

# Principal's Corner - te iwi tahi tatou - we are one family

# **Empowering Connected Lifelong Learners**



Kia ora koutou e te whānau

As the year draws to a close, I want to celebrate our learning journey to be Empowered Connected Lifelong Learners.



**To Our Exceptional Staff:** Your unwavering commitment, creativity, and energy throughout 2025 have been truly outstanding. You are the heartbeat of our school, fostering the connections and igniting the curiosity that turns our ākonga into lifelong learners. Thank you for your tireless mahi.

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**To Our Board of Trustees:** Thank you for your dedication, insightful governance, and ongoing support. Your commitment ensures the stability and future vision that allows us to effectively empower every student.

# To Our Home and School Association

**(HSA):** Your efforts have enriched the school experience, funding key resources and fostering community connections. We are grateful for your hard work and generosity. If you wish to help shape 2026, please connect with the team at <a href="mailto:cpshomeandschool@gmail.com">cpshomeandschool@gmail.com</a>

**To our wonderful ākonga:** You've worked incredibly hard this year and have truly embodied our school values. You've shown that these values are more than just words; they're reflected in your actions every day. A big congratulations to you all for being such amazing learners and role models.

Thanks to our volunteers: A sincere expression of gratitude to all our parents and whānau who volunteered their time this year. Your handson partnership is invaluable. Thank you to our dedicated helpers with road patrol, classroom support, library duties, school trips, and camps, and especially to those involved in sports, including a special thank you to Leigh Jones for her incredible work and commitment to the netball teams over the last few years.

Finally, thank you all for your continued partnership throughout the year. Your involvement makes the Churton Park community such a special place where our children thrive. I wish you all a joyful and safe festive season, and all the very best for a wonderful new year.

# **Time Capsule**

As a permanent marker of our 50th celebration this year, our House Captains created a special Time Capsule filled with our stories, memories, and messages from 2025. This



capsule has been carefully buried under the lamp post on the driveway for future generations in 50 years' time to uncover. What an exciting legacy for our connected lifelong learners to leave behind.







# **Celebrating our Award Winning Shade Sails**

Our shade sails have been re-installed just in time for this amazing sunshine. We are happy to share with everyone that our shade sails have received an award for the company that created them.

2025 Awards for Excellence Winner– Shade Sails – Commercial – ATA NZ <a href="https://advancedtextiles.co.nz/awards/2025-awards-for-excellence-winner-shade-sails-commercial/">https://advancedtextiles.co.nz/awards/2025-awards-for-excellence-winner-shade-sails-commercial/</a>

# Not Returning for 2026?



If your child is **not returning** to Churton Park School in 2026 and they are **not a Year 6 student**, could you please let the office know as soon as possible. Please email office@churtonpark.school.nz

# **End of Year Reports**

This year's reports will be via Hero. They will be shared with whānau on 15 December through the Hero app. As these will look slightly different than past years, the below information explains what you will see in your child's report.

# **Attendance**



A visual with the information about your child's attendance for the year.

# Reading, Writing and Mathematics

For each of these curriculum areas there will be information about progress and what your child can do.

# **Progress**

There will be a statement about how your child is achieving relative to the End of their Year Level Expectations.

# Achievement

There will be 3 bullet points about what your child can do in each of these curriculum areas

# General comment

This is a summary written by the teacher to provide a holistic view of your child's progress over the year. Comments about Physical Education and Health, Inquiry (Science, Social Sciences, Technology) and the Arts may also be included in this section

# Statement from Ministry of Education/Minister to Support Schools with Reporting to Parents

As part of our focus on lifting student achievement we have introduced new, knowledge-rich and internationally-comparable curriculum this year for Maths in Years 0–8 and English in Years 0–6, and Te Reo Rangatira Years 0–6 and Pängarau Years 0–8 wähanga ako.

This means we are currently changing from the old to the new curriculum. We want to acknowledge that schools and kura will only have been using the new curricula from the start of 2025, which includes new teaching and assessment methods and content.

Because of this you could see a change in your child's progress or achievement compared to previous years which may be the result of changes in the curriculum expectations for your child's year level. If you have concerns or questions about your child's achievement, we strongly suggest you talk with your child's teacher or kaiako. They will also have used their own observations, classroom tasks and other tests to report on the progress your child is making.



# **Deprovisioning Chromebooks 2025**

# **Year 6 Students**

Every year when our Year 6 students move on to other schools we have a process to remove their Chromebooks from our school management system, so they are able to use their device at their new school - this is called Deprovisioning. Every Year 6 student with their own Chromebook will need to complete removing their work and any emails they have by following the instructions in this link. https://www. churtonpark.school.nz/our-school/ byod/httpstakeout-google-com/ Please make sure this process has been completed by Wednesday 31st December so our IT team can

remove the Chromebooks from our system and close down the email accounts.

# Year 4 & 5 Students Leaving CPS

If you are a Year 4 or Year 5 student and you are leaving Churton Park School at the end of the year you will also need to complete this process but you will also need to send a screenshot of your device serial number so we can remove the device from the system. If you do not send us your serial number this will cause a delay in having your device set-up at your new school.



# Chromebooks 2026



All Year 4 2026 students (currently Year 3 in 2025) are able to bring their own Chromebook for use in the classroom next year.

Agreement forms and Email forms will be emailed to all of these students shortly and paper copies will also be sent home with the children. Please do not send these forms back to school this year, instead please return them when

you drop your child's Chromebook off for set up in 2026.
Copies of the forms can be found on our website.
If you are purchasing a Chromebook for your child the drop-off dates for set-up are Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January 9am - 12 noon.

At the moment there are a lot of sales for Chromebooks. If you are looking at purchasing a Chromebook we do not have a preference for any brand. They can be any Chromebook (<u>not</u> laptop, e.g.Macbook or Windows) with a good battery life and a decent sized screen. Noel Leeming have sent through this <u>flyer</u> that has their Chromebook bundles.

# Whānau Morning 2026

We will be hosting a Whānau Morning on Thursday 29th January 2026, 9am - 12 noon.

This is an opportunity for you to drop into your child's classroom and meet

the teaching team, drop off your child's stationery ready for the first day of school then meet up with other families for a catch-up and play in the playground.



# An Unstoppable Force!

Champions again for the 6th season in a row! Our year 6 boys touch rugby team have been UNDEFEATED since they formed in year 4. Thanks to the coaching skills of Mike Burke and the Management of Natalie Horne, these 7 students have shown team work, fair play and enthusiasm and a sense of fun to help them become Kings of the Touch Field!

Monday night's final against The Johnsonville Diamonds was a nail biter, with a two all draw at full time the game went to 3 on 3 and first try wins. Lachy, Lucas and Jesse took to the field and within a few minutes of end to end action, Jesse scored the winning try to make the Churton Park Huia's six times champions!

Congratulations to Lachy for being named Most Valuable Player for the season and Jackson, Most Impressive Player.

Well done Huia's, Churton Park is so proud of you!

Thank you to all the parents who have helped coach and manage the eight CPS teams this season, we couldn't do it without you!



# A Sweet Send-Off for our Year 6 ELL Students

What better way to celebrate the end of a busy term than with ice cream? Our Year 6 ELL group gathered last week for an "Ice Cream Cafe" party to mark the end of their studies for the term.

The classroom was transformed into a pop-up parlor complete with toppings, excitement, and plenty of excited conversation. It was a joy to see the students relaxing, chatting with their peers, and celebrating the end of the year.

Thank you to the students for their dedication and enthusiasm—you definitely earned this treat!











# Basketball Flies High at CPS

The CPS Boys Year 6 Basketball Team capped off an outstanding year on Tuesday night. The team of Lachy, Yifan, Isaac, Eddie (3 terms) Jackson (2 terms), Lucas and Jesse (1 term) went the entire year (3 terms) in the top grade winning 23 games and only losing 2 games. More importantly, the boys played a style of basketball that showcased their teamwork and selfless play. The team passed the ball more than any other and got some great feedback from the referees on the way they played. It was fantastic seeing the boys'fundamental skills' develop this year while playing with a smile and lots of low fives on the court. Their sportsmanship was first rate and they were a real credit to CPS in the awesome new black sports tees. Thanks to the boys for their determination and entertaining style of play. Bring on intermediate basketball!

A massive thanks to Andy Francis for giving up his Tuesday nights this year to coach and manage the team - we couldn't achieve such heights without parental support - Thank you!



# **Holiday Dress-Up Day**



Students are welcome to dress up as anything that reminds them of the holidays — whether that's Christmas, favourite festive colours, or any tradition your whānau enjoys on Friday the 12th of Dec (This Friday)!

# New World Club Card Partnership

# An easy way to help us raise funds

Have you registered your New World Club Card yet? Fundraise for Churton Park School simply by linking your New World Club Card to the school and shopping at Churton Park New World. For every \$100 you spend \$1 will be donated to Churton Park School. By linking your Club Card there is

no impact on your card benefits. Simply complete this form <a href="https://forms.gle/BNm175pNYmsJKd-Dq7">https://forms.gle/BNm175pNYmsJKd-Dq7</a> and continue shopping.



# **Ice Blocks**



Tomorrow is the last ice block day!

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed the fundraising for 2026 Camp with the ice blocks and roti - this will make a huge difference to the final cost. A special huge thanks to Churton Park New World for their support with the ice blocks.

Thank you to Liz McLean for her organisation and efforts with this.

# **Stationery Lists**

We have supplied our stationery lists to the following companies and by using the links in this newsletter or at the bottom of the stationery lists on the school website, you can order your stationery online and have it delivered to your home. Link to our school website stationery lists



Warehouse Stationery

**Qizzle** 

OfficeMax

**Tawa Books & Post** 

# **End of Term Reminders**

- School reports available to view & download in the Hero app Monday 15th December
- The term ends on Wednesday
   17th December, at 12.30pm
- Chromebook & Email agreement forms should be returned to
- school next year when Year 4 students drop off their Chromebooks for set-up.
- Check the Lost Property for any clothing items that your child may have misplaced



# Stories from Upper Totara Ridge

# Farewell Year 6s



# Our amazing Year 6s are off to intermediate! We wish them well in their future endeavours and dream careers...

# Oh the Places You'll Go!

Aadya - actress, Abi - teacher, Ariel - zookeeper, Charlotte - lawyer,
Blake - rugby player, Evah - beauty therapist, Kahlan - paediatrician, Ethan - pilot,
Georgia - paramedic, Douding - swimming coach , Isabel - therapist,

Jesse - palaeontologist, Jion - music teacher, Robbie - zoologist, Kenudi - veterinarian,
Kuhu - architect , Lachy - food critic, Keiichi - IT technician, Naomi - paramedic,
Nate - food critic, Nolan - chemist, Andre - veterinarian, Rory - pizzeria chef,
Ziyad - business owner, Terrance - accountant, Yifan - basketball coach,
Allison - defence lawyer, Angela - lawyer, Dodo - surgeon, Dominic - stage actor,
Emma - swimmer, Isaac - defence lawyer, Jackson - accountant, Jayma - veterinarian,
Jasper - engineer, Jessie - baker, Joshua - lawyer, Keira-Leigh - chef in the army,
Lucas - police officer, Mayesha - general practitioner, Max - music producer,
Naksatra - cricket player/coach, Quentin - game developer, Ryan M - computer scientist,
Ryan A - food critic, Yuna - teacher, Mia - librarian, Siara - singer, Shiv - pilot/astronaut,
Tessa - neurosurgeon, Mindi - orchestral conductor, Geon - IT technician

# Home & School Association - Egyptian Fundraiser - This Friday



# Seeking Road Patrol Volunteers for 2026!

We're putting out an urgent call for parents to help with road patrol on Wednesday afternoons. Our dedicated team of volunteers is currently short-staffed, and we need your support to ensure the safety of our students crossing the road after school. We are also starting to look for volunteers for next year to help our road patrollers.

The road patrol plays a critical role in keeping our children safe. Without enough adult supervision, we run the risk of not being able to operate the patrol effectively, which puts our ākonga in a vulnerable position.

If you have some time to spare your help would make a huge difference. You'll be trained on everything you need to know, and the commitment is only for a short time from 2.50pm - 3.10pm.

Please consider lending a hand. Your support is vital for keeping our school community safe. If you can help, please contact Liz McLean as soon as possible.

Thank you!



# **Keeping Our Streets Safe and Accessible**













The area outside the school on Churton Drive is a Drop-off and Pick-up zone only from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm. This means you are not allowed to park and leave your vehicle during this time. If the zone is full please do not wait in the middle of the road with your indicator on as this blocks other traffic and causes more frustration. Please drive farther up the road and park or go around the block and try again. We all want to keep our streets safe for everyone.

We've heard from many residents in Cranwell Street and Dormar Place about a recurring issue that's causing significant frustration: illegal and inconsiderate parking. We know that school drop-off and pick-up times can be hectic, but we're seeing an increasing number of parents parking on yellow lines or blocking neighbors' driveways.

This isn't just an inconvenience;

it's a safety hazard. Parking on yellow lines obstructs the flow of traffic, making it dangerous for children and other pedestrians. Furthermore, when driveways are blocked, it can prevent residents from leaving their homes for essential appointments, work, or emergencies. This can be incredibly stressful and frustrating for your neighbours.

Please take a moment to consider the impact of your

parking choices. We ask for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and accessible for everyone. Please make sure you are not parking on yellow lines or blocking driveways. By parking responsibly, you'll help ensure a smooth and safe experience for all of us.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# Sunhats, T-Shirts & Hoodies

As part of our Sunsmart policy all children at Churton Park School are required to wear a sunhat when they are outside during Terms 1 & 4.

# Order your items now

Sunhats can be purchased from NZ
Uniforms either online or at their Porirua
shop. Please make sure you have a school
sunhat for your child. If your child has
the old style sunhat they can continue to
wear them but if your child still needs a
school sunhat, please make sure you have
purchased one as soon as possible.
Sunhats, T-shirts & Hoodies can be
purchased using this link <a href="https://churtonpark.nzuniforms.com/catalog/uniform-1107113.htmx">https://churtonpark.nzuniforms.com/catalog/uniform-1107113.htmx</a>







**Order Here** 

# Please remember to advise us of Absences



# Please keep us in the loop

This year we must report any absences to the Ministry of Education daily.

This means that if you do not tell us why your child is away they will be marked as truant.

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason - illness, appointments, travel, funerals etc - it is very important that you let the office know, so we can account for all our students.

The office will let the classroom teacher know your child is absent. Often teachers can be away sick or on

a course and do not have access to their emails.

If you receive a text from the school looking for your child, please respond. You are able to report an absence in several ways:



# Ways to report an Absence

Call - 04 4784282 ext 1

Text - 0274 295 477

Eml - absence@churtonpark.school.nz

Web - www.churtonpark.school.nz

Hero - download the app

# Is your child turning 5 in 2026 or 2027?



# Help us to plan ahead

To help with our planning for the rest of this year and next year please let the school office know if the following things apply to you:

- Live In-Zone and have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2026 and you are yet to preenrol with the school office
- If you live In-Zone but have a child attending another school but intend to enrol at Churton Park School in 2025 or 2026
- If you live Out-of-Zone with a child enrolled at Churton Park School and have a child turning 5 in 2026 or 2027
- If you have a friend, family member or neighbour that does not recieve these newsletters but may fall into one of the above catergories,

please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible by either dropping in to the office, by phone 04 478 4282, email office@churtonpark.school.nz with their child's name, date of birth and your address or by completing an online enrolment form on our website www.churtonpark.school.nz
This information is crucial as we plan for the future.

**Contact School** 

# **Upcoming Events & Reminders for Your Calendar:**

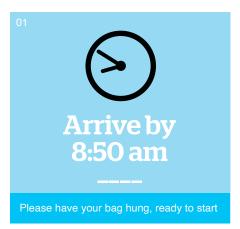


 Thursday 11th December -Year 6 Graduation evening

- Friday 12th December -Pukehuia Picnic @ Churton Park Reserve
- Friday 12th December Home & School Association
  fundraiser night Meet the
  Pharaohs 6pm 8pm
- End of Term 4 Wednesday
   17th December 12.30pm
- Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January - Drop-off days for new Chromebooks, 9am
   12 noon

- Thursday 29th January Whānau morning meet your
  child's new teacher & dropoff their stationery ready for
  the start of the year.
- Term 1 2026 begins Monday2nd February

# School times and Signing In or Out





# **School Hours -**

Children can arrive at school from 8.30am and should be at school by 8.50am so they have time to put their bags away and get settled ready for school to begin at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am or you are collecting your child for any reason before 3pm they must sign in or out on the IPad at the office.

# Save time order lunches online





# Lunchonline.co.nz

Change to lunch orders for 2026 lange to tuner orders for soon infomation coming out soon School Lunches can nline at Lunchonline.co.p hassle out of your morning chool lunch with us. Find out e QR Code seen left. Our acts from suppliers in our vicinity kery foods, fusion foods. vered to the school office for your child ر lunchtime. to co

# Our KellyClub Before/After school-care programme

# Time to join the club:

At Kelly Club Churton Park, we provide quality before - and after-school and holiday programme care. Our programmes are packed with fun activities including cooking, discovery, sports, arts and crafts. We also offer flexible payment plans and same-day booking and cancellations. Visit www.kellyclub.co.nz for bookings and any further information. Click the link below.

KellyClub













# **Our Values**

At CPS we believe and practise the following values daily at school



Eke Panuku

Hauora Wellbeing

manawaora Resilience

Ngahau Fun





SCHOOL DAY

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HALF DAY

We have a half day event available if you require childcare. Head to School finishes of 12:30pm today! www.kelyclub.co.nz to book in.



Celebrare the everyday herbes you REAL LIFE SUPERHEROES

look up to. Dress up as your number one hero and compete in our mini sporting challenges!



SHARE THE JOY

with new friends. You might even get a chance to make a special gift for grateful for. Make a snack to share Get ready to show what you're someone you love.



KIWIANA CHRISTMAS

We know how to have a blast with these games. There is something for everyone to kick, careh, baunce or

BALL BLAST

sun with a gumboot toss and baach Get ready for a summery Christmas celebration! Have some fun in the Fag races.

Let's make sure we have everything Santa & his elves are readying the sleigh for the big present drap offl

receive

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

# HOLIDAY | HOLIDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas from Kelly Clubi No Programme Today

BOXING DAY

No Programme Today Boxing Dayl

FULL DAY: \$59 HALF DAY: \$39

7:30am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm 730cm - 6.00pm

SCHOOL DAY: \$47 EVENT DAY: Edio \$20

8:45am-3:15pm

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