

NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER

ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE HENDERSON

7 NOVEMBER 2025

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Throughout this term, our staff have been working through the tenets of our **Statement of Faith**, the guiding theology for our organisation.

As we explored the fruit of the spirit, we were reminded that our call is to **bear** not **produce**, a nuance that helps to clarify our role.

The parallel was drawn to that of a tree in an orchard. When a tree isn't yielding the fruit it is designed to, we examine the **conditions** of the tree — not the **effort**.

This reminder was timely and offered insight into the day-to-day routines we have and the week-to-week communities we're involved in. A call to examine the environments in which we exist and the conditions these hold that allow us to bear fruit — to live a life of kindness, gentleness, joyfulness, self-control and more.

Our commitment to you is that we will work diligently so that we are one of these environments for your tamariki. Our prayer is that this place would be like good soil — rich with grace, steady with love, and full of light — so that every child may grow strong and bear fruit in season.

KEY EVENTS

- **MONDAY 17TH, 24TH, NOV, 1ST & 8TH**
DEC: Swimming Lessons @ WestWave
- **THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER:**
Ngahere Community Monitors Trip
- **WEDNESDAY 3RD & 10TH DECEMBER:**
Y1 Visits & 2026 Orientation (10th Dec — information below)
- **MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER:** Y8
Graduation Dinner @ 6pm
- **TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER:** Maunga
Team (Y0-4) Prizegiving @ 2.15pm
- **THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER:** Ngahere
Team (Y5-8) Prizegiving @ 2.15pm
- **MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER:** Whole
School Mufti Dat
- **TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER :** Last Day
of Term 3, **12pm FINISH**

ALL OF THESE EVENTS, AND MORE, CAN
BE LOCATED ON OUR [TERM AHEAD](#).



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School Calendar

Stay up to date with key events, term dates, and important activities at our kura. Our calendar includes prizegivings, committals, school trips, and other special character events that shape our school year. Check back regularly for updates and reminders to help you plan ahead.

ITINERANT MUSIC LESSONS

We're thrilled to announce that **Cherry Music Studio** will be joining us at Elim Henderson from Term 1, 2026, offering itinerant music lessons during school hours. **David** and **Rebekah** bring a wealth of experience and a heart for nurturing creativity and confidence through music.

Lessons will be available in:

- Piano/keyboard
- Guitar/ukulele
- Music therapy (for learners with additional needs)

Enquiries and bookings can be made directly at **cherrymusic.elim@gmail.com** or visit **cherrymusicstudio.com**.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We know afternoons can be a juggle, especially for working families. For those exploring their options in 2026, please consider both:

- Our current partner: **WestWave Leisure Centre** — a local provider who offers a pick-up service directly from school.
- Our new partner: **Bricks4Kidz** — they're currently working toward offering on-site care in their facilities upstairs.

If after school care is something your whānau might need next year, we encourage you to connect directly with either provider. Your interest helps us shape what's possible.

In addition to after-school care, **Bricks4Kids** offers lessons. Please view their flyer for more information regarding their offerings of lessons.



bricks 4 kidz

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Starting from term 1, 2026 @ ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

CURRENTLY OPERATING AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
LEARN ROBOTICS AND CODING USING LEGO BRICKS

After school care fee 3pm - 6pm Casual - \$27 Part time after school care (1-4 days) - \$22 per day Full time after school care - \$85	Lego STEAM class fee 3.30pm onwards Junior Engineering - \$28 Junior Robotics - \$33 AI / EV3 - \$38 Spile Prime - \$45
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westauckland@bricks4kidz.nz 027 205 3158

Book now for After School classes

JUNIOR ROBOTICS

JUNIOR ENGINEER

AI EXPLORER

A HEARTFELT THANKS

As we prepare to farewell our wonderful Year 8s, we're grateful to Bricks4Kidz for their generous support and contribution towards the Graduation Dinner — helping us give our leavers a celebration to remember.

PLANNING AHEAD — 2026 & BEYOND

INTENTION TO RETURN

As we get ready to turn the page to 2026, we're finalising class placements and teacher allocations.

If you haven't yet completed the Intention to Return [form](#), please do so — this helps us plan well and ensure every learner is placed with care.

If your family is moving on, we ask for a term's notice. You're welcome to contact the office and they can point you in the right direction.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS — 2026

As our school continues to grow, we're expanding our structure for 2026 with two additional classes and the addition of another team:

- **Maunga:** Rūma — Pīwauwau (Y1), Rūma — Pūtakitaki (Y1) with Rūma — Makomako (Y0) to join in the second half of the year
- **Awa:** Rūma — Kākapo (Y2), Rūma — Kākāriki (Y2) and Rūma — Kea (Y3)
- **Ngahere:** Rūma — Tōrea (Y4&5), Rūma — Tūi (Y5&6) and Rūma — Takahē (Y7&8)

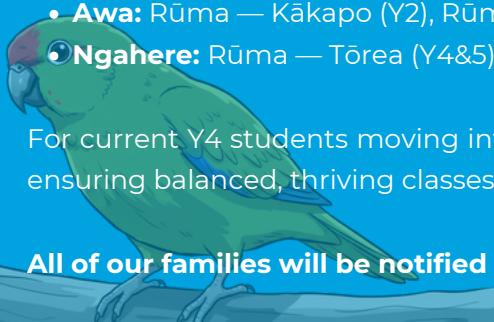
For current Y4 students moving into Y5, we'll be in touch shortly to explain the new structure and how we're ensuring balanced, thriving classes.

All of our families will be notified of placements and teachers by mid-Week 9.

FUTURE APPLICATION INTENT

If you have a younger child at home who you'd like to enrol for 2026, 2027 or 2028, we'd love to hear from you early via your completion of this [form](#), if you haven't already done so.

Even if it feels a little way off, knowing numbers ahead of time helps us plan class sizes and staffing. When you're ready, applications can be made anytime via our website.



Christmas is coming!

Mark your calendars for a joyful celebration of the season — our **Christmas Service** is happening on **Friday, Week 9 at 2pm**.

Our tamariki have been working hard on songs and performances that reflect both the wonder of Jesus' birth and the joy of this season. We'd love to share this special moment with you — bring your singing voices and Christmas cheer!



ORIENTATION MORNING

To welcome new ākonga and whānau, we're holding our 2026 Orientation Morning on Wednesday 10 December.

New students will spend time with their new kaiako and classmates, while parents are invited to a warm and welcoming session in the auditorium. Returning families are also welcome — friendly faces always make a difference!



KIWILELE — JOYFUL, JOYFUL NOISE

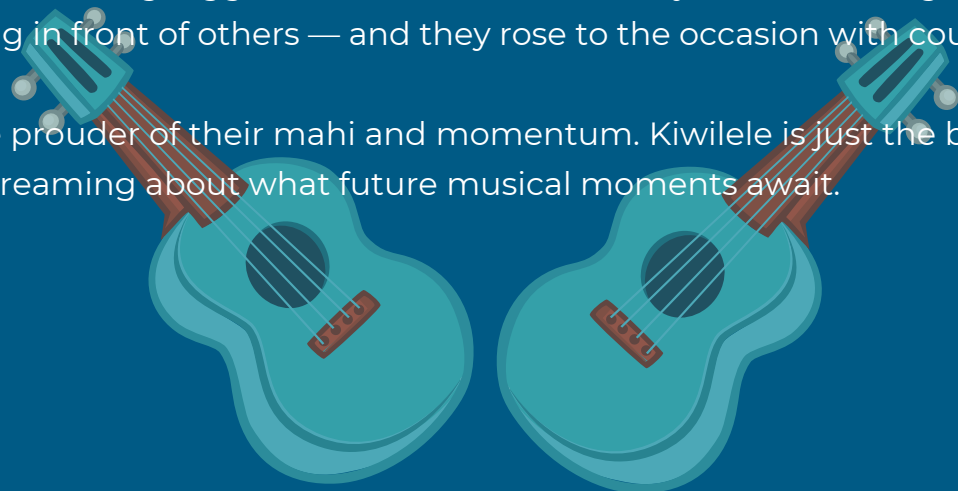
This term marked a special first in our creative journey — the birth of Kiwilele, our inaugural school ukulele group, and their shining debut performance!

Under the inspired leadership of Mrs Zhang, our young musicians strummed, sang, and swayed their way into the hearts of a delighted audience at a local cross-school event



It wasn't just about notes and chords — it was about joy, collaboration, and the thrill of taking part in something bigger than ourselves. For many of these ākonga, it was their first time performing in front of others — and they rose to the occasion with courage and spark.

We couldn't be prouder of their mahi and momentum. Kiwilele is just the beginning — and we're already dreaming about what future musical moments await.



CONTRIBUTIONS & COMMITMENTS

ATTENDANCE DUES POLICY UPDATE

As we look ahead, a reminder that an updated Attendance Dues Payment Policy will come into effect from Term 1, 2026.

You'll have received the full update previously from Mr Lawrence. For questions or clarity, feel free to email our team at accountsreceivable@elimhenderson.school.nz. Thank you for your understanding and support.

END OF YEAR ROUND OFF

As we wrap up the year, this is a friendly reminder to ensure that your Attendance Dues are up to date. If need be, please reach out to our finance team to inform them of any delay to this.

Additionally, your contributions to our Special Character Donation make a real difference — from resourcing rich learning opportunities to growing our teachers' professional capacity. If you have the opportunity to, you can make payments via our parent portal. Please note these contributions are tax deductible.

STATIONERY LISTS ON THE WAY!

We're finalising stationery lists for next year and will share them before the term ends. This gives you plenty of time to get sorted over the break — no last-minute rush needed!

HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – FEBRUARY & JULY 2026

In **February** and **July 2026**, we'll again be welcoming students from China to experience life at Elim.

We're seeking three host families to welcome two students each (approx. 4 weeks). Hosting is a beautiful way to share culture, make new friends, and be part of something global.

If your whānau is open to hosting, please contact Mr Lawrence to learn more.

UNIFORM POLICY UPDATE: Y0-6

From 2026, there's a small update to our uniform policy for some of our ākonga:

- Our Yr 0-6 can now wear sneakers along as they're all black, leather and polishable sneakers (e.g. Nike, New Balance). They may also opt for the traditional school shoes (also pictured below)



- For our ākonga in Yr 7-8, please continue with traditional black school leather shoes



Uniform items are available through [Prestidges](#) — thank you for keeping our school looking sharp and consistent.

THE FUTURE OF NEW ZEALAND SPORT

This term has been nothing short of electric on the sports front — our ākonga have run, leapt, thrown, and splashed their way through a season full of energy, courage, and camaraderie.

From mastering water safety skills to representing our kura at cross-school events, the passion and determination of our students has truly shone.

A special standing ovation for:

- Jake C., who blazed down the track to take 2nd place in the 100m sprint — what a finish and our first **placement** on a podium as a school
- Amelia N., whose grit and grace earned her 4th place in her race — a proud moment for all of us.

Beyond the podium, every student who stepped onto the field, pool deck or court wore their school colours with pride, showing what it means to compete with heart.

These unforgettable moments wouldn't be possible without the tireless efforts of our staff and whānau. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Tasi, Mr Ryan, and the many parents who cheered, coached, and coordinated along the way.

Here's to the power of sport to grow character, build connection, and bring our community together.

