



# Elm Park School

Empowers all learners to achieve their personal best

29th July 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau of Elm Park School

Greetings, Kia ora, Fakaalofa Lahi atu, Bula vinaka, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha, Kia orana, Ni hao



I want to begin this newsletter by thanking you for supporting our continued request that you and students in Year 4 - 6 wear a mask when on site at Elm Park School.

Wearing masks alongside other hygiene measures including good ventilation, hand washing, staying home when sick can significantly reduce the spread of the virus.

I would like to acknowledge Mr Borchers for his work and diligence in writing and implementing the covid response framework for Elm Park School. This is important work and is an ever evolving space.

[Keep up healthy habits – Unite Against COVID-19](#)

## Joining the Elm Park Whānau:



My first week as Principal of Elm Park has been busy but I felt very welcomed, firstly by the formal pōwhiri and a delightful junior assembly to officially become part of the Elm Park Whānau. Also by my senior leadership team and the wonderful staff at Elm Park School, thank you to all. Thanks

also to the parents and students who have introduced themselves to me, I can already sense that the Elm Park Community is exceptional.

## School Board Elections



We hope that you have received information about our Board election. Being a Board member is a fantastic way to share your expertise, directly support our school, and make a positive impact in our community. Nominations close on Wednesday 3 August. Election day is Wednesday 7th September. You can contact me directly or if you prefer speak to our current

presiding board member, Adrienne Kong should you have any queries about becoming a Board member or would like to discuss this further.

### Term 3 Teaching and Learning:



Teachers have been busy over the holiday period preparing teaching and learning programmes for your children. Term 3 is often referred to as the 'power' term for learning, as the teachers have recent assessments and know the students well. Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any follow up questions from mid year reports or the student conferences that took place before the holidays. If you require to see a teacher, please email them in the first instance and so a time can be arranged to suit both parties.

### School Wide Strategic Direction:



For Terms 3 and 4 there will be a very focused self review carried out. Our main focus will be on curriculum and establishing a clear and coherent direction for the next 4 years. Myself, Mr Borchers and Mrs Allen will be working alongside our middle leaders and teachers to collaboratively establish where we are presently at, where to next and prepare our teachers for the refreshed version of the New Zealand Curriculum. This is a vital and big body of work for us and we look forward to sharing our strategic direction with you all.

### New Elm Park School Website



Elm Park School needs a new website - a website is an important window to our school and should be a first point of contact for school wide information. We are going to be engaging with a company called *Spike@School: Website and Learning Management*. We will be redesigning the website completely and we are very excited to get this up and running. The new website will have the capacity that is required for today's schools, look professional and be easy to use.

### Elm Park School Enrolment Scheme: *Effective from Term 1 2023.*



The Ministry of Education is developing an enrolment scheme for Elm Park School, which will be in effect for the beginning of Term 1 2023. Having an enrolment scheme in place will ensure the Board of Trustees has a fair and transparent mechanism to manage the roll as it grows. Children that live within this area will have entitlement to enrol at Elm Park School. Next week I will send out the actual geographical zoning area and provide a link that allows the community to contribute to the consultation process.



### Staffing News:

Aimee-Rose Yates Rm 18: Mrs Yates will be taking an extended period of leave due to health reasons. All parents of Rm 18 have been communicated with. We wish Aimee-Rose all the very best and look forward to her returning.

Ash Cole: Miss Cole has resigned from her Y4 classroom position due to family commitments. Ash's last day in Rm 13 will be Friday 16 September. I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Cherie Van Lister will be taking over the class. Cherie is an experienced teacher and we are fortunate to have secured her. There will be a thorough transition process between Miss Cole and Mrs van Lister to ensure no disruption to the children's learning.

Monica Meikle: Mrs Meikle started up the new Y0 classroom in Rm 26. Again we are very fortunate to have a strong and experienced teacher to do this. This class will gradually grow as the new 5 year olds arrive over the course of the term.

Katherine Sweetman: Mrs Sweetman will be a new Learning Assistant starting this term. Katherine will be providing targeted support to our students that require learning support. We welcome Katherine to Elm Park School.

### Absentees:



Law requires regular attendance of pupils. In the interest of safety, if your child is to be absent, please notify the school before 9.30 am by phoning and leaving a message on the absence line, text message, via the website, email or through the school app.

Please do not email your child's absence directly to the teacher. If the absence is going to be for more than a day please advise the school. Frequent and / or continued absences / lateness will be investigated. All absences are recorded. Where students have not arrived at school or their absence is unexplained the school will endeavour to phone/text parents to confirm the whereabouts of students. Students arriving late must sign in at the office.

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are 8.00 am – 3.30 pm.

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### ASB Money Wise Programme:



ASB Get Wise programme is a specifically tailored session that will cover the key financial literacy concepts based on the New Zealand curriculum, the Financial Capabilities Framework, and global best practice in financial literacy education. A professionally trained facilitator will deliver to the individual needs of each class. The Year 3-4 session will cover topics such as where money comes from, debit cards (invisible money), earning money through chores or pocket money, how to save through spending, comparative shopping. The Year 5-6 sessions will cover topics such as, setting up a savings goal, using a CASH goal (or basic budget) to get things you want, different ways to earn and establishing a small business.

To find out more about the programme and download some free parent resources you can visit <https://www.getwise.co.nz/resources/>.

Reported by Mrs D'Souza

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sarah Baleicakau'.

Sarah Baleicakau  
Principal