

Chelsea School Newsletter

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Week 1, Term 3, 2020

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- **Mon 27 Jul:** PhotoLife – Class and Individual Photos
- **Wed 29 Jul:** Migrant Parent Meeting – Staffroom 9am
- **Fri 31 Jul:** Matariki Breakfast 8.30am
- **Fri 31 Jul:** Matariki Assembly 9.15am
- **Tue 04 Aug:** Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences 2-7.30pm **Code uu3kq**
Picking learners up early if possible (by 1.30pm)
- **Wed 05 Aug:** Student/Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences 3.15-6pm **Code uu3kq**
- **Wed 05 Aug:** Australian Mathematics Competition
- **Mon 10 Aug:** BOT Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- **Thu 20 Aug:** Birkenhead Intermediate Open Evening 6.30pm
- **Wed 26 Aug:** Rippa Rugby Tournament
- **Fri 28 Aug:** Rippa Rugby Rain Day
- **Thu 03 Sep:** X-Country
- **Sat 05 Sep:** Trivia Night 7pm
- **Mon 07 Sep:** BOT Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
- **Thu 10 Sep:** X-Country Rain Day
- **Thu 17 Sep:** Interschool X-Country at Kauri Park Primary
- **Thu 24 Sep:** Interschool X-Country Rain Day
- **Thu 24 Sep:** PJ & Pizza Party

Kia ora whanāu and welcome to Term 3. It was lovely to see so many of you at the welcome powhiri on Monday morning. We welcome a number of new families this term, as well as siblings of existing learners. We look forward to building strong partnerships with you as you settle into our school community. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to touch base with your child's teacher, who can then point you in the right direction. Our website offers a lot of information if you are looking for something specific eg uniform, school hours. You can click the 'Information' menu and then select 'Information A-Z'. Please check out the link below: [A-Z Information for whanau](#)

A big warm welcome to our newest member of staff, Miss Sarah Power. Sarah is teaching our new entrant roll growth class in Space 15 and has had a fabulous first week. It seems like she has been here forever and we feel very fortunate to have her on our team.

Here is a message from Sarah:

“Hello, my name is Sarah Power and teaching is an absolute passion of mine. I have been teaching Juniors for 2 and a half years, and I am so thrilled to be joining the Chelsea School Teaching Team for this year! It is going to be a fun-filled year of learning both for the children and myself. I am looking forward to getting to know the children and helping them succeed in their learning journey this year. It's going to be a year full of fun, learning, and lots of adventures!”



Photos

It's that time of the year... to get the hairbrushes out and practice our winning smiles, as we have school photos happening next Monday the 27th of July. Classes move through the hall one by one to have their photos taken. If you would like a sibling or individual photo done, please fill in a form at the office. Please make sure your child is wearing correct uniform.

Migrant Parents Meeting Wednesday 29 July

All migrant and international families are invited for a coffee and a chat on Wednesday 29th July in the Staffroom at 9am for about half an hour. We get together once a term to talk about what is happening in that term and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there

Parking around the school at 3 pm

Traffic and parking around schools are always problematic, especially at the end of the school day when 400 children are leaving the grounds at one time. Moving our learners off the grounds and home safely is the biggest priority at these times, so please help us by:

- Parking in places that are **legal and safe**. Over driveways and on blind corners are unacceptable at any time, as these lines ensure clear lines of sight for other road users
- Using the pedestrian crossings
- Slowing down and paying close attention - children can move in ways that are unpredictable and we need to almost expect this

There have been some significant 'near-miss' situations around the front of our school in recent days, that sound absolutely terrifying.

While there are some challenges with the flow of traffic at the front of the school, we are quite lucky to have alternative routes that students can use to leave the grounds safely. Harper Street, Chelsea View (and surrounding areas) are good options for meeting your child. Making sure your child has a raincoat packed in their bag is also a good idea, as wet days seem to be the most dangerous, with parents trying to get as close to the exit gates as possible.

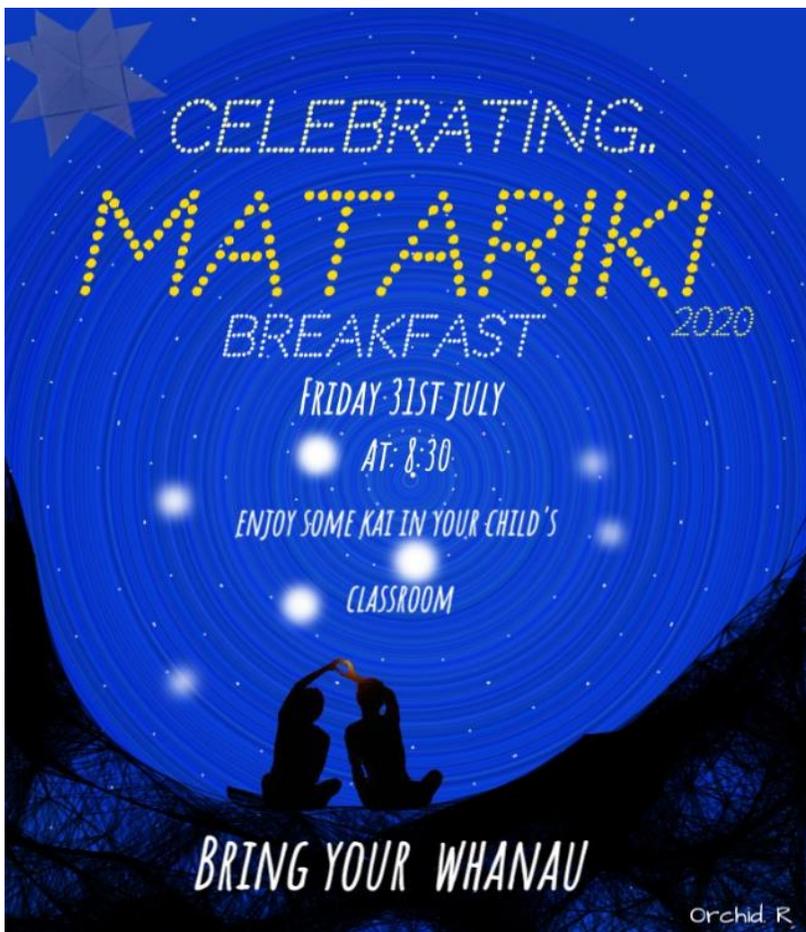
Matariki Breakfast - You're invited!

Next Friday, 31st July at 8.30 am we will be having a shared breakfast for learners and families to celebrate the Maori New Year, and also the rich culture of our school. 2020 has been a big year so far, and Matariki is a beautiful chance to reset and refocus for the rest of our year.

We ask that families please bring along a plate of food to share with your child's classmates and their families. Finger food is perfect and can be easily eaten without utensils. We encourage you to bring along food from your culture if that's an option you would like to consider.

At 9.15 am we will invite families down to the hall to our Matariki assembly, hosted by our cultural leaders.

This day is always one of my favourites. It's a great chance to celebrate learning, connect and share kai together. We hope to see you there!



Student Conferences

A quick reminder that Student Conferences are happening on Tuesday 4th August from 2.00 pm - 7.30 pm and on Wednesday 5th August from 3.15 pm-6.15 pm. The conferences are 15 minutes long and we will all need to work together to keep to the time frames that are booked. Please use the code below to book a time. If none of these times work for you and your family, please make alternative arrangements with your child's teacher/s

If you are able to arrange it, it would be great if children could be picked up at 1.30pm on Tuesday 4th August. As teachers will all be involved in conferences, children who remain at school will be supervised in the hall by the leadership team and learning assistants for the afternoon.

Conferences are an opportunity to celebrate learning, and as such, our learners will need to be present.

We are striving to 'Grow Great Learners' and a big part of this, is growing learners who are actively engaged and involved in their learning and next steps.

At Year 0 or 1 this could be sharing a piece of learning that they are proud of or talking about something that they find tricky.

At Year 5 or 6 we would be expecting learners to be leading the conference and delving into themselves as learners, what they are currently achieving, what they have achieved and what is next. DNA successes and next steps would also be a big part of this sharing.

Gone are the days of the parent-teacher interview model where secret things were discussed away from the child. Of course, there may be the occasion where you want to share some information or talk about something that wouldn't be appropriate for your child to be part of and you're always welcome to make an appointment with a teacher outside of the student conference timetable.

[School Interviews](#) and enter the code **uu3kq**