

School Calendar

26 Nov School closes at 2 pm for 3WLC
26 Nov Three-Way Learning Conferences 2 15 - 7 30 pm
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27 Nov Three-Way Learning Conferences 3 30 - 5 30 pm
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4 Dec Canterbury Athletics at Ashburton Domain

9 Dec PTA meeting - 3 10 pm in the Community Room
(Room 14) - all welcome

10 Dec Year 8 Leavers' Dinner

11 Dec Final Whole School Learning Celebration in Hall

12 Dec Whole School picnic at the Groynes; **cost met by
Activity Fee**

13 Dec Final day of school year

2014

27 Jan Term 1 starts

Personal Learning Plan (PLP) meetings: All parents and students will make an appointment on-line for a 10 - 15 minute meeting with the new class teacher. Details to follow.

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29 Jan Classes start: 8 55 am

Two requests from our school Office:

- **Are your contact numbers, and details for emergency contacts up-to-date?** Please phone in, drop a note in with your child, or visit us in the Office to check details or confirm changes.
- If your child is going to be absent from school, **phone in to the Absence Line before 9 am** (366 2440 and choose option 1 to leave details; line is open 24 hours). The Ministry of Education requires us to correctly code all absences, and we appreciate knowing in advance of students' reason for not being in class; having to follow up with texts and cellphone calls costs us in both administration time and the cost of calls and texts.

Thank you!

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 is already week six of the final term for 2013, and while we have had so many great things happening around the school already this term, there is so much more left to do as we finish the year through our term theme of **Growing in Leadership**.

The **classroom planter boxes** are creating a real buzz around the school as each class aims to win the coveted **Golden Gnome Trophy** for the best planter box. The students are showing the C+O+O+L Factor by tending the gardens in their break times as well as in class time, families have made contributions, and staff have been spotted coming in on the weekends to water plants to give their planter boxes the winning edge. The judges for this competition are not going to have an easy job at all!

I have had so many students coming to my office this term celebrating **Living Our Values** and displaying the **C+O+O+L Factor**. This week I have had picnics with some of these students whose names were drawn, and it has been a real highlight listening to how proud they are about the progress that they are making with their learning. As we look towards the final assembly, classroom teachers are going to have some very difficult decisions to make in advance of awards presentations.

As you will be aware, last Monday we had a teacher-only day - a great opportunity for staff to complete and review some focuses for 2013, and work on planning for 2014. One of the focuses our teaching staff has been working on this year is a **Teaching as Inquiry** project focused on raising student achievement in numeracy. At the teacher-only day,

teachers shared presentations about the inquiry, the progress they had made with student achievement and what they had learnt from the process. This was a real highlight for the day and confirmed the commitment our staff shows to give their very best for your children. Well done, team!

We are working to finalise class placements and classroom teachers for 2014. Before the end of this year, we will hold our orientation afternoon to provide students with the opportunity to meet their next year's teacher and spend an afternoon with them in their 2014 classroom. I am pleased to confirm that two of our fixed-term teachers (**Mr Samir Yousuf** and **Miss Tessa Jowett**) will be with us again in 2014; we will also be welcoming back **Mrs Toni O'Dell** from maternity leave.

Exciting news we have received recently includes:

- The Ministry of Education has made a long-awaited announcement regarding property developments. **Our school has been given a date of 2015- 2016 for upgrades** to be completed, with an **approximate spend of \$5 - \$10 million**. We look forward to confirming more details in time.
- The **PTA has purchased 5 iPads** for the school; we will look at having those in use by our students as soon as they arrive. Thank you very much to this team of parents, and to everyone who has contributed to PTA events to make this contribution possible.
- Our Community Consultation survey has now closed; thank you to everyone who contributed to this process, and we look forward to sharing the information gathered, once it has been compiled.

Please check the calendar and mark the important dates; I look forward to catching up with you around the school or at one of these great events.

Regards

Mike, Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Further details from the school Office

The PTA is looking for helpers: Can you help with a Xmas wrapping fundraiser at Eastgate Mall on Tuesday 17 December at any time between 10 am and 9 pm? To volunteer, contact Zahra: 389 3261 or Kathryn: 389 0942. Funds raised will be used to benefit our students.



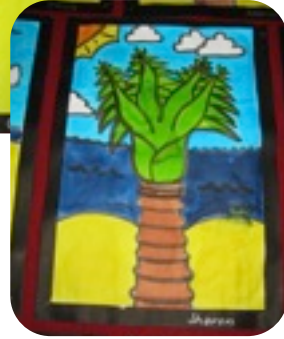
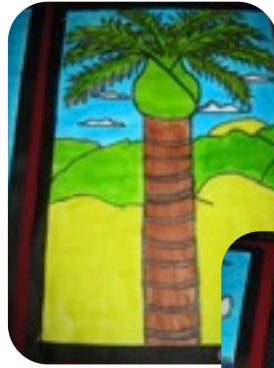
Carols in the Square: at Cathedral Square, Sat 7 December, with music and entertainment from 4 pm, and Carol service from 6 pm. Free entry. Brought to you by St Johns Anglican Church Latimer Square. More information at www.facebook.com/carolsinthesquare

Linwood X Games 2013: on Saturday 23 November at Linwood Skatepark from 12 noon – 3pm (rain date 24 November). For all ages and abilities; free gear to hire for beginners and a trick tips session to kick off the event. Lots of prizes up for grabs so come down and throw your biggest tricks on your board or your BMX! To add to this great event there are crazy bikes, bouncy fun, games, free bike checks and a free sausage sizzle. This event is proudly supported by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board, Christchurch City Council in association with Cheapskates Skate Skool, Mai FM and Hellers. For more info go to www.skateskool.co.nz or call 941 8999.

Baking and Writing Competition for children 12 years and under and their grandparents (or a family friend). Enter this competition before 11 January 2014 and you could win prizes for you and our school!

Write up to 200 words about the history of your favourite family cake and bake the cake with your grandparents or a family friend. Please visit the Book Island website for more information on how to enter: <http://www.bookisland.co.nz/en/competition>.

What's been happening?



Thanks to some amazing work by Room 11, we have rather a lot of Nikau Palms growing in the school Office - do come in and

read about the artistic process involved.

The children across our school had a wonderful time during our Athletics Day (Tuesday 5th November) and the weather was fantastic! Children from Team Koru not only took part in a



range of athletics events, but also got to spend some time watching the children in Team Kauri compete in Shot Put, Discus, High Jump, Sprints and Long Jump. There was strong support throughout the day from our school

community and the atmosphere was superb - we really enjoyed the ice blocks Mr. Agar gave out as a surprise!



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WINNER
IS ...???**

