

School Calendar

- 19 Apr Term 1 ends
 6 May Term 2 starts
 14 May **Community meeting:** Sharing our School Charter, Annual Plan and Strategic Goals; and, The Parent's Role in raising student achievement. Join us in the Community Room (Room 4) at 9 am, 3 pm or 6 pm.
 20-24 May Swimming at - Team Koru
 27-31 May Swimming at Aquagym - Team Koru
 (cost met by Activity Fee: \$tbc)
 24 May Winter Sports start at Hagley Park (Team Kauri)
 (cost met by Activity Fee: \$tbc)
 3 Jun Queen's birthday - school holiday
 4 Jun NE Zone Cross Country at Halswell Quarry (Team Kauri; postponement date: 6 June)
 5 Jun School photos day: class, individual (and family if requested)
 19 Jun Canterbury Cross Country at Halswell Quarry (Team Kauri; postponement date: 26 June)
 12 Jul Term 2 ends
 29 Jul Term 3 starts
 16-20 Sep Swimming at Aquagym - Team Kauri
 23-27 Sep Swimming at Aquagym - Team Kauri
 (cost met by Activity Fee: \$tbc)
 27 Sep Term 3 ends

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There will be work taking place in the outdoor areas of the school over the holidays; please be aware of this if your family is using the playground and grounds.

There have been some students absent due to them contracting Chickenpox. The early signs may be a fever, and spots with a blister on top of each spot. A child is infectious from up to 5 days before the appearance of the rash, up until the lesions have crusted (usually around five days). Students are excluded from school for one week from the date of appearance of the rash, and until the lesions have dried up.

Vision/Purpose Statement

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

Our Values

Excellence Equality Integrity Sense of Community
 Te Ririte Te Hiranga Ngākau Pono Nohonga Tahitanga

Strategic Goals

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

Kia ora everyone

I write to you as this busy term draws to a close. This week we have shared in a spirited school **Cross Country competition** around the school, and around the block for the older students. It's been rewarding to see our students run With Heart, and to hear students chanting encouragement to other runners as they whizzed by. Thank you to all whānau who took the time to support both their children and others; I'm sure you would agree that the students' enthusiasm for the event was contagious! Thanks go to Trevor Jenkinson for doing a great job of organising the event.

In support of life-long learners, last week we welcomed English Language Partners Inc to our school. They are a small school supporting **Living Well in Christchurch**, teaching English language and literacy skills to a group of adult refugee learners, mainly from Afghanistan and Bhutan. For many of our visitors, this was their first opportunity to see typical primary schooling in action. A tour of the school allowed our visitors to view school facilities, including Technology, and will prompt discussion for them on such things as a typical school day, communication with parents, organisation of the school, and the responsibility of parents. Many thanks to Gillian Leigh for arranging the visit, and to our interpreters on the day (as my Nepali and Dari/Farsi language, and Bhutanese sign language, aren't quite up to scratch).

In Term 2 we will be part of the launch of Our School Project Fundraising, which allows families to sponsor our



From the left, Salina Poudyal was interpreting for the Bhutanese learners - she speaks Nepali. Next to her is Durafshan Atayee from Afghanistan; she was the Dari/Farsi interpreter. The third lady along is Leisa Francois; she is a New Zealand sign language interpreter and was interpreting for our 7 Bhutanese sign language learners.

school, through regularly taking part in a fun on-line quiz and at the same time raising funds for our school. It's that easy ... Further details are available on my blog <http://mikeagar.blogspot.co.nz/>

Thank you for your continued support of our **Activity Fee** approach for the charging of class trips and events. I'm sure you are aware that we rely on payment of this fee to provide our students with extras above that provided through our Ministry operations grant. This year so far, Team Kauri students have enjoyed the Top Town event, and sailing (Years 7 and 8), and Team Koru have been working on kowhaiwai through the Arts with Miles Kaukau. We will be sending out invoices for Activity Fees early in Term 2, for those families who are paying on a term basis, and for outstanding stationery fees. We urge you to pay accounts promptly, to minimise administration time in their collection.

Wishing everyone a peaceful holiday, and we look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces back in Term 2.

Kind regards

Mike, Principal

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Further details from the school Office.

Kidsfirst Kindergartens Richmond: Places available – 30 hours free. Phone 389 5236.
41 North Avon Road (opposite Medical Centre)

Marian College: Open Day is being held on Thursday 9 May 1.10 to 3 pm. Application for enrolments close for Year 9, 2014 on Wednesday 15 May 2013.

Air Force Museum Holiday Programme: Parents and caregivers if you are stuck these school holidays for childcare don't forget the Air Force Museum! We provide OSCAR endorsed, exciting, creative and new holiday programmes for children aged 5 – 12 years. Please check out our website www.ariforcemuseum.co.nz or call (03) 343 9504.

Christchurch South Parents Centre Baby and Kids' Expo Gear Sale: 4 May at the Cashmere Club. New and pre-loved clothing, books, toys, baby equipment and local child related services and merchandise are displayed and sold at the event.

Kiwi Sport Holiday Programme: is running a FREE holiday programme during the April school holidays. **Please register your children at the school office.** Held at Woolston School (cnr Ferry Road and Hopkins Street) on 22 – 25 April, 1 – 3 pm. Children will need a snack a drink bottle appropriate clothing and sports shoes.

The Botanic Gardens is presenting a **free children's discovery trail**. Follow in the footsteps of four pioneering plant hunters from the past, discover some of their prize plants and find out what it takes to be a flora explorer. Suitable for children aged 4 - 10. Pick up a trail booklet from the Botanic Gardens Information Centre 10.15 am – 4 pm, 20 April – 5 May.



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