

## School Calendar 2018

### 2018

- 6 Feb Waitangi Day - school holiday
- 22 Feb Board meeting - Board room at 8 am
- 23 Feb Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 5 - 7 Mar Team Kauri camp at Woodend Camp - cost \$140 met by payment of Camp contribution - see statement
- 5 - 16 Mar Daily swimming lessons at Aquagym: Teams Koru and Harakeke. Cost \$60 met by payment of Activity contribution - see statement.
- 12 - 16 Mar Daily swimming lessons at Aquagym: Team Kauri. Cost \$30 met by payment of Activity contribution - see statement.
- 23 Mar Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 29 Mar Art Gallery trip: GATE students
- 30 Mar Good Friday - school holiday
- 2 Apr Easter Monday - school holiday
- 3 Apr Easter Tuesday - school holiday
- 5 Apr Board meeting - Board room at 8 am
- 9 Apr Team Kauri Restorative Practice reward: trip to Margaret Mahy playground (afternoon)
- 13 Apr Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 13 Apr postponement date for Team Kauri Restorative Practice reward: trip to Margaret Mahy playground (afternoon)
- 13 Apr Term 1 ends
- 30 Apr Term 2 starts
- 4 May Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 24 May Board meeting - Board room at 8 am
- 25 May Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 15 June Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 6 July Term 2 ends
- 23 July Term 3 starts
- 29 Aug Strum Strike Blow rehearsal at Horncastle Arena - 9 30 am to 2 30 pm - ukulele, recorder and marimba
- 29 Aug Strum Strike Blow performance at Horncastle Arena - students arrive at 6 30 pm, for 7 pm performance; whānau tickets \$5 each

### Vision/Purpose Statement

A Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community  
in the Heart of the City

### Our Values

Excellence	Equity	Integrity	Sense of Community
Te Hiranga	Te Ririte	Ngākau Pono	Nohonga Tahitanga

### Strategic Goals

- Teaching and Learning** - To provide great teaching and learning opportunities with strong links to our curriculum and the wider community
- Relationships** - To be characterised by positive relationships within and beyond the school, based on our school values and restorative approach
- Environment** - To work towards site development, meeting the current and future needs of students, staff, parents and community

Kia ora, everyone

Welcome back to another great year at Christchurch East School, and a special welcome to the new families who have started at our school this year. Christchurch East is a very special school, positioned in the heart of the city, providing our students with lots of great opportunities to be involved in the inner city redevelopment.



I hope you all enjoyed the amazing summer weather over the Christmas break. In January, the school has been busy with some **minor property developments** around the school grounds and in the school office area. These developments are to support our school as the roll continues to grow, and as we prepare for our **school property redevelopment**.

One change we have made this year is the way we have **breaks at school**. We have adopted a **'play, eat, learn' approach**, about which we have received positive feedback from students already. In essence, the children go out to break and play, then return to their classes and eat, before resuming their learning. This means children are not running around on a full tummy, and they are more likely to eat after running around. We hope that you have noticed as well the positive difference this change has made.



The staff has been busy bringing together a **plan for teaching and learning for 2018**. This work includes a revised approach in all of the classrooms to create more authentic, real learning opportunities for our students to **Learn with Heart** and use their learning to make a positive impact on the world around them. We look forward to sharing more with you about this throughout the year.

Walking around the classrooms, it has been great to see how settled the students are, and the great start they have made in returning to their learning. The teachers have planned some amazing learning opportunities across the school; please remember to **check the school calendar for up-and-coming events**.

Finally, congratulations to the students selected for our **2018 Student Council**. I look forward to working with Miss Stock and this amazing group of students throughout the year on a variety of different projects.



Thank you all for your continued support of our **Vibrant and Inspirational School in the HEART of the City**. I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Regards - Mike, Principal

## Community notices

Further information may be available from the school Office or on the Hall noticeboard. We anticipate that all community groups advertising in this newsletter will be following best practice guidelines.

**Big Brothers big Sisters fundraiser:** Quiz night on Sunday 11 March 2018 at Christchurch Casino. Early bird tickets: \$10 per head (max 8 per team). To register: 2018bigquiz.eventbrite.co.nz, or for more information e-mail rachel@bbbs.nz or phone (03) 358 4019.

**Children's Day:** on 4 March 2018, from 11 am – 3 pm at Green Space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Avenue. The celebration will take the form of a FREE community event that provides an opportunity to provide an inclusive day for all children and families. This is achieved through performing arts, adventure activities, crafts, demonstrations, sports, and games.

**Work opportunity:** Pegasus is looking for casual events staff to join the team, setting up and packing down events, organising tea and coffee, setting up presentations and AV equipment and trouble shooting. Problem-solving skills a must and you would also have responsibility in being a fire warden during events. Ideally you would be working one evening a week, between mid-February and mid-December. Hours start from 4pm (flexible) and events are usually finished by 10 pm, mainly on week nights. To register your interest, or for enquiries, please contact Lee Smith, Events Team Leader on (03) 379 1739.

**Mainly Music:** music sessions designed for your pre-schooler's enjoyment. We run weekly sessions, during the school year, followed by something to eat and something to play with, plus time for you to eat and chat! \$2 per child, on Thursdays at 10 am, Linwood Salvation Army, 177 Linwood Ave. For enquiries, phone (03) 389 3723.

**Aikido weekly class for children:** starts 15 Feb at our dojo in Sydenham. Every Thursday 4 30 – 5 20 pm during school term for all children aged 7 – 12 years. Through practice of the non-fighting Japanese martial art, children learn how to co-operate and resolve conflict harmoniously, building self-esteem and confidence while getting exercise. The class will be taught by Otautahi Aikido's senior instructor Liam O'Donoghue (phone 021 727 690), internationally recognised 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, assisted by other adult members. For more details, see [www.aikido.gen.nz](http://www.aikido.gen.nz). Our fee structure is purposefully low so that we can be as inclusive as possible.

**Canvas Bag Drama School:** classes for 5 - 13 years. Take advantage of our free trial class at Merviale campus! For more info: [www.canvasbag.nz](http://www.canvasbag.nz) Phone: 021 222 7273.

## News from Team Koru ...

Hi Parents and Caregivers

The teachers of Team Koru so enjoyed meeting you during our PLP meetings. It was great to have the chance to meet and set some goals for year.

School has started now, and we spent our first few days setting up routines and expectations and settling the children into life at Christchurch East. We have shared the importance of one of our school values, *Sense of Community*, which for our team means to be kind and take care of others.

Here you can see us being kind while we work and play.



**CHRISTCHURCH EAST SCHOOL**

**PĀNUI**

**WEEK 2 TERM 1 2018**

**7 FEBRUARY 2018**

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**Our Year 8s  
took their walk  
to the walnut  
tree at the end  
of last year; we  
wish them well  
in their next  
journey at high  
school.**

