 90% of the time) have continued to show improvement. It is great to see attendance being prioritised in supporting your children's success at school. We've also seen positive shifts in other categories:

- **Irregular Absence** has decreased from 17% to 15%.
- **Moderate Absence** has decreased from 7% to 2%
- **Chronic Absence** has decreased from 3% to just 1%.

The table below shows attendance rates over 5 terms. You can see that in term 3 last year attendance dropped significantly. In Term 3 2024, 58% and then dropped in term 3 2025 to 57%. We know that this can be significantly improved and have set the target for this term to 70%. Together we can achieve this.



Important: Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Tonight and Thursday we're holding our **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences**. These conferences are a great way for you to connect with your child's teachers, discuss their progress, and set goals for the remainder of the year. **All interviews will be face-to-face, and students are expected to attend with their parents.**

Please note the arrangements for each day:

- **Tuesday, July 28th:** Students finish school at the usual time (Y0-6 at 2:50 PM, Y7-13 at 3:10 PM). Conferences for years 1-8 run from **3:30 PM to 7:00 PM**.
- **Thursday, July 30th:** School finishes early for all students at **12:20 PM**. All students must leave school at this time and return only for their conference slot. Please ensure you are prompt picking up your child/ren as there is no provision for childcare at school after this time. Conferences for years 1-13 run from **1:00 PM to 5:30 PM**.

Whānau Hui / Fono connection time

As part of our conferences, we will be having **Whānau Hui / Fono** gatherings. This is another opportunity to connect directly with school leadership and staff in a relaxed setting.

We warmly invite parents and caregivers to join us in the RH20A on the second floor of Rahiri House. At this hui we would love your feedback and ideas on our strategic focuses for our new strategic plan. Children are welcome to join you.

Whānau Hui / Fono Times:

- **Thursday, July 30th:** 1:30 - 3:00 PM
- **Thursday, July 30th:** 3:30-5:00 PM

Come for a chat and some light refreshments — we look forward to seeing you there and hearing your valuable perspectives!

Celebration: "Acts for ACTS" Campaign update: Exceeding our goals again!

As you know, our **"Acts for Acts" campaign** to raise money for children in rural Cambodia to attend school has now finished. We were blown away by the amount of money raised and the work you and your children have shown in showing support for the teams working with children to give them access to education in Cambodia. This makes such an incredible difference to their ongoing work in these communities.

We smashed **our target of \$20,000!** We are incredibly grateful for every contribution.

The campaign has now officially ended. However, if you have any cash donations these can be brought to the school office by **Friday this week**. If you would like to continue to partner with Asian Outreach NZ in this work, please contact the team admin@asianoutreach.org.nz.

As a Christian school, we place great importance on mission outreach and supporting those in need. This campaign is a wonderful example of helping our students develop **empathy and understanding for others**, encouraging them to consider the needs of others before their own. Thank you again for your phenomenal support!

Join Our Team: Relievers needed!

We'd love more qualified teachers on our relief list. If you are a qualified teacher looking to return to work, or have a teaching qualification and are interested in relief opportunities, please get in touch! We highly value the experience and flexibility that relievers bring to our school, ensuring continuity and quality learning for our students. Our Assistant Principals, Julie Nola and Jessica Kidd, are ready to help you navigate the process. Please contact them directly at (firstname.lastname@elimmtalbert.school.nz). If you have family or friends outside of our immediate school community who might also be interested, please encourage them to make contact.

Key Term Dates for 2027

To help you plan, here are the essential term dates for the year ahead:

- **Term 1:** Tuesday, February 2nd - Friday, April 9th (10 weeks) - *Easter next year is during term 1*
- **Term 2:** Tuesday, April 27th - Friday, July 2nd (10 weeks) - *Monday 26th April is ANZAC Day observed*
- **Term 3:** Monday, July 19th - Friday, September 24th (10 weeks)
- **Term 4:** Monday, October 11th - Thursday, December 15th (10 weeks)

Enrolments for 2027

A friendly reminder that **applications for enrolments for 2027 close on July 31st**. If you have any children in your family who will be starting school next year, please ensure you have completed and submitted their application. We also encourage you to share this information with friends or family who may be interested in enrolling their children at our school for 2027.

To ensure you stay up-to-date with all the exciting events and important information happening at our school, please regularly check our fortnightly **school newsletter** and access the **school calendar** available on our school website. These are our primary channels for communicating key dates, updates, and celebrations.

We truly value everyone in our school community and look forward to your continued connection and support as we embark on a successful Term 3 together.

Nāku noa, nā,

Tania Calvert

Principal