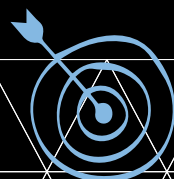


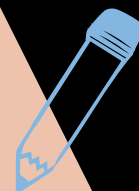
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newsletter.

29th October 2025

Term 4. Week 4

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

Empowering Connected Lifelong Learners



**Kia ora, ni hao, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana,
namaste and greetings to everyone.**

Liz McLean

Deputy Principal of
Churton Park School.

90 Churton Drive

Churton Park

Wellington 6037

Phone 04 478 4282

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Labour weekend despite the rain and the wind!!! The sun is shining today though - yay!!! Amazing how uplifting the sun can be.



Contact School

Over the past few weeks I have been having sessions with our Year 5 students about leadership in preparation for them taking on leadership roles in 2026 as Year 6s. It has been exciting to see them contribute to our discussions and think carefully about what being a leader really means. Some of the qualities they have identified as important include

- : being honest and reliable
- : being able to complete a task or job
- : being a positive role model
- : standing up for others
- : being a problem solver
- : making others feel safe

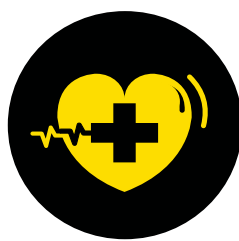
It will be exciting to see them putting this into action next year. It is always a privilege as a teacher to help children grow and develop and reminds me of this Māori proverb

‘Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu’
‘Adorn the bird with feathers and it will fly’

Have a great week

Ngā mihi nui

Liz McLean



Churton Park Shine at Northern Zone

On a typically cold and windy Wellington day, 37 students travelled to Newtown Park to compete in the Northern Zone Athletics Meet. With 9 other schools this is the toughest and biggest zone in Wellington. Throughout the day, the children who had qualified at our school event, participated in high jump, sprint, throwing, long jump and middle distance races. There was tough competition and a strong southerly but the children showed determination and Churton Park values to produce some fantastic results with 7 children plus a relay team moving on to the Inter Zone event. We were very grateful to all the families who battled the wind to cheer and support each child and make the day a wonderful success.



Sunhats

At Churton Park School we have a Sun Smart policy where all children must wear a sunhat when they are outside during Terms 1 & 4. We are noticing an increasing number of tamariki not wearing sunhats at morning tea & lunch times. We do our best to provide shaded areas for the children to play but the best protection is for them to wear a sunhat.

Please make sure your child has a school sunhat to wear during the day.

Sunhats can be purchased from NZ Uniforms Porirua or can be ordered online at <https://churtonpark.nzuniforms.com/catalog/uniform-1107113.htm>



Calendar Orders - Date Extended to 28th November



Our tamariki created beautiful artwork in Term 3, and it's now ready to be made into unique keepsakes — just in time for Christmas!

You can order your child's artwork printed on a range of products, including:

Calendars – \$16
Cards – \$16
Diaries – \$19
Mouse Mats – \$17
Sketch Pads – \$17

These make wonderful gifts for whānau

and friends, while also supporting our school's fundraising efforts.

Order online by 11:59pm, Wednesday 28th November.

Thank you for supporting the Home and School Association in raising funds for our school. Every order helps us provide the best resources and opportunities for our tamariki! If you would like to see some samples of the products before making an order, you can visit the school office.

Scooter Rules at CPS

To keep everyone safe and having fun, here are our scooter rules:

1. **Helmet-** You **must** wear your helmet every single time you hop on your scooter.
2. **Hall-** Scooters are only for riding **around the outside of the hall**.
3. **Scooters Only-** Bikes need to stay on the bike racks during school time.
4. **Walk Your Scooter-** When you're taking your scooter to or from the scooter stands, please **walk** it to the hall.
5. **Scooter Stands-** Keep your scooter in the **scooter stands**. Let's keep them tidy!
6. **Your Scooter-** Only ride your scooter, they are not for sharing at school.



Measles Cases in Wellington

A message from Health New Zealand/ Te Whatu Ora

There have been measles cases confirmed in Wellington. Measles are very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.

- Check the published [Locations of Interest](#) in case you may have come into contact with a measles case.
- Watch for [measles symptoms](#) - fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.
- Keep students home from school if they have any measles symptoms and ring a doctor or **Healthline for advice on 0800-611-116**
- Check if your whānau are immune to measles and find medical records, such as immunisation records or test results, to confirm this. For more information on checking your immunity visit info.health.nz/measles-immunity. It is safe to have additional doses if you don't have proof. For more information: info.health.nz/MeaslesVaccine



Pack The Bus Is Coming - Monday 24th November



Pack The Bus will be at our school on Monday 24th November. Pack The Bus is a promotion run by The Breeze radio station, where a bus comes to school and we donate new toys, books, food items etc to support The Wellington City Mission and help to bring an amazing Christmas to deserving families throughout the Wellington region.

We will have a collection box in the office foyer from Monday 17th November.

If you would like to donate an item to Pack The Bus here are some items from their wishlist:

- Toys - sensory toys, wooden toys, bath toys, soft toys, Lego, Family games/ puzzles, arts & crafts, sports gear, slime, fidget spinners
- Beauty products - shower gel packs, perfume, make-up, hair products
- Tech Gifts - portable speakers, headphones, game consoles (hand-held or family)
- Food - Christmas food items, chippies, fancy crackers/biscuits
- Grocery items - sanitary products, canned food, rice, pasta/pasta sauce, cereals, snacks, sweets, canned meals/soups, cleaning products, milo, tea, coffee

Please only new items and no home baking or open/expired food. Also please do not gift wrap any items.

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.

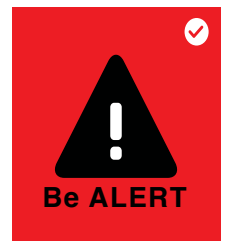
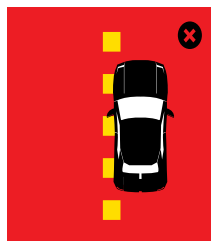
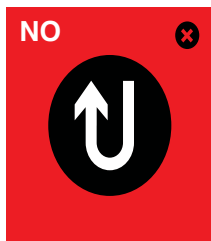
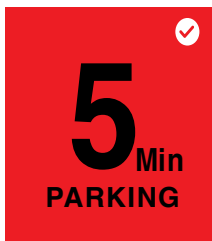
Please consider lending a hand. Your support is vital for keeping our school community safe. If you can help, please contact Liz McLean as soon as possible.

Thank you!



Contact Liz

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 <https://churtonpark.nzuniforms.com/catalog/uniform-1107113.htm>



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



ALL WELCOME
Thursday 30th October
9:55am in the Hall for
our final KAPA HAKA
PERFORMANCE

Ākonga Māori

Our Māori students enjoy time together singing waiata, practicing ti rākau/stick games, poi and sharing their mihi/speech (where they are from and their name).

This week we had a special guest Adam Rikihana. He was one of our kaiako/teachers for Kapa Haka a few years back and returned from Australia to visit his mokopuna; Isaiah & Elliana.

The Kapa Haka ākonga/students thanked Adam by performing the Haka written by our Kapa Haka kaiako/teacher Matua Todd and performed at the recent Kapa Haka festival.

The Ākonga Maori group have also worked with Adam Taniwha, Vicki Unwin & Katie Rikihana.

We welcome any interested parents who would like to join us on Monday 12-12:30pm.

Email or talk to Whaea Mac:
carlam@churtonpark.school.nz



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 pre-enrol 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 receive these newsletters but may fall into one of the above categories,

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 30th October - Year 5 Zoo Overnight Trip
- Thursday 13th November - Mihi Whakatau for our new families
- Friday 14th November - Newlands Intermediate Orientation Day for enrolled students - Bus leaving @8.40am from CPS
- Monday 24th November - Pack The Bus is coming
- Thursday 11th December - Year 6 Graduation evening
- End of Term 4 - Wednesday 17th December 12.30pm
- Term 1 2026 begins Monday 2nd February
- Friday 10th October - Swimming begins for Years 0, 1 & 2 every Friday until 21st November

Contact School

Visit Website

PONGA GROVE

This term, we have been exploring ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle in Ponga Grove. As part of our inquiry into whanaungatanga (connection), we are thinking about how our actions affect our wider community and how we can make a positive difference. We will be visiting Free For All to learn more about reducing waste and helping others. Our class has already come up with lots of creative ideas for reducing, reusing, and recycling and we are excited to learn even more!

REDUCE

"We reduce waste by using popcorn kernels instead of buying packets of pre popped popcorn."

- Izzy and Esther



REUSE

"We can reuse plastic bottles by putting more water in them instead of throwing them out."

- Audrey



RECYCLE

"Recycling is taking something used and making it into something new, like glass and plastic bottles."

-Aastha and Maisie



School times and Signing In or Out

01



**Arrive by
8:50 am**

Please have your bag hung, ready to start

02



**Home time
3:00 pm**

It's home-time or after school care-time

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

School Lunches can be purchased online at Lunchonline.co.nz, Families: Take the hassle out of your morning rush and order a school lunch with us. Find out how by scanning the QR Code seen left. Our menu's consist of products from suppliers in our vicinity including, sushi, bakery foods, fusion foods. Lunches are delivered to the school office for your child to collect at lunchtime.

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

Manaakitanga
- Respect

Eke Panuku
- Success

Hauora
- Wellbeing

Pou
manawaora
- Resilience

Ngahau
Fun

Have you ever wondered how you can help your community and those in dire need?

Have you wondered how to meet community-minded people and have your own efforts supported and magnified?

Lions may be the answer!

Do you care about your community and wish to help others?

Meet Karori Lions

Wednesday 19th November 7.30 – 8.30 pm

At the Karori Park Sports Club

400 Karori Road

Light refreshments

Admission free

Find out



- Who we are
- What we do

Tell us what more we can do

Let us know if you wish to help

Maybe think about joining us 😊

Karori Lions are a diverse group of men and women of all ages with a common interest in helping those in need and help our community thrive. We are part of a worldwide network of Lions Clubs.

Lions - Ordinary people making an extraordinary difference

Our Public Notices Section. 2

LEARN MUSIC IN-SCHOOL!!!

**DID YOU KNOW YOUR KIDS CAN LEARN
MUSIC HERE DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY !?!**

LEARN: Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Keyboard – or try them all in our Intro to Music class (Y1–2)**

GROUP LESSONS: Up to 5 students, with personalised teaching & fun with mates.

INTERACTIVE WORKBOOKS: Created by our musicians for easy at-home practice.

\$225 PER TERM*

YOU'LL LEARN ON OUR MUSIC BUS OR IN A SCHOOL SPACE

VISIT: WWW.GTMA.CO.NZ



Big Energy? Then Big-Air is for You!

BIGAIR
GYMSPORTS & CHEERLEADING

Ready to flip, tumble, and soar? Bigair Gym is the ultimate destination for kids who want to learn cool skills, achieve and build unstoppable confidence! Whether it's cartwheels, flips, tramp tricks, or parkour, Bigair Gyms action packed classes combine fun, fitness, and focus, in a safe, supportive space.

Classes to Help Your Child Shine:

Crashmat Kids Sessions (walking-4 years) – Great for little ones to become familiar with the gym.

Pocket Rockets Gym Classes (3-4 years) – Start building coordination and confidence early!

Gravity Busters Gym Classes (5+ years) – Learn the fundamentals of gymnastics and tumbling.

Team Extreme Gym Classes (Advanced) – Take your skills to the next level!

Free Running (5+ years) – Parkour + flips = epic agility and body control.

Trampoline (5+ years) – Boost spatial awareness and acrobatic abilities.

Recreational Cheerleading (5+ years) – Strength, flexibility, performance—Cheer style!

Tumbling (5+ years) – Learn walkovers, handsprings & aerials—perfect for Cheerleaders and Dancers wanting to boost flexibility and stage skills.

Hurry – Book Online Now for Term 3 Before Spaces Run Out

at www.bigairgym.co.nz! Don't miss out on the chance to help your child grow, achieve, learn, and have fun at Bigair Gym!

Contact us at: Bigair Gym
Tawa: ph. 232 3508, e. office@bigairgym.co.nz
at 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.

Email Big Air Gym

Book online for Term 4

Gym Classes at Big Air Gym

W. www.bigairgym.co.nz

C. 04 232 3508,

E. office@bigairgym.co.nz

A. 10b Surrey Street, Tawa.



Spring Into Action!

Term 4 Sports Programme



Wednesday's 3.05PM-4.05PM FOR 8 WEEKS
CRICKET, T-BALL, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL
2 WEEKS OF EACH SPORT!!
STARTS WEEK 2 OF TERM 4!

BOOK ONLINE AT

 **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

SPRING INTO ACTION!

This weekly programme gives children the skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings, Giving them the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.
Starts Wednesday 15 October 2025 for 8 weeks.

www.kellysports.co.nz

Dance Pointe

Academy New Zealand

DancePointe Academy

Ballet/Tap/Musical Theatre after-school classes at St Francis are available to give your child the opportunity to have fun learning the joy of dance.

Beginners welcome of all ages from 4 years old for Ballet. A new fun Tap class on a Saturday morning available for beginner girls & boys. Tap shoes available. Musical Theatre Class on a Thursday for 5 to 6 year olds. A free trial class for these two classes for Boys and Girls is available for the first class.

Enroll now for term 4.

Contact Sharon

dancepointenz@gmail.com

www.dancepointe.co.nz

mobile 021-2151222



Join the Kids' Kaukau Challenge!

Come along to the Kids' Kaukau Challenge on Sunday 9th November — a 4.6km family-friendly run/walk for kids aged 4 to 18 to the top of Mt Kaukau and back, followed by fun, food, and festivities at Khandallah School.

Register now at <https://events.barefootsport.co.nz/event/1205>. Early bird registrations before 19th October include a personalised race bib. Find out more here: <https://khandallah.school.nz/a/RlpXDh7>.

There's a prize for the participants from the school with the most registrations, so get your friends together and sign up today!



Pre loved women's & kids clothing sale

EVERYTHING \$2

Connect
Church Tawa
236 Main
Road, Tawa

**Saturday 1st
November
10am-1pm**

Sari Saturday

All proceeds go to a
children's home in India!

Public Notices Section. 6



Draw It Out Parents block course

For parents of neurodivergent children

Care for yourself so you can care for others by processing your emotions using a gentle powerful tool, Interactive Drawing Therapy.

● 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ● 4 WORKSHOPS

THUR 13 NOV, THUR 20 NOV, THUR 27 NOV, THUR 4 DEC

Metaphors for feelings | Uncovering needs | Self-compassion | Curiosity in direction

\$46 per session (\$184 total)

BOOK: events.humanitix.com/draw-it-out-parents-nov-2025

2/105 High St, Lower Hutt. No art skills needed. drawitout.co.nz



Draw It Out Teen workshop

Strengthening self-resources

Learn how to listen to your feelings & find guidance from within, using a gentle powerful tool called Interactive Drawing Therapy.

● 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM ● TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

\$46 pp BOOK:

events.humanitix.com/draw-it-out-teens-workshop-25-nov

2/105 High St, Lower Hutt. No art skills needed. drawitout.co.nz



FREE trial for the first 2 weeks.



LEARN NAM WAH PAI KUNG FU – Kung Fu (Chinese Martial Arts).

Learn a dynamic self-defence system, improve your fitness and flexibility.

Great for families, children, teenagers and adults - all are welcome.

Where: Cashmere Ave School Hall (Khandallah Club)

When: Training times are Tuesday 6.00-7.30pm & Thursday 6.00-7.30pm

For more information please contact Brian Lee (6th degree/dan black belt, Deputy Chief Instructor NZ) on 027 432 0079 or Email: namwahpaikungfu@gmail.com to see a demonstration on youtube look up Brian Lee Nam Wah Pai

Or alternatively, feel free to come to training.



NEUROSCIENCE FOR PARENTS

- Small groups - DON'T MISS OUT
- Half-day seminar
- Practical, take home strategies
- Interactive and personalised

NOVEMBER 12TH

@ MARANUI CLUB LOUNGE, LYALL BAY

- 9-12pm - Primary Aged Children
- 1-4pm : Adolescents
- Limited numbers - 10 per group
- \$115 per person / per half day session

FURTHER INFO

kathryn@engagetraining.co.nz

