

Chelsea School Board

Newsletter Term 1, 2024



Growing Great Learners
Te Whakatipu Akonga Miharo



Kia ora Chelsea Primary School Whānau,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is with great pleasure that we extend a warm welcome to all our wonderful students, families, and staff as we kick off Term 1 of the new school year. We hope you've had a fantastic break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

We are especially delighted to welcome our new families who have joined our school community. A big hello to you all! We are thrilled to have you on board and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

We are also excited to see our new principal, Chrissy Wakeman settling in well. She brings with her a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are confident that she will lead our school with dedication and passion. When you see her around make sure to stop and say Hi and welcome her to the Chelsea Whānau.

As we embark on this journey together, let us embrace the opportunities for growth, learning, and fun that await us. Our school is a place of friendship, curiosity, and discovery, and we can't wait to



see what amazing things we will achieve together this year.

Here are a few updates and reminders:

1. School Donations: We would like to remind all families about the importance of Voluntary school donations. Chelsea School operates with a very tight budget due to the disparity between government funding and the requirements of our school. As a Low Equity Indexed (formally Decile 10) school we receive minimal government support compared to Higher Equity indexed schools, exacerbating our financial strain.

Your additional financial support empowers us to offer vital resources and programs, including additional staff, academic assistance, enriching cultural activities, and memorable school trips. We recognize the sensitivity of this topic but believe it's essential to advocate for fairer funding.

Together, we can ensure Chelsea Primary School continues to be a nurturing environment where every student can flourish.

If you wish to make your voluntary donation, this can be done via Kindo or by making a payment at the office.

2. Pool Fence and Heater: We're thrilled to announce that the new pool fence is now in place and looking fantastic! Thanks to your support, including contributions from the PTA fundraising efforts, we've been able to order the pool heater. An Installation date will be set shortly, ensuring that we'll be ready for those cooler days ahead.

3. Block 7 Rebuild: How cool is seeing the big crane up at the site, kids must be loving watching that. We are happy to share that the construction of Block 7, consisting of 6 new classrooms is advancing smoothly and is on schedule to be completed later this year.


4. Hall Remediation: Mark your calendars! Hall remediation is scheduled to commence in mid-April. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to enhance our facilities for the benefit of our school community.

5. Safety Around School: A special reminder to all parents driving around the school zone. Please remember to slow down, park only in designated spaces, avoid blocking driveways, do not park over yellow lines, and do not perform U-turns outside the school either on Onetaunga Rd or Chelsea View Drive. If you need to turn around, move away from the school zone and then make a U-turn safely. We've observed some concerning behavior since the start of term, which poses risks to everyone's safety. Let's prioritize the safety of our children above convenience and ensure a safe environment for all.

Thank you for your attention to these updates and reminders. Let's work together to make this term a fantastic and safe one for everyone!

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