

## School Calendar 2018

- 6 July Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 6 July Term 2 ends at 3 00 pm
- 23 July Term 3 starts
- 27 July Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 3 Aug School photographs - final date for orders to school Office
- 6 Aug Nathan Mikaere Wallis - Parenting 2 - 7 year olds - community session in Hall 7 - 8 30 pm **for ticketholders only** - collect free tickets from Office in Term 3
- 6-10 Aug Let's Play! Karawhiua! a custom-designed musical week by the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra - all classes
- 16 Aug Board meeting - Board room at 8 am
- 17 Aug Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 17 Aug Winter Sport for Years 5 - 8: final week
- 29 Aug Strum Strike Blow rehearsal at Horncastle Arena - 9 30 am to 2 30 pm - ukulele and marimba
- 29 Aug Strum Strike Blow performance at Horncastle Arena - students arrive at 6 30 pm, for 7 pm performance; whānau tickets \$5 each
- 3 Sep Cultural Festival performance at Horncastle Arena: *Whiria te tangata* . Drop performers at venue at 6 pm.
- 7 Sep Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 12 Sep Kids for Kids evening performance at Horncastle Arena - whānau to provide transport (practice at Horncastle during the day - school to arrange)
- 12 Sep Nathan Mikaere Wallis - Parenting 7 years to adolescence - community session in Hall 7 - 8 30 pm **for ticketholders only** - collect free tickets from Office in Term 3
- 19 Sep Curriculum in Action session 3: 2 15 - 3 pm. This event, a Learning Celebration, will give whānau the opportunity to see the students' Inquiry outcomes, and will incorporate classroom tours.
- 20 Sep Board meeting - Board room at 8 am
- 28 Sep Whole School Learning Celebration - we'd love you to join us in the school Hall at 9 05 am
- 28 Sep Term 3 ends at 3 pm
- 15 Oct Term 4 starts
- 22 Oct Labour Day - school holiday
- 24 Oct Christchurch Schools Music Festival
- 16 Nov Show Day - school holiday



### Vision/Purpose Statement

A Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community  
in the Heart of the City

#### Our Values

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

#### Strategic Goals

- Teaching and Learning** - To provide great teaching and learning opportunities with strong links to our curriculum and the wider community
- Relationships** - To be characterised by positive relationships within and beyond the school, based on our school values and restorative approach
- Environment** - To work towards site development, meeting the current and future needs of students, staff, parents and community

Kia ora, everyone

Wow! What an amazing Term 2, with much to celebrate. Staff have really enjoyed the **Three-Way Conferences** this week, providing the opportunity for students to share what they have been doing in the first two terms. A real highlight for me this year has been the launch of the **school-wide approach to Inquiry**, and the resulting opportunities our students have experienced. Staff have worked hard to bring in a variety of experts, which has really made the learning relevant and engaging for the students. I have also really enjoyed seeing our students make a positive impact in our local community with their **kindness rocks**. We have received lots of positive feedback from the community about this.



Next term we shift our learning focus towards **personal well-being** - having a healthy body and a healthy mind. While staff will continue to plan and prepare for this over the holiday break, their initial ideas are setting us up for another productive term.

Our school roll continues to grow, which has resulted in more staff joining the team. We look forward to opening a **new classroom in Team Harakeke** and welcoming **Mr Michael Davidson** to the team in Week 4. Prior to this, Mrs Jackie Barker, our release teacher, will be teaching the class for the first three weeks of the term, providing a smooth transition for everyone. The Board of Trustees has also granted us financial assistance to employ three additional Learning Assistants to support our roll growth.



We were most fortunate with the high calibre of applicants for the positions, and **welcome Jane Taylor, Andrea Baker and Cheryl Toquero**, who either started this week or will start at the beginning of next term.



This term we have had a number of community/parent meetings including the first of our **Nathan Wallis sessions**. We look forward to welcoming Nathan back next term (see the dates on the calendar in this newsletter) and hope that our community embraces these opportunities to hear Nathan share his wisdom. We have also completed a number of **survey and consultation sessions** with our school community: Health and PE curriculum; Digital Technology; and celebrating diversity and cultural responsiveness. We look forward to sharing with you early next term the themes that have emerged from this engagement, and our planned next steps in these areas. There is also a large nationwide consultation currently being undertaken about **education in New Zealand**, including a review of the Tomorrow's Schools approach, which resulted in schools becoming self-governing from 1989, with their own Boards of Trustees. I would encourage you to visit the Ministry of Education website: [education.govt.nz](http://education.govt.nz) and then select from the front page, **"What do you think about education?"** This is your opportunity to get involved to have your say.

A further reminder to please **keep an eye out for chickenpox**, as we have had a large number of students away with this recently. If you require any support with this, please contact your family doctor.

Thank you all for your continued support of our **Vibrant and Inspirational School in the HEART of the City**. I look forward to seeing you at our final Learning Celebration Assembly for the term this Friday in the Hall; otherwise enjoy the holiday break with your amazing children.

Regards

Mike, Principal

## Community notices

Further information may be available from the school Office or on the Hall noticeboard. We anticipate that all community groups advertising in this newsletter will be following best practice guidelines.

**Canterbury Volleyball KidsFest - give it a go:** Designed for beginners, no prior experience is needed, just a keen attitude and loads of enthusiasm! Visit [canterburyvolleyball.org](http://canterburyvolleyball.org)  
**4th term KiwiVolley league:** Term 4 will see two leagues available - one at Wharenui gym and one at Hillview School. The league will run from 4 pm - 6 pm on Wednesdays and will consist of 1 hour of coaching from our Canterbury Volleyball coaches and 1 hour of games. Both team and individual registrations are accepted. Visit [canterburyvolleyball.org](http://canterburyvolleyball.org)

**Christchurch School of Music:** holiday programme for children aged from 7 - 12 years (we will also accept 5 and 6 year olds) as part of the Kidfest programme, 16 - 20 July in our Music Centre at 60 Ferry Rd. The programme will run from 9 am - 3 pm each day, with a strong musical theme. Children will be able to learn an instrument, play in an ensemble, participate in singing games and rhythm activities and complete musical themed art activities. To enrol: <http://www.kidsfest.co.nz/event/magical-musical-mayhem/>

**Riccarton Players Playbox Theatre presents: i thought i saw a Pussy Cat!** at The Drama Theatre, Rangi Ruru School, as part of Kidsfest 2018, on 14, 15, 21, 22 July 2018 - 11 am, 2 pm and 4 pm. All tickets \$8.00 Book online: <https://www.riccartonplayers.co.nz/current-production> or by phone on (03) 338 4699.

**The latest issue of Tots To Teens Magazine is available online:** <https://readymag.com/TOTSTOTEENS/Canterbury/>  
We have a fantastic new phone and computer friendly digital version for parents to view. Be the first to read about the latest way to connect with your kids by "love bombing", go beyond books to ramp up children's reading, feed your kids five healing foods that are easy on the pocket, teach kids how to spot a frenemy, become a gut microbiome expert, and discover nine playful ways to teach children mindful breathing.

**Let's get KidsFest started with The Big Chill!** Scoot, skate, bike, bounce or shoot hoops! Enjoy a FREE Hellers sausage sizzle, meet the crew from Mai FM and enjoy some sweet sounds! So come on down, Saturday 7 July, 12 noon - 3 pm at Linwood Park. If wet, head to Linwood Library and Eastgate Shopping Centre. More details at [www.kidsfest.co.nz](http://www.kidsfest.co.nz)  
Event url: <http://www.kidsfest.co.nz/event/the-big-chill/>  
Facebook url: <https://www.facebook.com/events/196767014476320/>

## News from Team Koru ...

This term Team Koru has been learning about **People in our Community**. In Rooms 3 and 4 we have been participating in workshops, where we have built emergency box vehicles, rescued Rapunzel from a tower fire and created a marae.



Keeping ourselves safe in emergency situations has been a particular focus for us. We have practised getting down, getting low and getting out to our 'safe meeting



place' when our house is on fire. We enjoyed a visit from the Police, learning all about their job in our community and exploring the ins and outs of a police car. And finally, this week we spent some time learning what to do in an emergency, thanks to Vicki from St John's Ambulance.



**The Buddy Bench**  
As part of 'Kindness Week', Mrs Hansen and a small group of children created a school 'buddy bench' for our playground. We hope that this will support any students feeling sad and lonely in the playground. You can find the colourful 'buddy bench' outside our newly relocated library in Room 1B.



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### 4 JULY 2018

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Driving to his new job ...?