

School Calendar

2014

27 January	Term 1 starts
6 February	Waitangi Day - school holiday
10 February	PTA meeting - Community Room (Room 14) at 3 15 pm - all welcome
13 February	PTA Welcome 2014 Picnic for families - from 5 pm in the school grounds; BYO fish and chips
21 February	Whole School Learning Celebration - Hall at 9 10 am - everyone welcome
7 - 11 April	Whole school swimming - Aquagym - cost subsidised by Activity contribution
14 - 17 April	Whole school swimming - Aquagym - cost subsidised by Activity contribution
17 April	Term 1 ends
5 May	Term 2 starts
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)

School dentist: the mobile dental van is due to arrive in the next couple of weeks, offering free dental care for all students. A notice with further details will be sent home later this week.

Stationery Packs/Activity Contribution/Technology Fee:

Statements will be sent out shortly. Payment can be made by cash/cheque at the school Office, by automatic payment or internet banking. Please see Carol in the school Office if you require further information.

Stationery Pack: \$27; "top ups" may be required later in the year, and these can be purchased individually from the Office.

Activity Contribution 2014:

Team Koru: \$25 per term (\$100 per year)

Team Harakeke: \$25 per term (\$100 per year)

Team Kauri: \$35 per term (\$140 per year)

Technology Fee: \$38 for Year 7, \$42 for Year 8

Please retain your receipts - tax can be claimed from IRD on school donation and Activity Contribution 2014 at the end of the tax year (31 March).

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

We have had the best possible start to 2014 with so many great things happening around the school. I would like to start off by **welcoming all of the families new to Christchurch East School** this year, as our school roll continues to grow. It is great to have you here and we trust you will enjoy your time with us as part of our learning community.

Before students arrived this term, our staff were busy with teacher-only days and setting up class and school programmes for both the term and year. Our teacher-only days have included a professional development day with the team from Restorative Schools, working on how we **Live our Values** at Christchurch East School through Restorative Practice. Our staff team really is a special group of people. To the team, we welcome Maria Goulter, who joins us as Room 9 teacher for 2014, and we welcome back Ana Collins as Reading Recovery teacher.



Term One is definitely off to a flying start thanks to the outstanding work done by our amazing staff. Last week, we started off 2014 with our Personal Learning Plan Meetings (PLPs) and finished off the with three days of Artspiration. As Principal, it has been very rewarding to see the way in which our whole school community: staff, parents, whānau and students, has been involved. Over the next fortnight, the school will be administering assessments in reading, writing and maths with every child, in order that programmes can be developed for each student to ensure they reach their potential for 2014. All of this assessment data will be collated and analysed, to enable staff

to identify trends across the school so that our teaching and learning resources can be directed to the right places, to make the biggest difference in raising student achievement.

At the same time that all this is happening, teachers will continue with setting up their classroom programmes, working with the students to establish their class culture in line with our Purpose Statement, school Values and Curriculum, or plan for learning. Please remember our teachers are in their classrooms and available, from 8 30 am in the morning and after school, should there be anything you would like to discuss with them about your child's learning.

Last year we had a very successful year in so many areas at Christchurch East School, and we will look to continue to build on this success by keeping the same three strategic goals for 2014. I look forward to sharing more throughout this term, both in future newsletters and on my Principal's Blog, about our plans to achieve our Strategic Goals. You can also access a lot of other great material on our school website.

I trust you will enjoy Waitangi Day tomorrow with some quality family time, and I will look forward to seeing you around the school.



Regards

Mike
Principal

Jaimeson, from Room 4, was one of the first visitors of the year to my Office - he's been showing Excellence in Living our Values.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Further details from the school Office

Christchurch School of Music Try an Instrument Day: this Saturday, 8 February at Catholic Cathedral College from 10 am – noon. If you or your child has always wanted to play an instrument, this is a great opportunity to come along, listen to the instruments being played by experts and have a go.

Shirley Tennis Club Junior Coaching: join us for the second part of the summer season, on Saturday mornings until the end of March 2014. 8 and Under Boys/Girls 8 30 am, 9 - 12 years Boys/Girls 9 30 am, 13 and Over Boys/Girls 10 45 am. \$30 subscription per junior for remainder of season. Professional coaching provided as part of subscription. Contact Wayne Turner (385 3320) for further information.

Xpression Dance Studio: enrolments open for 2014! Hip Hop, Ballet, Contemporary and Lyrical Hip Hop for ages 3 and up. Open classes and NZAMD and Urban Ignition Syllabus classes available. Contact (03) 373 8032 or 027 435 9722 or email xpressionds@gmail.com

Harlequin Players drama course: for school-aged children starting the first term of 2014. For enrolments and further information visit the Harlequin Players website harlequinplayers.vpweb.co.nz

It's time to enrol ...

Are there pre-schoolers in your family who are due to start school in 2014? Or do you know of families who intend to enrol their children at Christchurch East School in 2014? It assists us greatly with school planning if you make an appointment at the school Office **at least three months before your child's fifth birthday**, to have a showaround and complete the enrolment forms.

What's been happening?

All classes have been very involved with **Artspiration**



holding the blank panel and plan that she will be working on individually.

over the past two weeks. Tristan is showing us the tukutuku panel that Room 7 is working on, and Aaliyah is



Room 12 students have been developing their paper quilling skills on individual projects, and they are also working on a group project - the school logo.



Please take time to visit us before or after school to view the art works; they will be displayed around school from next week onwards.



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