

School Calendar

3 April	Cultural Celebration 1 - 3 pm in the Hall
4 April	Whole School Learning Celebration - 9 10 am in the Hall
7 - 11 April	Whole school swimming - 10 30 am - 1 30 pm at Aquagym - cost covered by Activity contribution
14/15 April	Lost Property displayed outside Room 8 - please encourage your children to check for their belongings before and after school, and in break times
14 - 17 April	Whole school swimming - 10 30 am - 1 30 pm at Aquagym - cost covered by Activity contribution
14 - 16 April	Poppy Day collection: gold coin donation to class
17 April	Poppies distributed
17 April	Term 1 ends
5 May	Term 2 starts
May	School photo proofs distributed
19-21 May	Year 7/8 camp - details to follow
21-23 May	Year 5/6 camp - details to follow
29 May	School photos - orders close
2 June	Queen's Birthday - school holiday
4 July	Term 2 ends
21 July	Term 3 starts
26 September	Term 3 ends
13 October	Term 4 starts
27 October	Labour Day - school holiday
14 November	Show Day - school holiday
12 December	Term 4 ends (to be confirmed)



Vision/Purpose Statement

A Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community
in the Heart of the City

Our Values

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

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

Kia ora everyone

It really is incredible to note that we are nearly at the end of an extremely busy Term One; the days have certainly flown by as our classes have engaged in their learning programmes. Our focus of **Shining Together** has been embraced by both our staff and students throughout this term. Together, our learning community has worked hard to further develop relationships and celebrate their individuality, whilst establishing their classroom cultures. The implementation of a variety of initiatives across the school has certainly made our school that **Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community** which we strive so hard to be.

On Monday all of our children demonstrated their Interactive Learner quality by participating in a very exciting **Cross-Country event**, which was so successfully coordinated and facilitated by Samir Yousuf. Across the school, our children have been addressing the C+O+O+L Factor by setting individual goals and challenges, in preparation for their cross-country race. Watching the delight on the faces of our students as they finished their races was very rewarding for all. It was wonderful to see so many whānau and friends turn up to cheer on our children and to help out with marshaling throughout the circuit. A big thank-you to all involved.

The finale to our **Shining Together** focus is our **Whole School Cultural Festival** this Thursday. There is a great sense of excitement mounting across the school as this day draws nearer. On behalf of our staff I would like to thank the many families who have gone that extra mile to work with our classroom teachers as they prepare their

students for their great performance. Many of you have not only given up your time, and provided support and advice, but have also shared your own traditional clothing, which makes this festival extra special. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

Next week sees the start of our daily **swimming lessons** at Aquagym. The children will be travelling to and from the pool on the bus over the next two weeks. Please ensure that your children are provided with some extra food and warm clothing. You are more than welcome to go and watch your children at the pool; please confirm your child's actual swimming time with the classroom teachers.

On the staffing front, we welcome **Pauline Hayes**, who joins us as Payroll Administrator; she's keen to tackle the complexities of working with Novopay!



There has been so much to celebrate this term and it is wonderful to see the great **Sense of Community** that has been displayed towards the 42 **new students who have enrolled in our school, along with their families**, this term. Many of our new families have commented on how welcomed they have been by the staff, students and the wider community. We are looking forward to continual growth in our roll throughout the year. Christchurch East School is certainly a unique, diverse and very special school. Thank-you again for such a great term and I look forward to seeing you all around the school.

Regards

Jenny Laidlaw
Associate Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Further details from the school Office

Our School Project: a fundraising online quiz for parents and friends of our school: visit www.ourschoolproject.org

ICEcycles workshop being held on 5 April, 1 - 4 pm, at MacFarlane Park Community Centre, 17 Acherson Avenue. 389 4227 or 021 0619296 email: steve@cycletrailers.co.nz <http://www.cycletrailers.co.nz/icecycles.htm>

Got an unwanted bike, parts or helmet? We'll collect it, restore it, and pass it on to someone who really needs it. Got bike maintenance skills? We'd love to have you come and help. ICECycles promotes and enables cycling - for health, enjoyment and self- sufficiency.

Book Fair on Saturday 3 May 2014, 10 am to 1 pm in the St Francis Hall, Holy Trinity Avonside Church, 168 Stanmore Road. Come and see a huge selection of books for all ages.

Sport Canterbury Active Kids holiday programmes: are safe and affordable; there are a number of programme/venue options to suit you and your children's needs. Visit our website for full details: www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Christchurch School of Music Children's Choir: taking enrolments. Beginning Saturday 10 May until December. Every Saturday following the school term from 11 am – 12 noon, at Cathedral College, Ferry Road. With conductor Charlotte Wilson, this performance-based choir is for children aged 8 to 12. Enrol now by contacting the Christchurch School of Music office 03 366 1711 or email office@csm.org.nz

Blow your STRESS away and enjoy a better quality of life! Upcoming Art of Living course: 10 - 14 April. Involves simple yet effective breathing and relaxation techniques. It is important to attend all five sessions: weeknights 6.30 - 9 pm, and Sat and Sun 10 am- 4 pm. Spaces still available - contact Art of Living : Freephone: 0508 2786354 or email canterbury@artofliving.org.nz

What's been happening?

Cross-Country on Monday 31 March



Mounga - Winner: Year 7 Girls

Blake - Winner: Year 7 Boy



Lee and Hamza in the Year 8 race



At the start of the Year 5 race



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