

## School Calendar

**11 September Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction**

15 September Pub Quiz (PTA)

21 September PTA meeting, 3.15pm, Community Rm

25 September Whole School Learning Celebration (Team Harakeke), 9.10am

25 September Term 3 ends

12 October Term 4 starts

19 October PTA meeting, 3.15pm, Community Rm

**26 October Labour Day - school holiday**

31 October Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (PTA)

**13 November Show Day - school holiday**

16 November PTA meeting, 3.15pm, Community Rm

11 December Term 4 ends (to be confirmed)

**For Holiday Programmes information please see the display in the school hall's window.**



## Vision/Purpose Statement

A Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community  
in the Heart of the City

### Our Values

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| Excellence<br>Te Ririte | Equity<br>Te Ririte | Integrity<br>Ngākau Pono | Sense of Community<br>Nohonga Tahitanga |
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### Strategic Goals

- 1 Implement the Curriculum
- 2 Raise Student Achievement
- 3 Strengthening the Learning Community

Kia ora everyone,

What an amazing couple of weeks we have had since our last newsletter. Our students have been out on show on a number of occasions 'Learning with Heart' for all to see.

We have had two events at Horncastle Arena that we have participated in. We had a large group of students involved in the Strike, Strum and Blow Music Festival. All of these students have been practicing with their instruments all year in preparation for this event. A big thank you to Mrs Long and Mrs Mackie for all your work to make this happen. A special thanks to the Sunrise Rotary for their generous donation which provided dress shirts and transport for our students.

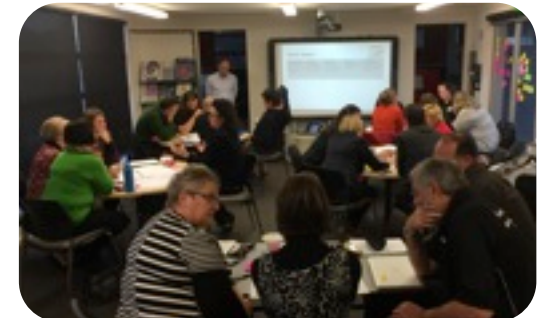


Last Friday our Senior Kapa Haka Group performed at the Cultural Festival with our whole school in attendance to support them. All the hours the staff, students and whanau have invested into this was clearly evident. While I would like to congratulate our students, I would also like to thank their whanau and our staff and their whanau for going the extra mile to make this performance what it was. If you were not able to make it to the performance make sure you have a look on the school facebook page to see the youtube clip.



Last week we had our first board meeting as our school returned to self governance, which is another positive step for our school as it continues to grow. The board will be sending out some communication in the near future.

As you know school finished an hour earlier last Wednesday and we also have a teacher only day on Friday, both for staff professional development. Our staff had a great session last Wednesday with Mark Osborne from CORE Education and we have another action packed day planned for them this Friday. Thank you for your support to allow this to happen. It is valuable time for our staff to work on future developments for our property upgrade and the differences this could or may make to teaching and learning at Christchurch East. We look forward to sharing more with our parent community in the future about these developments.



Please remember to mark the PTA Quiz Night in your diary and put together a team. This is a great way to support the school and have a fun night out as well.

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



**Students Living our Values**

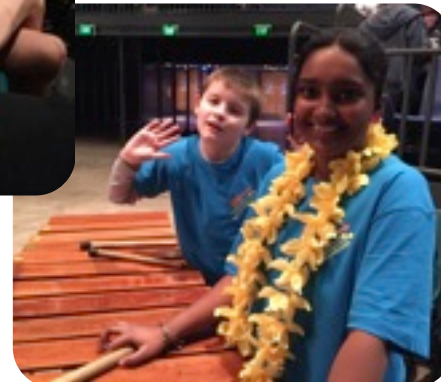
## LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be displayed on the verandah outside Room 8 on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September. Please check if any items belong to your child. All unclaimed items will be disposed off.

**Te Whare Roimata** invites whanau/families to join in the establishment of a maara kai/vegetable garden at its Smith Street Community Gardens. Whanau will learn how to grow kai/food using traditional ways from preparing the ground, planting to eating the produce. This course will emphasize fun and whakawhanaungatanga/learning & working together and will be led by experienced kaiako/tutors committed to providing a supportive learning environment. Contact Heeni at Te Whare Roimata, 274 Gloucester St, ph 379 5134.

## Strike Strum and Blow Festival

18 students from our school recently attended the Strike Strum and Blow Festival. This is the 3rd year we have taken students to the festival. Under the tutelage of Ms Genevieve Long, students played ukuleles and marimbas to a capacity crowd at the Horncastle Arena, following a full day of rehearsals. They were part of a 1,000 strong group of Canterbury music students who all perform together at the same time. The experience is a fantastic opportunity for musicians to get together and share their talents. We are very proud of the way in which these students represented our school values and learner qualities throughout the day. Those who participated received certificates in our whole school learning celebration last Friday.



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