

School Calendar 2017

Apologies for the mixed-up dates in the previous newsletter; the errors have now been corrected.

- 17 Aug Board meeting - 8 am
- 17 Aug Cultural Festival at Horncastle Arena, 6 45 pm - 9 pm; Christchurch East School is performing. Whānau to arrange purchase of spectator tickets through Ticketek, if not already pre-ordered
- 18 Aug Whole school learning celebration - whānau welcome! 9 10 am in the school Hall
- 18 Aug Final Winter Sport at Rawhiti Domain
- 30 Aug-5 Sep Life Education - contribution to cost \$5 **met by payment of term's Activity contribution - please pay online or in Office**
- 8 Sep Whole school learning celebration - whānau welcome! 9 10 am in the school Hall
- 20 Sep Kids for Kids Choir performance - Horncastle Arena morning practice; evening performance 7 30-9 30 pm
- 21 Sep Board meeting - 8 am
- 21 Sep HPV vaccination dose 2 - Team Kauri Year 8
- 26 Sep** Science and Technology Learning celebration; whānau welcome to share learning around the school with your child from 3 - 4 pm
- 29 Sept Term 3 ends at 3 pm
- 16 Oct Term 4 starts
- 23 Oct Labour Day holiday - school is closed
- 24 Oct HPV vaccination dose 3 - Team Kauri Year 8
- 30 Oct Science Alive - Forensic Fun (Team Kauri) - in school - contribution to cost \$7.00 met by **payment of term's Activity contribution - please pay online or in Office**
- 30-31 Oct Science Alive - Chemical Mystery (Team Harakeke) - in school - contribution to cost \$7.00 met by **payment of term's Activity contribution - please pay online or in Office**
- 17 Nov Show Day holiday - school is closed



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

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

Kia ora whānau

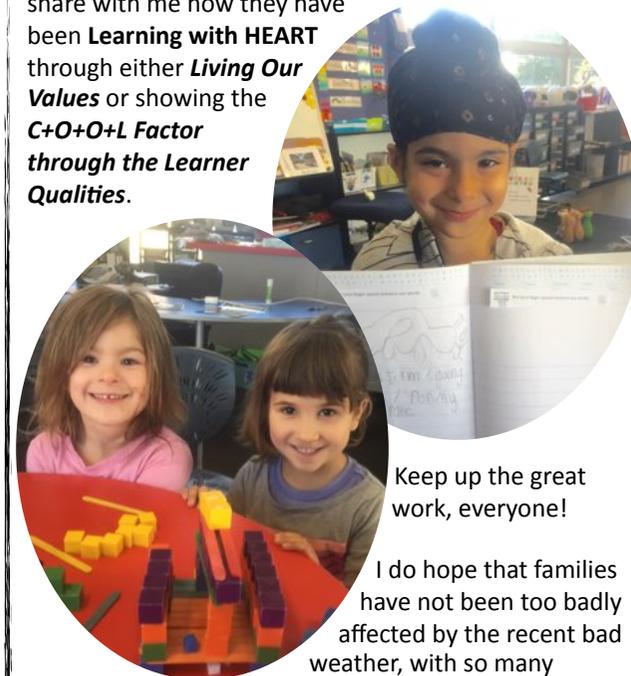
What an amazing start to the term we have had at Christchurch East School, with our teaching staff having been busy over the school holidays preparing for learning. This term we have an in-depth focus on Science and Technology through our school-wide focus of **Let's Explore Change**. This will include our biannual **Science and Technology Learning Celebration** later in the term. In the meantime, please take time before and after school to pop into your child's classroom and engage in your child's learning.

This term our students are participating in a number of performances. Congratulations to those students who participated in the **Strike, Strum, and Blow Festival** earlier this week at Horncastle Arena, and thanks to staff and whānau for their support of the event. It was a great night and we are so proud of the way



the children performed. I am looking forward to other school performances later in the term, including at the **Cultural Festival** when we will be performing kapa haka in the evening for the first time, giving our whānau the opportunity to attend.

Already this term I have had a number of students share with me how they have been **Learning with HEART** through either **Living Our Values** or showing the **C+O+O+L Factor through the Learner Qualities**.



Keep up the great work, everyone!

I do hope that families have not been too badly affected by the recent bad weather, with so many

homes being flooded. We are

more than happy to **support families** by connecting them with appropriate agencies if that is required. Please make contact with the office and they will direct you to the appropriate people. For the school, the weather has had a major impact on our **playing fields**; they will be in use again once the water drains away and the ground firms up again.

Thank you to those families who continue to support the school in considering traffic safety, and our tamariki, at pick-up and drop-offs at the school gate. We have been working with the Christchurch City Council and look forward to some additional support from them in the near future.

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

Ngā mihi nui
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.

All right? Great parenting resources for whānau, around the parenting of children and adolescents, with resources and courses - visit www.allright.org.nz/parents

Parenting Week: 21 - 31 August 2017. A great range of events: visit www.nht.org.nz or call into the office for a copy of the programme.

Kelly Sports: After-school programme once a week for one hour: leaflets have been sent home to Years 1 - 4 students. Additional information can be viewed online: kellysports.co.nz

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy: Development through drama. www.helenogrady.co.nz or phone 0800 161 131, Fliers available in the school office.

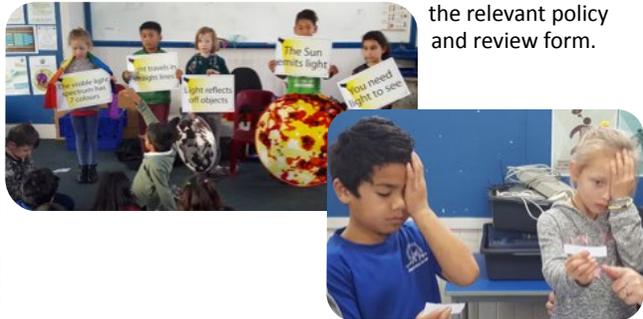
School Policy Reviews: Have Your Say!

This is designed to ensure maximum opportunities for all stakeholders to input into the school at a policy level in a manageable way, while also ensuring that our school remains compliant with current legislation and other requirements. Please have your say and input into this process. We are currently reviewing: [Students with Special Needs/Learning Support](#) - Board, staff, and parents

To view the school's policies:

- Visit the school website www.chcheast.school.nz, and follow the link (on Our School tab, choose School Policies), or enter <http://chcheast.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
 - Enter the user name: chcheast and password: heart
 - Follow the link to the policy as listed
 - Read the policy
- To have your say on a particular policy under review:**
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page
 - Select the reviewer type "Parent"
 - Enter your name (optional)
 - Submit your ratings and comments

If you do not have internet access, Office staff can provide you with a printed copy of the relevant policy and review form.



News from Team Harakeke ...

This term our Big Idea across the school is "*Let's Explore Change*". All teams are exploring everyday examples of physical phenomena, building up to a Science Fair later in the term.

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Last week we kicked off this exciting unit with **Science Alive** coming to school and working with both Teams Kauri and Harakeke. Team Harakeke learnt all about light and sight, working their way around a number of stations where they discovered some exciting physics concepts.

Did you know....

- ... Light travels in a straight line?
- ... Light from the sun can either be reflected, absorbed, or transmitted?
- ... You can see how light travels by using aerosol spray and a laser?
- ... Sunlight reflects on the moon, and back to us on Earth.



- ... When all of the colours are reflected we see white; black is when all light is absorbed?
- ... Ultra-violet light can only be seen with special surfaces?
- ... It is very hard to write backwards and upside down?

We all had a great time, using our Interactive and Curious Learner Qualities. Thanks, John, from Science Alive!



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What do we now know about Light and Sight?

