

School Calendar 2016 and 2017

- 18 Nov Learning Links Celebration - 9 10 am - invitations will be sent home to recipients' families
- 18 Nov Paper submissions close for Community Consultation - see Carol in the school Office
- 22 Nov On-line submissions close for Community Consultation - see link on front page of www.chcheast.school.nz
- 25 Nov Whole School Learning Celebration - 9 10 am in the School Hall; whānau most welcome!
- 29 Nov Community Thank you morning tea - invitations will be sent to invitees by 21 November; please RSVP to the school office or admin@chcheast.school.nz
- 29 Nov Board meeting - 6 pm
- 7 Dec Three-way Learning Conferences 2 00 pm - 7 30 pm; **whānau to book 15 minute appointment** at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz booking code: nghmf **Classes finish at 2 pm.** Call in to the school Office to make a booking if you do not have internet access.
- 8 Dec Three-way Learning Conferences 3 15 pm - 5 30 pm; **whānau to book 15 minute appointment** at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz booking code: nghmf Call in to the school Office to make a booking if you do not have internet access.
- 13 Dec Year 8 event and dinner - cost met by school
- 14 Dec End of Year Learning Celebration - whānau most welcome! To be held in the school Hall
- 15 Dec Whole School picnic - cost met by activity contribution
- 16 Dec Under the Walnut Tree - final farewell at 2 pm
- 16 Dec Term 4 ends
- 2017**
- 30/31 Jan Initial Personal Learning Plan meetings: all whānau to book meeting time at www.schoolinterviews.school.nz; booking code to be advised
- 1 Feb Classes start at 8 55 am
- 6 Feb Waitangi Day - public holiday
- 13 Apr Term 1 ends

Vision/Purpose Statement

A Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community
in the Heart of the City

Our Values

Excellence Te Hiranga Equity Te Ririte Integrity Ngākau Pono Sense of Community 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, everyone

Well, there is plenty to talk about with an eventful fortnight since our last newsletter. I hope that everyone is safe and well after the shakes and rolls of the weekend; our thoughts are with members of our school community who have family in the more affected parts of North Canterbury and the coastal areas. I would like to make a special mention of our amazing teaching staff who turned up on Monday morning after no to minimal sleep to ensure that the school could open and carry on as usual. Definitely going above and beyond the call of duty, as they so often do - thanks, Team! May we please remind all parents to call the school and use the **Absence Line** (option one on the phone, available 24 hours) if you are not sending your child to school. This eliminates the need for us to bother parents at work in chasing up student absences.

Yesterday, a number of students represented our school at the **Zone Athletics** at Rāwhiti Domain. I managed to pop down for a short time and it was great to see our students proudly representing our school in the various events. A big thank you to all the staff who made it happen.



Today we have a group of students participating in a **Robotics** day as part of our extension programme. Our staff is always looking



for ways for our students to have new and challenging ways to *Learn with Heart*.

A lot of the work we do this term is about celebrating the achievements

of 2016. Team Kauri is currently planning our **final Learning Celebration**, and we look forward to this event and other acknowledgement celebrations to finish the year. The leadership team with other staff have been planning for 2017 - and the plan is shaping up for Christchurch East School to have its best year yet. We look forward to sharing more as plans and budgets are confirmed. As part of looking forward, please take time to input into this process through the **Community Consultation** which was released last week. You can access this via the front page of www.chcheast.school.nz, or call in to the Office to collect a paper copy. We will be consulting parents about 2017 **classroom placements** as well - a notice will be sent home this week, for return to Carol in the Office. We look forward to your participation in these processes.

Well done to all of our ICAS participants, several of whom received Distinction or High Distinction. A special



acknowledgement of Liam Kallianpur's achievement; he will be attending the ICAS ceremony in Auckland next month to collect his gold medal in Mathematics. Well done, Liam!

Thank you all for your continued support of our **Vibrant and Inspirational School in the HEART of the City**.

Kind regards - Mike, Principal

Community notices

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

International Antarctic Centre January school holiday programme: Mon – Fri 8 45 am – 5 pm for two weeks from 9 - 20 January 2017. Visit www.iceberg.co.nz or email education@iceberg.co.nz

Free bike repairs: ICEcycle is at the Phillipstown Gala on Saturday 19 November 12 noon - 3pm. All welcome.

Kiwi Family Trust's Community Shop: is open at 420 St Asaph Street, Phillipstown, Christchurch.

Kiwi Family Trust fundraiser: Christmas wrapping volunteers wanted for the Palms: Call Gayle toll-free on 0508 543 375 to register your interest.

Six ways to help Canterbury children worried about earthquakes

1. Retain routines; do what you normally do.
2. Turn media off, repetition of disaster scenes adds to anxiety.
3. Be calm and loving; and don't talk about your adult worries with your children.
4. Keep normal disciplinary boundaries - the world is unpredictable enough without the rules changing.
5. Give reassurance but don't overdo it. Too much reassurance means there is something to be worried about!
6. Let them talk about it, but don't let it take over, use distraction and play to get their minds off it.



For more information visit
theworrybug.co.nz

News from Team Harakeke ...

This year, Team Harakeke has been involved in **discovery learning** on Wednesday mornings. The



students opt in to a hobby/passion-based group for four weeks at a time, and reflect back in class after each session. This has



been a fantastic way for students to develop their oral language skills, as well as the five

Learner Qualities. With thanks to eleven (!) amazing parent helpers this year, Harakeke students have had the opportunity to discover softball, knitting, mosaics, jewellery making, strategy board games, coding, electronics, gardening, kitchen science, sewing, languages,



art, palaeontology, fitness circuits, playground games, cardboard box craft, and dance! It is certainly a highlight of the week for parents, staff and students.



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Read about the new skills Team Harakeke are developing on Wednesday mornings ...