

Chelsea School Newsletter

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- **Wed 12 Dec:** Xmas Carols 5.30pm
- **Thu 13 Dec:** Fun Run 11.30am-3.00pm
- **Fri 14 Dec:** Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- **Fri 14 Dec:** Whole School Assembly hosted by Sp 1 / Sp 13 at 9.15am
- **Fri 14 Dec:** Y4 – Y6 Reports Home
- **Mon 17 Dec:** Learners meet their teachers for 2019
- **Tue 18 Dec:** Picnic Day 9.15am-2.30pm
- **Wed 19 Dec:** Junior Prizegiving Y0-Y2 9.30am
- **Thu 20 Dec:** Senior Prizegiving Y3-Y6 10.30am-12pm
- **Thu 20 Dec:** End of Year. School Closes at 12.30pm
- **Mon 04 Feb:** Start of 2019 School Year



Meri Kirihimete

Merry Christmas whanau! This year has been an incredible one. We are so proud of each and every one of our learners and what they achieved throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to lead such a fantastic group of learners and to be involved with an amazingly supportive community.

A big thanks must go to all of the staff here at Chelsea. Who show up to school ready for action! A million thank yous for providing creative and exciting learning opportunities, and for supporting our learners to be the best they can be every day.

I hope you all get the opportunity to take some time out from the treadmill of life to enjoy some downtime with your precious families. I read somewhere the other day that we really get 18 summers with our kids before they fly. Make the most of every second, even though all of the togetherness can sometimes be a bit trying!

Dear parents at Christmas.

A letter from a teacher.

At this time of year there's a certain pressure to create the perfect, most magical Christmas. You want to share the magic of Santa and ensure he brings the best gifts, which can put quite a bit of pressure on you. But I'm writing this to share a secret with you...

At the beginning of each school year when your child comes back to school, I ask them to tell me about their Christmas holidays. They tell me about how everyone ate too much and watched bad movies on TV. They tell me about their feet getting burnt on the hot sand when they went to the beach. They tell me about hanging out with their grandparents while they waited for you to get home from work. They tell me about how you let them snuggle in their bed and how you read them extra books or played one more game than usual of snap or go fish. They tell me about how you always win at Monopoly and how you took them swimming down at the creek and you forgot the towels. They tell me about how they got to stay up at midnight for New Year's Eve and how they listened to the adults singing and laughing. They tell me about staying in their pjs until lunch time and going on play dates with their friends. They might mention their gifts briefly, but for them Christmas is you and your time and your love and routines and feeling safe. You are their favourite thing - not some unnecessary plastic gift that was wrapped up under the Christmas tree!

Merry Christmas 🍷🍷

Please remember that school finishes at 12.30pm next Thursday, 20th December.

WE HAVE APPOINTED A DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Over the past month, we have been working through the process to appoint a second Deputy Principal. We had a relatively large number of high-quality candidates, who all had a range of great skills and qualities to offer our school. We are pleased to announce that Sven Cropp has won the position, and will be joining our team from the beginning of next year. Sven has many strengths and talents that Chelsea will benefit from. We welcome Sven with open arms and know that everyone in our community will also welcome him warmly. Have a read of Sven's short introduction below:

Tena Koutou Katoa



My name is Sven Cropp and I will be starting in 2019 as the new Deputy Principal at Chelsea Primary School. My wife and I live in Northcote with our two young boys named Harry (age 4) and Vinnie (age 2). My wife Amber is a teacher as well.

I'm passionate about inspiring life-long learners and preparing our students for the future.

I have been teaching for about 16 years and for the last 7 years, I have been working as a teacher at Bayfield Primary School.

I am excited to work with all of the amazing children, teachers and whanau at Chelsea Primary and can't wait to meet you all.

REPORTS Year 4 – Year 6

Year 4 – Year 6 reports will be coming home this Friday, 14 December.

CAROLS NIGHT

Fingers crossed that the weather continues to hold! We have been practising hard over the last 3 weeks and we're really looking forward to performing our items tonight.

This year, we have changed things up a bit, and the Undergrads (who weren't part of our production this year), will be leading the celebration with their play 'North Pole's Got Talent'. Team items will be happening throughout.

If the weather is fine, performances will be held on the bank by the senior playground to ensure everyone is able to see clearly. Our learners will be sitting on the bank itself, so please set yourselves up on the flat area below and get ready to enjoy the show.

- 5pm - 6.15pm Food Stalls
- 6.30pm Carols start

No need to worry about dinner - come straight from work and enjoy the food stalls and bar put on by the PTA (no BYO alcohol please). We will have Christmas ham rolls, sausage sizzle, burgers/veggie burgers and ice creams. What a fantastic way to end the year, with the kids performing the carols they have been working so hard on, from 6.30pm.

Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the performance. Food Stalls and the Bar will be open from 5pm and closing promptly at 6.15pm so our helpers can also relax and enjoy the performance.



PICNIC DAY - TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

We are gearing up for picnic day next Tuesday. Picnic day is a day of free choice for our learners to celebrate their successes this year. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately, with no singlets.

The pool is open and there will be a waterslide. **No one will be allowed in the pool or on the waterslide without a rash shirt. The sun is incredibly fierce at the moment, so please support us with this. We will be stopping throughout the day to apply sunscreen.**

You are welcome to join us on the field for lunch at 12.30pm. Please remember though, that all learners must remain at school until the final bell, as there is quite a bit of cleaning up to do after a day like this. Learners are welcome to wear mufti on this day, they don't need to come in uniform.

Please ensure your child:

- **Is absolutely covered in sunscreen and has more to reapply**
- **Has a hat**
- **Has a rash shirt**
- **Brings a towel and a change of clothes**



PRIZEGIVING

A reminder that we have split this event into two, in the hopes that it will be more comfortable in terms of everyone being able to have a seat!

Y0-2 - Wednesday 19/12/18 at 9.30am

3 learners from each class will be awarded certificates with the following themes:

- Academic Excellence
- Most Improved
- DNA & Values

Y3-6 - Thursday 20/12/18 at 10.30am

3 learners from each class will be awarded the following certificates:

- Academic Excellence
- Most Improved
- DNA & Values

Year 6 learners will be awarded a range of cups and certificates for effort and achievement across a variety of areas. After the senior prizegiving, learners will return to class for their final short session with their teachers and peers. Families are welcome to stay in the hall for a chat and some light refreshments until the 12.30pm bell.

SOME OF US ARE ON THE MOVE!

Most years, there is a reshuffle of the teaching staff. We do this to respond to needs in different teams, and to add to the development of our teachers. Next year, the teams will be structured as follows:

PhDs

Space 1	Sarah Tohill	Yr 5/6
Space 2	Tracey Notley	Yr 5/6 (Team Leader)
Space 3	Eden Ward	Yr 5/6
Space 4	Mina Mubarak	Yr 5/6

Masters

Space 5	Keith Wilson	Yr 3/4
Space 6	Samantha Bottcher	Yr 3/4 (Team Leader)
Space 7	Zoe de Witt	Yr 3/4
Space 8	Helen Lares	Yr 3/4
Space 9	Kristen Scott	Yr 3/4

Bachelors

Space 10	Rebecca Hedges	Yr 1/2 (Team Leader)
Space 11	Casey Chamberlain	Yr 1/2
Space 12	Carole Carkeek	Yr 2
Space 13	Su Saga	Yr 2

Undergrads

Space 14	Lenni Miller	Yr 1
Space 16	Nick Smud	Yr 1
Space 17	Nicola Eka	Yr 1 (Team Leader)

CRT Teacher Jennie Le Sueur Digital Technology/elearning focus

LEARNERS MEET THEIR TEACHER FOR 2019

Your child will have an opportunity to have a short meeting with their new teacher next Monday. They will come home with a transition sheet so you will know who their teacher is. Any transition can be unsettling, so please support us in making these as smooth as possible by keeping positive, upbeat and helping to grow their resilience. We have done our absolute best to match friendships, learning needs, and parent input. As I'm sure you can imagine, it's a big challenge!

FUN RUN SOME FINAL REMINDERS FOR THURSDAY 13TH

A healthy and social fun run for everyone to enjoy. The emphasis is on participation, fun, inclusiveness and... a bit of MUD.

- Getting muddy is OPTIONAL. (There is a by-pass for the mud slide)
- Please wear clothing that you don't mind getting MUDDY. Running in school uniform is NOT an option.
- An old towel or 2 would be great to dry yourself down with and something to change into, either uniform or something else.



- Wear a theme with your buddies...anything goes. The zanier the better. If you're unsure come as an animal i.e cat ears and a tail OR a ninja - a strip of material around your head OR a pirate.
- Be inclusive of others and have a fun time.
- We'll have some wash off areas once the running is done. If you are muddy please don't spread it around.
- Be prepared for a muddy child on Thursday afternoon. You may want to line your car with a tarp.
- All masters and PhD blocks will be locked with everyone's bag outside.
- The pool toilets will be AVAILABLE.
- The HALL is OUT of BOUNDS, be respectful of this.
- Ice blocks available \$1
- The lunch HOT DOGS will be available from 12.30pm. Your teacher will tell you where to go to.



Please remember, we're just trying to have a fun run around with our buddies going over, under and down some obstacles.

Yr 0-2 middle block. Get changed, down to the field, have a run around, clean up, get changed, LUNCH

Yr 3-6 afternoon block. Eat at 12.30pm. Get changed, down to the field, have a run around, clean up, get changed HOME.

SPCA - FUNDRAISING

Space 9 will be selling cupcakes straight after school tomorrow (after the mud run) fundraising for the SPCA. Cash only.

POOL KEYS - EXTRA SCHOOL POOL RULES & CONDITIONS OF USE MEETINGS

Dave Maddock and Janine Cross will be running the compulsory Swimming Pool briefing meetings on the dates and times shown in the link below. These will be held in LHQ, opposite the library. Please book yourself into one of these sessions by recording your name in the box in the link with your chosen date and time. A special will be available tonight at 6pm, before the Carol's Production.

[Pool Meetings](#)

Over the coming week, the barbed wire will be removed from the pool fence to comply with the Ministry of Education Pool Guidelines. It will be replaced with plain wire, which will hopefully deter any unwelcome guests. If you do happen to notice anyone scaling the fence or any other unsafe behaviour around the pool, please call one of our Board Members: Farah 0212153286 or Dean 021907086.

STATIONERY FOR 2019

We have decided to outsource our stationery this year and will be using Warehouse Stationery as our supplier. Your child will be sent home with a stationery list next Monday, and you can choose whether to order this online through Warehouse Stationery, or whether you visit their Wairau Park store. You will notice that there is a split list, one with items to be purchased from Warehouse Stationery, and one that is to be paid through the school. This is because some items e.g. software subscriptions and school donations are paid directly to the school. Early in the new year payment through Kindo will be available for school-based items. Stationery is available to order and purchase through Warehouse Stationery from the 20 December onwards. As we are all aware, bits of paper do tend to disappear into an unknown parallel universe, so we will also make these lists available on our website!



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Just shop at Warehouse Stationery and nominate our school at the till. Then 5% of every purchase* you make goes to us. It's that easy.

Spread the word! If everyone you know supports our school, just imagine how much we could raise!

*Exclusions and terms & conditions apply. See supportyourschool.co.nz for more details.



TRAVELWISE

Kia Orana Chelsea whanua,

With the end of 2018 it comes time to recap on our amazing and actioned packed Travelwise year! It all started with our Planning for real activity, aiming to get students out of the vehicle and using active modes of transport. Over two days each student identified where they lived on the giant map as well as how they were getting to school each day. This activity created some great discussion of how close students lived to each other and potential ways to car pool walk or cycle! The Travelwise team also participated in a *Slow Down Around School Campaign*, measuring vehicles speed with Auckland Transport speed guns. Fortunately, all motorists were obeying the speed limit on the day. Auckland Transport and Chelsea primary will again in 2019 ensure that the environment outside of the school gate is as safe as possible, so we ask all parents to please slow down, be observant and continue to make Chelsea safe place for all.

A very merry and safe Christmas to all!

Sam Smith | Community Transport Coordinator
Walking, Cycling & Safety
Network Management and Safety Group



COMMUNITY NOTICES

We're working together to grow great kids

counsellors, assessment services, sports, preschools, before & after school care, vision and hearing, tutors, play therapists, extra-curricular activities, osteopaths, dentists, teen careers & motivation, psychologists, in-home childcare, OT's, speech language therapists, under 5's activities, chiropractors, baby specialists, dyslexia specialists, dieticians, physiotherapists, holiday programmes, driving instructors, dance & drama, self confidence, parent education...

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