

School Calendar

29 Jun	Term 2 ends
16 Jul	Term 3 starts
27 Sep	School finishes for term at 3 pm
28 Sep	Teacher-only day; no classes
15 Oct	Term 4 starts
17 Dec	Term 4 ends

Big Chill in the Park: from 11 am - 2pm on Sat 30 June at Linwood Skatepark. Rain date: 1 July. www.skateskool.co.nz or call Scotty on 021 758 438. Cheapskates Skate and Mai FM, Youth Town, CCC and others will provide skating, free gear hire, trick tips and a best trick comp plus 3-on-3 basketball, a shoot out comp, turbo touch rugby, bouncy castle and a free BBQ from Hellers.

Dental Care over the School Holidays: You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 84 69 83 or 335 4222.

Variety: Children's Charity Grants available - to support disadvantaged, sick, and disabled children – filling the gaps where other organisations are not able to help. Grant application forms available from the school Office www.variety.org.nz

Foster Carers required in Canterbury: for children and young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends/holidays and a home for life. Contact: Adele Sherry on 029 650 1830 or 03 961 5612 or 0508 FAMILY (0508 326459) or adele.sherry003@cyf.govt.nz www.cyf.govt.nz

Kidsfirst Kindergartens Linwood: sessions available: 8 45 - 11 45 am or 8 45 am - 2 45 pm. We are part of the 20 free hours scheme. All teachers are fully trained and registered. Visit 24 Rochester Street, Linwood or phone 389 9772 linwood@kidsfirst.org.nz

Methodist Mission's Wise-Up programme: for 6 – 12 year olds, which focuses on managing emotions; building confidence; developing social skills; working in teams; handling peer pressure and keeping safe. Children from your school are welcome to attend community programmes at the following venues: Linwood North School (Tuesdays, 3.30 - 5), West Spreydon School (Wednesdays, 3.30 – 5) Hornby Primary School (Thursdays, 3.30 – 5). Contact: Christchurch Methodist Mission, Community Services, Phone: 375 1470 ext 844.

Vision/Purpose Statement

**A Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community
in the Heart of the City**

Our Values

Excellence Equality Integrity Sense of Community

Strategic Goals

- 1 Implement the Curriculum
- 2 Raise Student Achievement
- 3 Manage the Journey

Kia ora everyone

We really have had another action-packed term of Learning at Christchurch East School through our focus of **Giving Back to our Community**. The different approaches that the teams and classes have taken to this theme have been both 'Vibrant and Inspirational'. Unfortunate illness has struck our family home and I have not been able to attend many celebrations in the final week, as I write this newsletter from home.

Term 3 is looking to be just as exciting, as we move to our focus for the term, which is **Kiwi As**. The staff have sought input from students through the groups and have put together some exciting plans and approaches.

Our **Learning Celebrations** are a really important part of learning and life at Christchurch East School. The **whole-school assemblies** provide an opportunity once every three weeks for us to get together with the wider community to celebrate learning as a school. The **team assemblies** in the second week allow for celebration and connection with a smaller and more informal age-based approach. Finally, in the third week, our **whānau groups** provide opportunities to form friendships across the school and also form a learning relationship with a staff member usually different to the classroom teacher. This approach is working very well at Christchurch East School and we continue to refine it to ensure it meets the needs of our students.

We have had a number of staff at Christchurch East School

who have won **promotions** to other schools, which is both exciting for them and sad for us. We wish Mr Englefield all the best for his new position as Assistant Principal at Lincoln Primary, and best wishes also to Mrs Stedman for her new position as Deputy Principal at Papanui Primary. **Miss Adelma Matthews, our Deputy Principal**, will be returning to the classroom in Room 11 and will also be the interim Team Leader until appointments are finalised. We welcome **Antony Johnson**, who will be in Room 10 until the appointments have been finalised. We are still working through an interim replacement teacher for Room 9 with one of our regular relievers. All appointments will be made during the holiday break, with the intention of the new teachers starting as early in Term 3 as possible. We will update you as decisions are made.

I am pleased to inform that, after numerous meetings with the Ministry of Education, and various other groups and agencies, our school has been given an **in-school social worker** for around one day a week for the rest of the year. We had been attempting to get this resource into our school even prior to the earthquakes, and have finally achieved this through the Education Wellbeing Response Plan. Whilst a finite resource, we hope to utilise it for students, families and staff. We will provide more information on how to access **Anne** next term. You will see a photo of both Anne with Tim from the Methodist Mission, and Anne's short bio by way of introduction, overleaf.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing staff for another tremendous term and their ongoing commitment to the students at Christchurch East. The **dress-up Fridays** have been a blast (spot the Crazy Hair Day photo!)

Have a great holiday break!

Regards

Mike

Hi everyone, my name is Anne Gibling. I am a registered Social Worker and have worked at the Methodist Mission for 5 years. The Methodist Mission works with families and children. I have two grown children and two grandchildren: Lucy 3 ½, and India 6 months. My hobbies are biking, running, tramping and quilting and I love being a grandparent. I am currently working in schools, and I am fortunate enough to be working in your school from the beginning of Term 3, so please come and say hello.



On Wednesday, as part of our 'Giving Back to the Community' focus, Team One

hosted a learning celebration concert and a shared afternoon tea.

This was a welcome opportunity to say thank you to all of

those people and agencies who have consistently helped and supported us throughout the traumatic events of 2010-2011. The students within Team One have been learning new songs and practicing their musical instruments daily. Their hard work and perseverance was rewarded with a highly polished celebration, enjoyed by our many visitors.



Team 2 entertained with ukeles at their Team Assembly last week



The children loved having Matua Miles work with them, the stories he told and the songs he sang

Dress-up Friday: our staff posed for Crazy Hair Day



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