

Chelsea School Newsletter

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Week 1, Term 4, 2020

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wed 21 Oct: Migrant Parent Meeting- 9am in Staffroom
- Fri 23 Oct: Pink Shirt Day
- Mon 26 Oct: **Labour Day – School Closed**
- Tue 27 Oct: **Teacher Only Day School closed for Instruction**

- Fri 30 Oct: Board of Trustees Election – Nominations Close

- Fri 30 Oct: Spooks Day Out
- Mon 02 Nov: Board of Trustees Meeting-7pm in Staffroom
- Thu 05 Nov: Playhouse Theatre ‘Chilled’ 11.30am
- Fri 06 Nov: Y0-Y2 Athletics
- Fri 06 Nov: Kids 4 Kids Concert
- Sat 07 Nov: Trivia Night
- Tue 10 Nov: Y0-Y2 Athletics – Rain Day
- Tue 10 Nov: Choir 7.30pm at Birkenhead College
- Fri 13 Nov: Y3-Y6 Athletics – Venue TBC
- Wed 18 Nov: Y3-Y6 Athletics – Rain Day
- Thu 19 Nov: Interschool Swimming - TBC
- Fri 20 Nov: Kapa Haka – Kauri Park School
- Thu 26 Nov: Interschool Athletics at Birkenhead Memorial Park

- Fri 27 Nov: Powhiri for all new Families 9am in the Hall
- Mon 30 Nov: Board of Trustees Meeting-7pm in Staffroom
- Wed 02 Dec: Board of Trustees Election Day
- Thu 03 Dec: Interschool Athletics – Rain Day
- Fri 04 Dec: Y6 Monitors – Rainbows End Trip
- Tue 08 Dec: Board of Trustees Election – Count and Declare Votes

- Wed 09 Dec: Board of Trustees Takes Office
- Wed 09 Dec: Sports Prizegiving
- Thu 10 Dec: Xmas Carols 5-7pm
- Fri 11 Dec: Meet ‘new’ 2021 Teachers
- Mon 14 Dec: Picnic Day
- Tue 15 Dec: Junior Prizegiving 9.30am
- Wed 16 Dec: Senior Prizegiving 10.30am
- Wed 16 Dec: End of School Year – **School Closes 12.30pm**

Welcome to Term 4

A big welcome back to all of our Chelsea families. We hope that you managed to have some time together doing something that you love during the break. A special warm welcome to all of those families who are new to our community, we are looking forward to getting to know you.

Term 4 is always a jam-packed ten weeks, with lots of fun and challenging events such as athletics, picnic day, carols night, prizegiving... the list goes on! Please make a note of these key dates in your calendars.

Teacher Only Day Reminder - Tuesday 27 October

Our staff will be working together with Jan Hill from the Education Group on this day, as part of our local curriculum design. School will be closed on this day.

If you need care for your child on this day, Kelly Club is opening for the day from 8am-6pm. Bookings are available through their website. [Kelly Club](#)

Hero Learning Stories

Last term every child received their first Learning Story post in Hero. The feedback we have had from parents has been amazing. Each post captures a real 'wow' moment for each child and also provides great insight into how each student is developing as a learner, with a focus on our Chelsea DNA. Please if you haven't seen your child's post make sure you have a look and if you are having any issues accessing Hero don't hesitate to email me sven@chelsea.school.nz.

[Hero - User Guide](#)

Lockdown Exercise

As previously indicated in our Hero correspondence sent out earlier this week, Chelsea Primary School has been working with, Harrison Tew[®], who specialise in Emergency Management Plans for schools and educational facilities. The procedures implemented allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

Our entire school, including our students, have all participated in training sessions and the response and interaction was extremely positive.

Today on the 15th October, we conducted a school-wide lockdown exercise under the guidance of Harrison Tew[®]. We are pleased to inform you that our students responded safely, maturely and with a nature of controlled urgency.

The lockdown is now a part of our emergency procedures. We will be implementing emergency protocol exercises regularly to ensure all staff and students remain familiar with our processes.

Should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us, or the emergency services to manage a situation.

Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our website as regularly as possible.

We believe that these procedures that we conduct for lock downs and evacuations should be deemed in a positive light, as it places us in excellent stead should one occur.

All visitors to the School Must report to the School Office

Today has highlighted the need to remind our community that all visitors to the school must come through the office. It is important that we know who is on the school site at all times. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Term Dates for 2021

We will also be adding two Teacher Only Days to our year. Once these are confirmed by the Board of Trustees, we will let you know. These are likely to take place in Terms 2 and 3.



Onetaunga Rd, Birkenhead
Term Dates 2021

Term 1: 3rd February - 16th April
Term 2: 3rd May - 9th July
Term 3: 26th July - 1st October
Term 4: 18th October - 15th December

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Pink Shirt Day - Friday 23 October



We will be dressing in pink and shining a bright light on bullying prevention next Friday, 23 October. We encourage your child/ren to wear their pinkest items to school on this day. If you are able to contribute a gold coin that would be great. All funds raised are donated to The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.

Class Placements for 2021

Term four is also a busy one from an organisational perspective, in terms of staffing and class placements. The process of placing children into their classes for next year takes a considerable amount of time and effort. As part of the process, teachers and our leadership team first consider the following points:

- Each learner's needs – academic, social etc.
- Compatibility of peers – who children learn well with, or don't learn so well with.
- A learner's response to different teaching styles
- Gender/culture balance within each class A balance of ability groups within each class

We then take into account parent thoughts about dynamics with other children.

If you wish to come and talk to us about class placements for next year, please make an appointment with Amanda Douglas by contacting Sandra Cotcher office@chelsea.school.nz You may have information we are not privy to such as extra support that is being given at home, or peer relationships that you have noticed outside of the school setting.

Please note that requests for specific teachers are not appropriate and will not be considered. If all of our families took this approach, it would be an absolute shambles!

Whilst we will consider friendships, this is just one aspect for consideration within a complex process. Our learners feed into this process, by naming peers that they feel they work well with. We are beginning to formulate groupings at the moment, so if you do wish to see Amanda, please make an appointment within the next two weeks. **The cut off for this is Friday, October 30.**

Migrant & International Parent Meeting - Wednesday 21st October at 9am

We are having a migrant and international parent meeting on 21st October in the **Staff Room at 9am**. We will talk about what is happening this term and answer any questions you may have. Please join us for a coffee and a chat.

Scholastic Book Fair

We have decided to cancel our book fair this year, which is a real shame, but due to construction, we have no space to securely display and store all of the book fair resources.

Lucky Book Club catalogues have some great products and ideas for gifts and there will be two opportunities to order this term.

A new **Lucky Book Club** brochure is coming home this week.

Every purchase made by our school community provides us with reward points to spend on new books and resources for our school library and classrooms.

Please place your orders online by going to www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

We are unable to process any orders through the school office.

Closing date for this issue is Sunday, 25 October.

Application for Out of Zone Enrolments

Ballot applications for out of zone students are now closed. The Ballot will be drawn next Wednesday, 21 October, and all applicants will be informed, regardless of the outcome.

Sports Update

Rippa Rugby - Due to a clash with our teacher only day we will not be taking part in the tournament this year. This is very disappointing for our students who were really looking forward to the event. Fees will be refunded via Kindo or cash transaction depending on how you paid and we will let you know when these are ready to be collected.

Swimming Sports & Cross Country - Next Thursday the sports coordinators from our cluster are meeting to discuss whether to proceed with these postponed inter-school events. Once a decision has been made we will let you know ASAP. There is no date yet for cross-country but inter-school swimming is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 19th November at The Millennium Institute.

Athletics - Our senior school athletics day has been set for Friday 13th November (venue TBC) with the inter-school competition scheduled for Thursday 26th November at Birkenhead War Memorial Park.

Hockey – Final Reminder

Today is your last opportunity to have your child join a hockey team.

We only need one more player each for our Year 1-2 team and our Year 3-4 team to go ahead.

Hockey is on Monday afternoons in Albany, starting November and finishing mid December.

Please email cathysport@yahoo.com today!