

# Chelsea School Newsletter

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Week 3, Term 2, 2021

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wed 19 May: BoT Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- Thu 20 May: Rippa Rugby Tournament – Birkenhead College
- Fri 21 May: Pink Shirt Day
- Fri 21 May: Assembly – Hosted by Kākano
- Fri 21 May: PJ and Pizza Party
- Wed 26 May: National Young Leaders Day
- Thu 27 May: Rippa 'Rain Day'
- Thu 27 May: Wellbeing Evening 7-8pm
- Thu 03 Jun: Assembly Samoan/Pasifika Focus
- Fri 04 Jun: Teacher Only Day Term 2, 2021
- Mon 07 Jun: Queen's Birthday – **School Closed**
- Wed 16 Jun: Interschool Soccer – Sheppards Park TBC
- Fri 18 Jun: Assembly - Hosted by Māhuri
- Tue 22 Jun: NZEI Union Meeting 1-2.30pm
- Thu 24 Jun: Interschool Soccer Rain Day YBC
- Sat 26 Jun: Trivia Night
- Wed 30 Jun: BoT Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- Fri 02 Jul: Assembly – Hosted by Pakiaka
- Fri 02 Jul: Disco
- Fri 27 Aug: Teacher Only Day Term 3, 2021

Welcome to week 3

It's beginning to feel a lot like winter, with some absolutely wild wind and rain coming at us. Luckily today, it seemed to miss our break times, which was great as we all know how interesting things can get if our kids can't get outside to run off some energy!

Just on that note, it's a good idea to pack a change of trousers/tights etc in your child's bag as the ground can be slippery at this time of year and we have limited changes of clothes to hand out for those who have had great slipping and sliding adventures in the playground.

## Pink Shirt Day



Remember to hunt around for the pinkest items you own for Pink Shirt Day this Friday 21 May. This day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. We encourage our students to wear their brightest pink outfits and bring a gold coin donation to support the cause which goes towards the Mental Health Foundation.

We will be kicking off this day with an assembly, hosted by the Kākano Team. Everyone is welcome to attend.

\*Also please note at this week's assembly we will be giving out swimming sports certificates for place getters from last term's Year 4 - 6 Swimming Sports.

## **Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories Curriculum**

Last year we asked our community for their input as we moved into the initial stages of our local curriculum redesign. We wanted to know all about valued outcomes for your children and what you see as priorities. It was great to see that a significant number of our community placed a lot of value on learning about the history of New Zealand.

At our Teacher Only Day at the end of last term, we delved into the draft 'Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories Curriculum' that has been developed over recent years. The key messages within this document sit around the idea that some learning cannot be left to chance. Aotearoa's rich history is often not as much of a focus as it should be. A number of our staff were educated outside of New Zealand and talk about the fact that history was always front and centre of the curriculum right from their first year of schooling. Learning more about Aotearoa and our rich history is going to be identity-shaping for many learners.

This term, we are still focused on our overarching theme of 'Whanuangaatanga', which is essentially belonging, connections and kinship. We are now widening the lens a little. During the first term, time was spent learning about diversity, ourselves, our families and our stories. This term, we are zooming out a bit from self to our school, local area and our country. The local area hikoi that staff were involved in with Stan on our last teacher only day was invaluable to us and the way that we are planning for this term. We are also partnering with other rich local resources such as staff from Birkenhead Museum who are a wealth of knowledge.

The way that this learning will be unpacked across the school is obviously different in different teams, depending on the age and stage of our learners. Below we have a brief overview of what each team will be delving into.

### **Kākano**

Last term we began to look at the Inquiry topic of Whanaungatanga. This is one of our school values and encapsulates the notions of relationships, belonging, kinship and caring. In term 1 we focused on who we are as learners, building relationships and getting to know one another. In term 2 the focus will now move to the ways in which we belong as part of groups within our local community and home.

### **Pakiaka**

We are delving into local myths and legends, wider New Zealand history and Kaitiakitanga which is one refreshed school values (guardianship of our environment).

### **Rito**

We looked at where we all originate from (world map up in breakout room) and we will be moving on to learn about local and NZ history. We will also look at Myths and Legends  
We are also planning a trip to the Auckland Museum to spend a day immersing ourselves into Te Hekenga Nui (history of Auckland).

### **Māhuri**

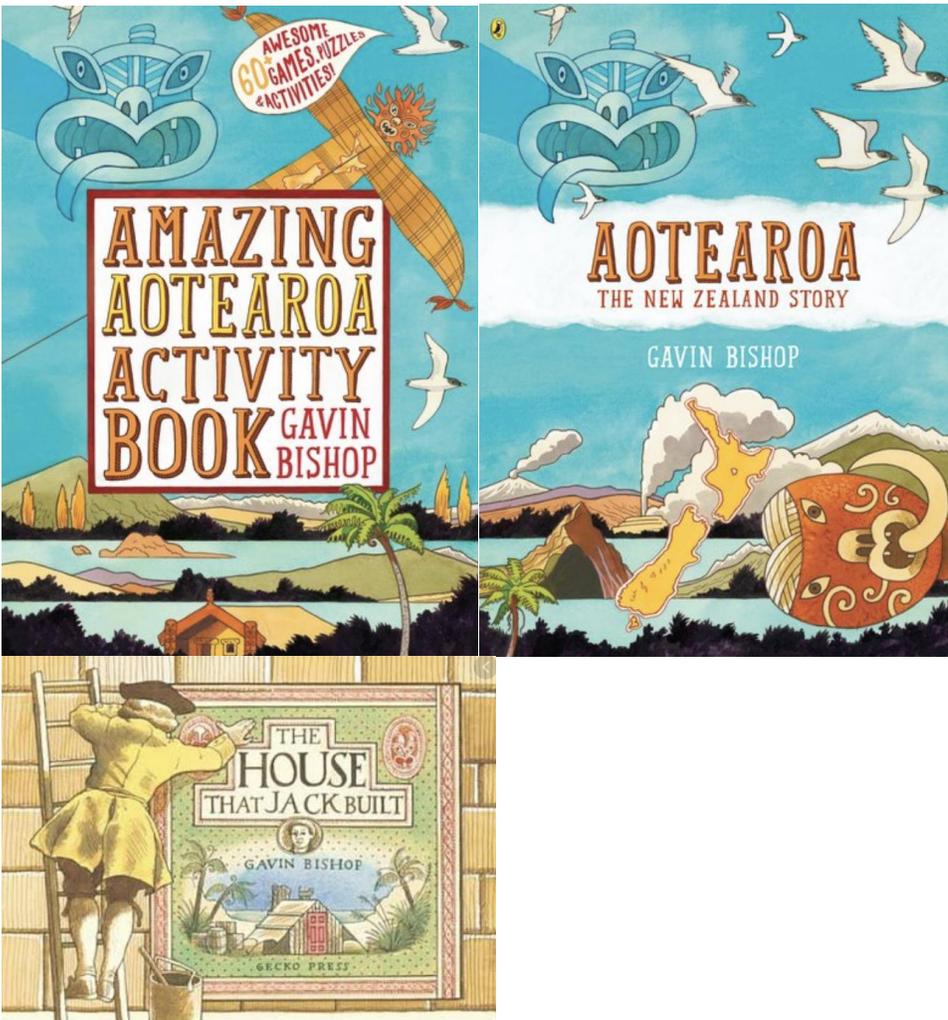
We are kicking off this unit by using illustrations of key local landmarks (pa site at Kauri Point) to provoke thinking and to activate the prior knowledge of our learners. We will be looking at local historic happenings as well as the meaning of key vocabulary from the area e.g. Onetuanga.

### **Themes that may be covered over the term across the school are:**

- Myths and legends that speak to the history of our country.
- Stories about migration. How did people first discover New Zealand? What is the order of arrivals?
- Turangawaewae - where do we stand? The ways in which local areas and resources were used and protected by tangatawhenua (Māori)
- Key events that have shaped our country

For anyone who is interested in reading the content of the draft curriculum, please click on the link below  
<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/changes-in-education/aotearoa-new-zealand-histories-in-our-national-curriculum/>

There are great resources available for kids about the history of New Zealand if you want to delve into some of your own learning at home.



### Teacher Only Day Reminder - Friday 4th June (Kelly Club is operating on this day)

All staff will be working with Jan Hill (facilitator) sharpening our coaching skills. This work falls under the development of our 'Chelsea Kaupapa' or local curriculum. Coaching is an incredible tool for all. Skilled coaches can empower a person to clarify their thinking, next steps and actions. Coaching is something I use daily with both adults and children to maximise learning and to sharpen their focus on their next steps. It is important for all of our staff to have these skills as part of their teaching and learning tool kits.

### NZEI Paid Union Meetings

Teachers who are part of NZEI (Teacher's Union) have a paid Union meeting taking place on Tuesday the 22nd of June from 1-2.30pm. If you are able to pick your child/ren up from school at 12.30pm on this day, we would appreciate it. If you are unable to, we will have non-union teachers supervising for the afternoon. We will be sending home a quick survey so that we can make sure we clear instructions on what will be happening for your child/ren.

### Writer's Festival

This year's writers festival was a hit for both young and less young this year! Our learners and staff who attended were absolutely buzzing about meeting some of their favourite authors. I know of several staff members and parents who attended over the weekend.

Here is some student voice from the day:

"The Writer's Festival was probably the best life experience for me with my school. To see my fave authors is like a dream to me! The writers were the best. I got autographs and signed on paper." Amogh

I loved the Writer's Festival because I got to see some of my favourite authors, even the author of 'Funny Kid'! I felt so privileged to go and I got my bag signed!" Finley



## First game of netball ever!

Well done to our littlest netball team, who had their first game ever last night. Here is what their coach Esther had to say:

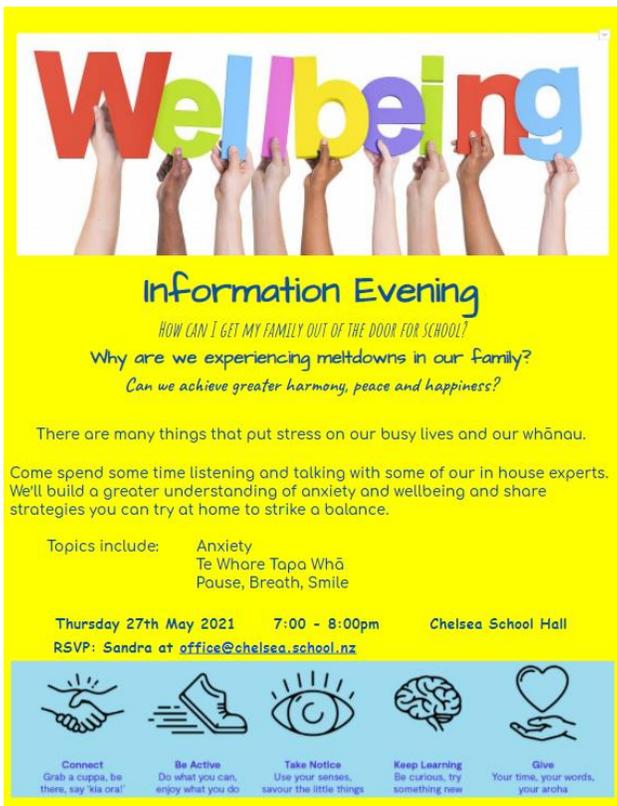
"We had our first game and we played an older Team from Manuka Primary who had played Summer league. We didn't score any goals but it didn't matter they were such great sports, tried so hard and represented Chelsea so so well".

Well done girls, I can't wait to see you in action!



## Wellbeing Evening Reminder

Our Well Being Evening is next Thursday evening, 27th May in the Hall. Please let Sandra know if you can attend to help us with numbers [office@chelsea.school.nz](mailto:office@chelsea.school.nz). Just to let you know, Jo Sutton (a parent and board member) will be participating in the presentation. Jo is General Manager of the Children's Autism Foundation. We will also have Jen Allen (a parent), who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in yoga and mindfulness involved as well. We hope to see you there.



The poster features the word "Wellbeing" in large, colorful letters at the top, with hands holding up each letter. Below this, the text reads "Information Evening" and "HOW CAN I GET MY FAMILY OUT OF THE DOOR FOR SCHOOL?". It asks "Why are we experiencing meltdowns in our family?" and "Can we achieve greater harmony, peace and happiness?". It states "There are many things that put stress on our busy lives and our whānau." and "Come spend some time listening and talking with some of our in house experts. We'll build a greater understanding of anxiety and wellbeing and share strategies you can try at home to strike a balance." Topics include: Anxiety, Te Whore Tapa Whā, Pause, Breath, Smile. The event is on Thursday 27th May 2021, 7:00 - 8:00pm at Chelsea School Hall. RSVP: Sandra at [office@chelsea.school.nz](mailto:office@chelsea.school.nz). At the bottom, there are five icons with corresponding text: Connect (hands shaking), Be Active (foot stepping), Take Notice (eye), Keep Learning (brain), and Give (hand holding heart).

**Wellbeing**

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**Connect**  
Grab a cuppa, be there, say 'kia ora!'

**Be Active**  
Do what you can, enjoy what you do

**Take Notice**  
Use your senses, savour the little things

**Keep Learning**  
Be curious, try something new

**Give**  
Your time, your words, your aroha

## School Pool Closed

The School Pool is now closed. Just a reminder to return all keys to Jo at the office.

Ngā Mihi

Amanda Douglas  
Principal

## Community News

### Oliver! Registration Now Open!

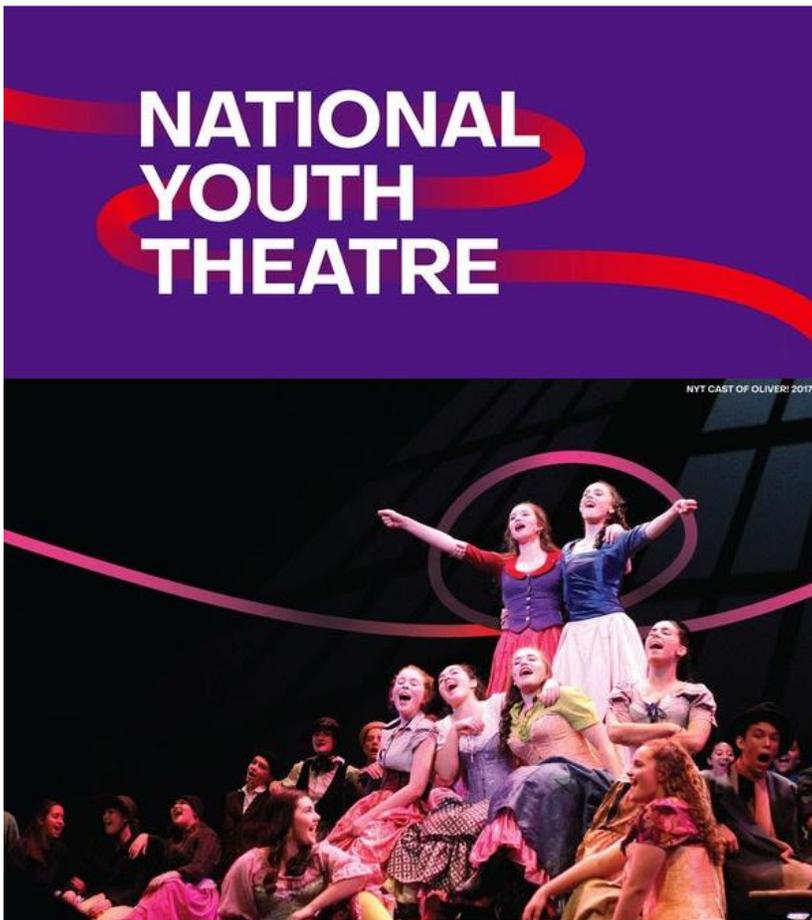
Join the National Youth Theatre for our four month training programme, working with our expert tutors in drama, music and dance. Our cast develop their skills, then perform on one of the biggest stages in New Zealand, with professional lighting and sound, and a live band!

Oliver! is the award-winning Lionel Bart musical based on the classic Dickens novel, Oliver Twist, widely hailed as a true theatrical masterpiece with some of the most memorable characters and songs ever to hit the stage, including "*Consider Yourself At Home*", "*Food Glorious Food*", "*Where is Love*" and "*As Long As He Needs Me*". [Find out more on our website.](#)

Rehearsals start **Sunday 1st August** with performances at [Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre](#) **2-5 December 2021**.

Follow this link to register:

[https://nyt.nz/programmes/oliver?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Oliver!+Registration](https://nyt.nz/programmes/oliver?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Oliver!+Registration)



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# BIRKDALE NORTH SCHOOL PTA



**Saturday 29 May  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Cash only on the day (no eftpos)**

For further details/to book a site email Deb:

[pta@birkdalenorth.school.nz](mailto:pta@birkdalenorth.school.nz)

Car park or table top site \$15.

Spaces are limited, so be quick!