

Chelsea School Newsletter

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Week 1, Term 4, 2018

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- **Thu 18 Oct:** Last day for Out of Zone Ballot Applications
- **Mon 22 Oct:** Labour Day – School Closed
- **Wed 24 Oct:** Migrant Parent Meeting 9am
- **28/10 - 04/11:** Paynesville School Visit
- **Mon 29 Oct:** BOT Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- **Tue 30 Oct:** Out of Zone Ballot Day
- **Fri 02 Nov:** PTA Creepy Carnvial 5pm
- **Thu 08 Nov:** Sp 8/Sp 9 Visit to Chelsea Sugar Works
- **Fri 09 Nov:** Sp 5 Visit to Chelsea Sugar Works
- **12/11 – 16/11:** Book Week
- **Wed 14 Nov:** Sp 6/Sp 7 Visit to Chelsea Sugar Works
- **Wed 14 Nov:** APPA Choir Performance 7pm Auckland Town Hall
- **Fri 23 Nov:** Onepoto Festival
- **Mon 03 Dec:** BOT Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- **Tue 04 Dec:** Cluster Athletics
- **Wed 05 Dec:** Cluster Athletics (save a day)
- **Wed 12 Dec:** Xmas Carols
- **Tue 18 Dec:** Picnic Day

WELCOME TO TERM 4

A big welcome back to all of our Chelsea families. We hope that you managed to have some time together doing something that you love during the break. A special warm welcome to all of those families who are new to our community.

Term 4 is always a jam-packed ten weeks, with lots of fun and challenging events such as athletics, Halloween celebrations (this year known as 'The Creepy Carnival'), picnic day, prizegiving... the list goes on! We are finalising some of our key dates for the term at the moment and will share these with you shortly.

Please remember that hats are compulsory this term as the sun hopefully makes more appearances. We also recommend that sunscreen is applied in the morning before school.

TERM DATES FOR 2019

Term 1: 04 Feb – 12 Apr
Term 2: 29 Apr – 05 Jul
Term 3: 22 Jul – 27 Sep
Term 4: 14 Oct – 18 Dec

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2019

Term four is also a busy one from an organisational perspective, in terms of staffing and class placements.

The process of placing children into their classes for next year takes a considerable amount of time and effort. As part of the process, teachers and our leadership team first consider the following points:

- Each learner's needs – academic, social etc.
- Compatibility of peers – who children learn well with, or don't learn so well with
- A learner's response to differing teaching styles
- Gender/culture balance within each class. A balance of ability groups within each class

We then take into account parent thoughts about dynamics with other children.

If you wish to come and talk to us about class placements for next year, please make an appointment with Amanda Douglas through her PA, Sandra Cotcher office@chelsea.school.nz. You may have information we are not privy to such as extra support that is being given at home, or peer relationships that you have noticed outside of the school setting.

Please note that requests for specific teachers are not appropriate and will not be considered. If all of our families took this approach, it would be an absolute shambles!

Whilst we will consider friendships, this is just one aspect for consideration within a complex process. We are beginning to formulate groupings at the moment, so if you do wish to see Amanda, please make an appointment within the next two weeks. The cut off for this is Friday, November 2nd.

SEUSSICAL

We were so proud of all of our learners and the effort that went into putting on such fantastic performances at the end of last term. The talent we have at Chelsea never ceases to amaze me. Thanks to all of you for your support and for being such supportive audience members.

We are still organising the photographs and videos so that we can easily share these with you. We should be able to send the links out next week.



MIGRANT & INTERNATIONAL PARENT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER AT 9AM

We are having a migrant and international parent meeting on 24th October in the Staff Room at 9am. We will talk about what is happening this term and answer any questions you may have. Please join us for a coffee and a chat.

APPLICATION FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

Ballot applications for out of zone students close tomorrow at midday. The Ballot will be drawn on the 30th of October, and all applicants will be informed, regardless of the outcome.

CREEPY CARNIVAL - FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 5-8PM

Just 16 sleeps to go until the first ever 'Creepy Carnival' - tickets are on sale now \$5 per person with entry including a sausage and a drink. Tickets can be purchased either at the school office or online.

This year things will run a little differently: There will be a few bigger attractions that will accept cash, these will include the Mini Ride on Jeeps, The Laughing Clowns, Mr Whippy, The Coffee Truck, The Tea Cup Ride and the Bootcamp.

All other stalls will only accept 'Creepy Dollars' which can be purchased from the school office ONLY, either before the event or on the night. This will include the bar, all food stalls, the Haunted Bush walk and the Ghoulish Dance (Disco) as well as the class run stalls. There will be no refunds given on unused Creepy Dollars.

How can you help?

Have you filled in the class stall helpers form and returned it? We are in need of extra helpers in all rooms except one, please return these ASAP.

Do you have a gazebo the PTA can borrow? Please let us know by emailing pta@chelsea.school.nz

Can you assist with set up on Friday 2nd November from 9am? We need as many helpers as possible, please email pta@chelsea.school.nz



CONGRATULATIONS



A huge well done and congratulations to Athena, from Space 4 on becoming a New Zealand junior champion in rhythmic gymnastics over the holidays. Athena says that she discovered a passion for climbing trees and doing tricks when she was about 6 years old. She then tried her hand at artistic gymnastics, on beams and bars. When she was 7, she decided to try out rhythmic gymnastics and has absolutely loved it. There are times when Athena says things can get tough, when she drops a piece of equipment or is learning a new routine, and that she has had to show persavance and resilience. She works incredibly hard to make improvements, training 5 times per week! Congratulations again, Athena, all of your hard work is paying off!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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ART CLASS FOR CHILDREN

A fun and focused 6-week program for children aged 7 – 12yrs.

With step-by-step guidance students will explore methods and techniques useful for developing skills in drawing and acrylic painting.

Venue: Highbury House, Birkenhead.

Tuesdays, 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Starts Oct 30, cost \$110.

Bookings: eion@eionbryant.com, ph. 483 6703