

# Chelsea School Newsletter

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Week 4, Term 4, 2020

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri 06 Nov: Y0-Y2 Athletics 9.15am-12.30pm
- Fri 06 Nov: Kids 4 Kids Concert at Bruce Mason-7.30pm
- Sat 07 Nov: Trivia Night
- Mon 09 Nov: Board of Trustees Meeting –7pm in Staffroom
- Tue 10 Nov: Y0-Y2 Athletics – Rain Day
- Tue 10 Nov: Choir 7.00pm at Birkenhead College
- Wed 11 Nov: Y3-Y6 Athletics at Chelsea School - All day
- Wed 18 Nov: Y3-Y6 Athletics – Rain Day
- Thu 19 Nov: Interschool Swimming – at Millennium Pools Albany – 9.30am start
- Fri 20 Nov: Kapa Haka at Kauri Park School – All day (Chelsea performance time TBA)
- Wed 25 Nov: Interschool Athletics at Birkenhead Memorial Park – All day – 9.30am start
- 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
- 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 1.30pm in Hall
- Thu 10 Dec: Xmas Carols 5-7pm
- Mon 14 Dec: Picnic Day – All 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**

Term 4 is always a big one, and for lots of our learners, this one will be the biggest yet, due to events being rescheduled from throughout the year. There are always lots of opportunities to celebrate throughout term 4, with sporting events and community events too.

Trivia Night is set to be a great night this Saturday. A big thanks to Krystal and the PTA for persevering with this event during a tough year, I'm so pleased that it is going ahead! We are so very grateful to companies and organisations who have supported this event, and of course, to our incredible community who will have a ball on Saturday night!

Our runners did incredibly well at the Interschool Competition on Tuesday, showing a great deal of perseverance and resilience. The celebrating was also off the charts!

Well done to all of our runners who took part. To represent in an interschool event is a big deal, congratulations.



Spooks Day Out last week was a huge success. Thanks to the PTA, Nicola Eka and our senior learners who worked hard behind the scenes to make the day such a success. In a year where lots of events have been cancelled, it was great to see our kids having a ball together.



On the horizon, we have our Kids for Kids Choir performance this Friday and the APPA Choir next week. Thanks to Helen Lares and Rebecca Hedges for their work in training these choirs, both with quite short timeframes due to COVID.

Please do have another good look at the dates for coming weeks so that nothing catches you by surprise in these busy, busy times.

### **Traffic at drop off and pick up times**

Please, please take your time when you're moving around the outside of the school before the morning bell and then again at the end of the day. We have noticed quite a few issues outside our gates lately. These include cars parked on yellow lines, obscuring views from the crossings, and parents crossing the road outside the office block with their kids in tow, emerging from between parked cars onto what is an incredibly busy road.

**Our priority is getting every one of our learners home safely.** We all know how unpredictable children can be around roads. It really is up to us as adults to model safe behaviour, especially when crossing the road.

#### **Please:**

- Model safe road crossing by using our pedestrian crossings
- Park well clear of yellow lines around the school area
- Drive slowly around our school
- Use our 'Walking School Buses' - a safe and stress-free way to get kids to school
- Organise a designated 'meeting point' that your children can safely walk to, that is away from the congested areas.

We are currently working with NZ Police and Auckland Transport to improve safety at our gates.

### **Class Placements for 2021**

Organising classes for 2021 is now well underway. This is a complex process, with learner wellbeing at the centre. Decisions are underpinned by a range of factors such as:

- Learner needs
- Learning relationships
- The overall balance of numbers and gender ratios

We will be finalising classes over the next few weeks.

This year, our learners will have an opportunity to spend a whole block (later in the term) with their teacher for 2021. This is a great time for teachers and learners to connect and have some fun getting to know each other. It also takes some of the transition stress away that some learners may feel building up over the holidays.

### **Chelsea Learner DNA Refinement**

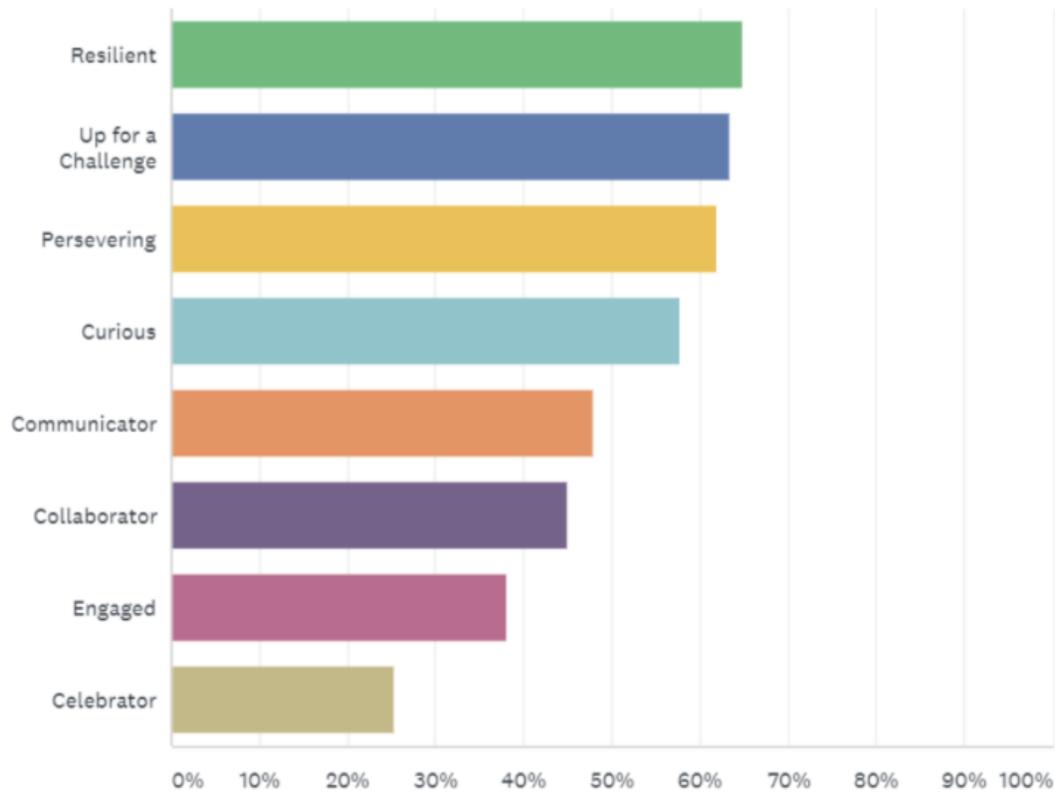
As part of the work we are doing around the redesign of our Chelsea Curriculum, one of our strategic goals this year has been to continue to collect longitudinal data about our DNA from learners, teachers and our community.

Our DNA are an incredibly powerful tool in striving to 'Grow Great Learners'. They are strongly connected to skillsets and attitudes that are valued in workplaces and in life.

We currently have 8 DNA, with several being interrelated. The number of DNA has always been a point of discussion with staff and learners. With a large number of DNA, some always end up being less of a focus and our learners can struggle to name and explain all 8.

After consulting with our learners, staff and community, we have decided that there is an opportunity to sharpen the lens of our DNA by grouping some that are closely related.

All groups who were surveyed and who were part of focus groups agreed on the following priorities:



As a result, we are going to be starting the year moving into 2021 with the following DNA:

## Up for a Challenge    Curious    Communicator    Collaborator

'Up for a Challenge' is a concept that our learners can easily relate to. This DNA is spoken about constantly in our classrooms and beyond and is closely related to 'Resilient' and 'Persevering'. We have decided to use 'Up for a Challenge' as the key DNA, and link this with resilience and perseverance when we are explicitly teaching these throughout the year.

Curiosity is fundamental to being a learner of any age and stage. Being curious is about asking questions, pondering, wondering and seeking to make sense of the world around us.

The ability to communicate is essential. Through words, text, dance and the arts, communication skills are crucial.

Collaboration is also a key focus of our work at school. By collaborating successfully, everyone's learning is strengthened. We are exposed to different thinking, opinions and lenses that people see the world through.

### Hero Learning Stories

It has been an absolute joy to read the learning stories that are being written about our learners. There are so many opportunities to celebrate learning, progress and achievement and I am loving the fact that we are now 'real-time reporting'. Real-time reporting means that whanau can be having conversations with children about recent learning and also current goals/next steps. The way that our teachers know their learners is incredibly clear when reading through the learning stories that are being published.

If you haven't accessed your child's learning stories, please read through the link below or talk to your child's teacher and they can walk you through it.

[Hero 'How to' Guide](#)



If you are yet to download the Hero App, you can use the QR code here to assist.

## DNA Certificate Recipients

Space	Name	DNA type	Space	Name	DNA type
1	Theo	Engaged	10	Thomas	Engaged
2	Annie	Communicator	11	Luna	Engaged
3	Christian	Engaged	12	Liam	Engaged
4	Anna	Communicator	13	Wynstan	Collaborator
5	Esme	Communicator	14	Pippa	Engaged
6	Georgia	Engaged	15	Harry	Resilience
7	Ethan	Communicator	16	Caleb	Engaged
8	Kiwa	Engaged	17	Ava	Communicator
9	John	Engaged	Other ESOL, Playground etc		



## School Pool Key Hire

School Pool Key hire will be available from the 1st of December. You are required to attend a Compulsory Pool Usage Meeting in order to hire a key. Please add your name to this document if you would like to attend and hire a pool key. You will have access to the pool outside of school hours, as per the agreement you will need to sign after attending. Keys will be usable from the 1st December until the end of term 1 2021.

[2020 Compulsory Pool Usage Meeting Bookings](#)