

Phase 2 Term 3 2026 Newsletter



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and Mrs Cephora Bondjobo**

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A warm welcome from the Phase 2 team at Elim Christian College Mount Albert. We hope you had a wonderful holiday break with family and friends.

The teaching team includes:

Room 10 (Year 3/4): Mrs Lauren Dixon

Room 9 (Year 4/5): Mrs Jordana Ryu

Room 1 (Year 5/6): Mr Minsoo Kim

Support Staff includes:

Learning Assistant: Mrs Cephora Bondjobo

Literacy and Numeracy activator: Mrs Lynda Butler

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO): Mrs Joanna Emery

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teachers: Year 3: Mrs Jeanette Starrenburg and Year 4-6: Miss Jessica Kidd

Music Specialist: Mrs Rachel Crellin

Art/DT Specialist & Classroom Release Teacher: Mrs Tracey Callender

Phase 2 Team Leader: Mrs Jordana Ryu

Assistant Principal Y1-8: Miss Jessica Kidd

Scripture:

This term our Biblical theme is **God helps us grow and change**. Room 10 students will learn about the Ten Commandments, the Golden Calf and the Tabernacle in Exodus 19-40. Room 9 and Room 1 students will learn about the Wilderness Journey in Exodus 13 and Numbers 10, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, and 23. All Phase 2 students will learn about how we grow as a person when we go through changes and face challenges.

Elim Exploration: Continuity and Change

Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus is the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Key Knowledge: God wants us to celebrate life through our diverse cultures.

Enduring Understanding: Students will start to understand about past events, experiences and actions and the changing ways in which these have been interpreted over time.

Key Question: How can I embrace change in my life so that I grow?

- **Social Studies:** Inventors and Explorers
- **Science:** Physical World (The House of Science)
- **Literacy Focus:** Persuasive Writing
- **Numeracy Focus:** Number operations and rational numbers
- **Strand Maths:** Statistics
- **Kotahitanga Value:** Pukuahuwhenua - Diligence
- **Scripture:** Room 10: The life and trials of Abraham, Isaac, and Rebekah, Genesis 19-24.
Rooms 1&9: The story of Jacob and Esau, Genesis 25-36.

PHASE 2 TRIP: As part of our Inquiry into the social studies theme of "Continuity and Change", students will be going on a trip later this term. More information will be sent to whānau in a letter soon.

HOME LEARNING: Home Learning will commence in Week 1 and will be pasted in the student's home learning books. Please take time to regularly read the home learning guidelines each week. The two Term 3 Scripture Understanding Projects are due Thursday of Week 4 and Week 9. The weekly scripture conversations starters on the home learning sheet help build understanding of the scripture passage. Please discuss each conversation starter with your child, helping them to understand what each set of scriptures mean before each project is due.

MEDICAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please send any changes in details, such as medical information, address or phone numbers to office@elimmtalbert.school.nz.

COMMUNICATION: Please refer to [our school website](#) where you can check email communications and our school Google calendar. If you are not receiving email notifications, please contact the office office@elimmtalbert.school.nz. School newsletters will now be emailed every third Tuesday of the month.

ATTENDANCE: The Ministry of Education has specific requirements for student attendance. They have set a target for students to attend school for 90% of the time every term. Therefore, holidays during term-time are strongly discouraged. There will naturally be times when it is appropriate for tamariki to stay home and recover from illness. However, minor symptoms do not always require time away from school. Below is a link to information that will help you decide when it is okay to send your child to school, when you should keep your child at home, and when you should contact a health professional for advice: [Healthy habits for learning](#). If your child will be absent from school, please complete the [absence form](#) on the school website.

DEVICES/ LEARNING PLATFORMS: Students in Phase 2 are required to bring a charged Chromebook and headphones to school every day. Formal information will be sent through emails. The students will use Google Classroom to receive information about their learning as well as post digital work. All students and parents must sign the IT Agreement forms before students can use their devices at school. Students will complete their IT Agreement form with their teacher in the classroom.

KOTAHITANGA: Elim is a PB4L school (Positive Behaviour for Learning). Our classroom management systems are based on Elim Christian College Mount Albert values and uphold the special character of our school. We use a tino pai (traffic light system) to reward students based on the Kotahitanga values. The focus in Term 3 is Pukuahuwhenua (Diligence) so students will be learning what diligence looks like in various school settings. All students start on a green light and have the potential to move to the purple 'tino pai' light for outstanding behaviour. Any student not

adhering to classroom expectations will receive an orange light warning (a chance to change their behaviour). If the behaviour continues, an orange light is given. If the behaviour continues, a red light warning, and then red light would be given. When a red light is acquired, or patterns of concerning behaviour are observed, parents will be contacted.

UNIFORM: During Term 3, students wear their winter uniform. Refer to the [school website](#) for requirements or the uniform section of the [Student Handbook](#) document. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**. Hats are optional in Term 3.

STUDENT HANDBOOK: This can be located on our website for easy reference: [Student Handbook](#)

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION: All students are required to take their morning-tea and lunch wrappers, uneaten food, etc. home with them. They cannot dispose of it at school. The recycling bins at our school have little provision for landfill items and food scraps. We strongly encourage all our parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and to buy in bulk.

BIRTHDAYS: We ask that you do not bring any food items to school to share with the class on your child's birthday. This includes lollies, chocolates, cupcakes, cake, etc. There may be students with allergies in the class and we want to encourage healthy eating choices.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Kowhai Kids Club provides after-school care off-site. Students are collected from school and taken to another school for after school care. More information about this service can be accessed via their website - [Kowhai Kids Club](#).

PARENT HELP: The school operates on the Ministry of Education's best practice. We have class trips and activities planned for this year. These cannot go ahead if the adult to child ratio is not met. All volunteers are required to hold a current police clearance with Elim Christian College Mount Albert. If you are unsure of your current police vetting status, please check with our admin staff. If you are not police-vetted via our school as yet, please note that this takes a few weeks to process.

OPEN-DOOR POLICY: We have an open-door policy. Teachers are in staff devotions until 8:30 am. They are available in their classroom to answer questions and to chat about minor issues from 8:30 am – 8:40 am and again after school. Alternatively, if you would like the time to talk further, please make an appointment with the teacher. They will be more than happy to discuss the matter with you.

If you would like to get in contact with us, our email addresses are:

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We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this term.

Yours sincerely,

The Phase 2 Team, Elim Christian College Mt Albert

Apps to download if using a Chromebook or for home device use

If you have any other queries regarding apps,
please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher

Free Apps		
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Google Drive, Docs, Spreadsheets, Slides (4 apps)	Free: Create and share easily. iPad and computer compatible. View, edit and share docs/files to a range of collaborators or viewers.	
Google Classroom	Google Classroom is a free blended learning platform	
Google Read&Write	Google Read&Write is provided by the school to support reading and writing	
Epic!	Free Online Library	
Bible: <u>YouVersion</u>	Free: please ensure this is the ' <u>youversion</u> ' app	
Kahoot!	Free: Play, create, host quizzes	