

School Calendar

22 Feb	Whole School Learning Celebration - whānau are welcome to join us in the Hall at 9 05 am
27 Feb	Artspiration Learning Celebration - 6 - 7 pm - all welcome!
15 Mar	Whole School Learning Celebration - whānau are welcome to join us in the Hall at 9 05 am
19 Mar	NE Swimming Zones at Jellie Park (am)
29 Mar	Good Friday - school holiday
1 Apr	Easter Monday - school holiday
2 Apr	Easter Tuesday - school holiday
12 Apr	Whole School Learning Celebration - whānau are welcome to join us in the Hall at 9 05 am
16 Apr	School Cross-country, 9 am - noon
19 Apr	Term 1 ends
6 May	Term 2 starts
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)
19 Jun	Canterbury Cross Country at Halswell Quarry (Team Kauri; postponement date: 26 June)
12 Jul	Term 2 ends
29 Jul	Term 3 starts
27 Sep	Term 3 ends
14 Oct	Term 4 starts
28 Oct	Labour Day - school holiday
12 Nov	NE Zone Athletics at Rawhiti Domain; postponement date: 14 November
4 Dec	Canterbury Athletics at Ashburton Domain



In Room 7 we have pet tadpoles. There are three baby tadpoles and two tadpoles with front legs. We are learning about the frog lifecycle as part of our Growth focus. We can't wait for them to change into frogs!
- Room 7 tamariki

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

Term 1 is well underway as we roll into Week 4. At this time of the year, staff put in a lot of work to set up for the year. The school is currently undertaking **assessments in reading, writing and maths** with every child, in order for programmes to be developed for each student to ensure they reach their potential for 2013. Once the assessment data is collated, the leadership and management team will work to identify trends across the school, ensuring our teaching and learning resources are directed towards making the biggest difference in **raising student achievement**.

Teaching staff are also busy setting up their classroom programmes, working with their students to set their **class culture** in line with our purpose statement, school values and curriculum, or plan for learning. You may also see a lot of artwork being created in the classrooms as staff prepare for our **Artspiration Learning Celebration** in the next few weeks.

I will be sharing more about our third strategic goal for the year, **Strengthening the Learning Community**. In essence, this goal is about every member of our learning community playing their role in the learning community, from:

- Students actively participating and taking responsibility for their learning
- Parents/Caregivers ensuring student are at school on time and have the equipment they need for the day
- Teachers creating engaging programmes in line with our curriculum, extending all of our students

Basically we have developed a number of strategies to support all members of our learning community (including myself) to ensure our students get the very best education at Christchurch East School.

I would like to thank the PTA for the **amazing picnic** they ran last week; unfortunately, I was double booked with start of the year meetings, but the large crowd enjoyed a fun event at the school. Well done, team.

Some good news is that we are in the process of finalising another staff member with **specialist music skills** - another



great addition to the team at Christchurch East School. I can confirm that for Term 1 we welcome **Nick Burson**, who will be working in a release teacher capacity across the school. Nick has vast musical experiences and

you may hear some musical sounds coming from Room 3, which has been set up as a temporary music room.

We say goodbye this week to **Toni O'Dell**, who is leaving us for 2013, as she starts maternity leave. We wish her and her growing family all the best, and look forward to her return in 2014.

Finally, while there are many great things happening at Christchurch East School, and we have had a positive message from the Education Renewal announcement earlier this week, our thoughts go out to other less fortunate schools, including two of our neighbours, Richmond and Phillipstown Schools.

Enjoy the great Christchurch weather and I will look forward to seeing you around the school.

Regards

Mike
Principal

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Further details from the school Office.

Variety – The Children's Charity - Kiwi Kid Sponsorship programme: If there are children you know who need a little extra assistance, they may be eligible for sponsorship. Kiwi Kid Sponsorship fills the gaps - see the link on our Facebook page, or collect a copy of the application form from the Office.

Linwood Rugby League: schoolboys' registration day on 19/20/21 February; 26/28 February at Linwood Park, 4 - 5 pm. All welcome.

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Linwood Rugby Junior Rugby Registration dates are at Linwood Club rooms, 56 Kearney's Road. 24 Feb: 10 am – 12 noon, 3 Mar: 3 – 5 pm, 11 March: 4 – 6 pm. www.Linwoodrugby.co.nz

Oxford Terrace Baptist youth groups: Manic Mondays: 5.30 – 7 pm for Years 5 - 7. Ox on Fridays: 6.30-8.30 pm for Year 8+. Contact Emma on 0277806629 or emma@otbc.org.nz for more information.

School Policy Reviews: Have Your Say!

This is designed to ensure maximum opportunities for all stakeholders to input into the school at a policy level in a manageable way, while also ensuring that our school remains compliant with current legislation and other requirements. Please have your say and input into this process. We are currently reviewing the following policies: **Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances** – Board of Trustees, staff and parents

To view the school's policies:

- Visit the school website www.chcheast.school.nz, and follow the link to (on Our School tab, choose School Policies), or enter <http://chcheast.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
- Enter the user name: chcheast and password: heart
- Follow the link to the policy as listed
- Read the policy

To have your say on a particular policy under review:

- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page
- Select the reviewer type "Parent"
- Enter your name (optional)
- Submit your ratings and comments

If you do not have internet access, Office staff can provide you with a printed copy of policy and review form.

May we introduce some of our new staff ...



Lorraine Frear joins us as Team Leader in Team Koru. She is teaching in Room 6.



Sharon Walsh-Grieve is a member of Team Koru, teaching our Year 1 and 2 students in Room 2.



Alison Baré provides release cover for Lorraine, on Thursdays in Room 6.



Michelle Stock is our Team Leader in Team Koru. She teaches in Room 11.



Carol Bibby is the Student Administrator, working in our school Office



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**WEEK 4
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