

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

Empowering Connected Lifelong Learners





Kia ora te whānau

As we move into the final weeks of what has been a fantastic and busy year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge that people are tired at this time of year.

Our students are working hard to finish their learning goals, our staff are tirelessly managing transitions and reporting, and as parents and caregivers, you are navigating the end-of-year pressures at home and work.

This is the time of year when everyone's resilience can run a little low, and small challenges can feel like big hurdles.

With this in mind, I ask for two things from our wonderful community: patience and understanding.

Let's support each other to ensure we finish the year positively.

Matt Stanley

Principal of Churton Park School.

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Contact School

Jessie - Citizenship Award

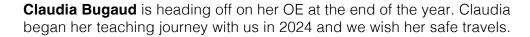
A massive congratulations goes out to Jessie for being awarded the Citizenship Award for Churton Park at the ceremony last Friday. Jessie shows outstanding commitment to our school values and the wider community. We are very proud to celebrate this significant achievement with Jessie and her family. Well done, Jessie!





Farewells

As we approach the end of the year, we have some special farewells to make.





Josh Seddon has been with us since Term 2, 2024. He is planning an incredible adventure, cycling the length of New Zealand over the summer before heading back home to the UK.

Jenny Brown has been a staff member of the CPS whānau since 2017. She has moved up the coast and is going to take some well-deserved time off from full-time teaching.



Lucy Smith started her career at CPS as a beginning teacher and is now ready for a new challenge at a different school. We fully support her decision to embrace new professional growth.

Emilia Carlson started our roll growth class at the beginning of Term 4. She will be spending the start of next year traveling around New Zealand before heading back to her native Canada.

We thank all of them for their significant contributions, dedication, and enthusiasm during their time at Churton Park School. We wish them all much success in their future endeavours!



School attendance is a major focus for schools and the Ministry of Education currently. Here are some key messages I want to share with you:

 If students have one week off every term, over ten years they will miss a year of school.

- Being at school everyday matters because of the sequential nature of learning, especially in literacy and numeracy.
- By law, students must attend school and
- One of the highest predictors of education success is attendance levels at school.

Welcome to our new Ākonga



Kenepuru Stream

Term Dates 2026

Term 1: Mon 2 Feb - Thu 2 Apr

MoE Curriculum Day - Thu 2 Apr

Term 2: Mon 20 Apr - Fri 3 Jul ANZAC Day observed Mon 27 Apr Kings Birthday 1 Jun Northern Zone Cluster expo 2 Jun

Term 3: Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep MoE Curriculum Day Fri 21 Aug

Term 4: Mon 12 Oct - Wed 16 Dec Teacher Only Day Tue 27 Oct

Scholastic Books - Book Orders



LUCKY BOOKS ISSUE 8 ORDER closing date Monday 17/11/2025. Click here To view Issue 8 brochure.

Remember to use the \$5 promo code from Issue 7 before it expires. Plus, you will earn another \$5 promo code to spend on Issue 1 2026 by ordering from this Issue.

Did you know that every purchase you make on Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to

purchase more books and educational resources for the school. Purchases from Issue 7 earned Scholastic Rewards to the value of \$230.57. Please use the Book Club Loop Linked Online Ordering & Payment option only by visiting mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Click to find out how Loop orders work.

Happy Reading! Churton Park School Lucky Book Club

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.htmx



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 whanau

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

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

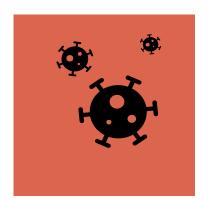
Thank you for supporting the Home and School Association in raising funds for our school. Every order helps us provide the best resources and opportunities for our tamariki! If you would like to see some samples of the products before making an order, you can visit the school office.

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 <u>Locations of Interest</u> in case you may have come into contact with a measles case.
- Watch for <u>measles symptoms</u> 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!



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.htmx







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:



Friday 10th October Swimming begins for Years
 0, 1 & 2 every Friday until
 21st November

- 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

Contact School

Visit Website

Stories from Pukehuia

Pukehuia

What has Pukehuia been up to?

In our literacy programme we have learnt about Dame Whina Cooper and her role in the 1975 Land March. We read about her early life in the far north and about the bronze statue that was made in memory of her leading the march with her 3 year old granddaughter. In Term 3, Uru completed some wonderful art projects and recently the Year 5s had their overnight stay at Wellington Zoo.













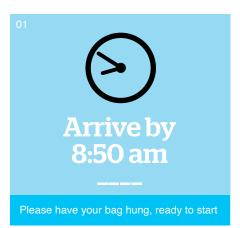


Year 5 Overnight at Wellington Zoo





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

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



Eke Panuku - Success



Pou manawaora - Resilience

Ngahau Fun



Contact: Phone: Email:

Angela Saju 021 9972010 churtonpark@kellyclub.co.nz kellyclub.co.nz/churtonpark



KELLY CLUB CHURTON PARK UPDATE

🧎 Not too late to try DIY Week! 🎨

The countdown to Christmas is on — just six weeks to go! But don't you worry, we've still got time to glow. This week's a blast with **Try DIY**, Where crafty hands and giggles fly!

From garden ornaments and clay gnomes galore, To pizza rolls and cupcakes (and maybe some more!). We'll stomp balloons, toss beans, and play, With sports, games, and laughter every day.

As the year winds down and to-do lists grow,
Take a breather — let Kelly Club flow.
Book your spot — before or after school care,
So you can plan, shop, or just stop — we'll be there!



MELLY CLUB		THEME: Try DIY! Term 4 Week 6, 10th November 2025		Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Churton Park	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Recoded Grander Ornament A Structured Free Time	Pleydough & Structured free Time	Conference Creations & Structured Free Time	Character & Structured Free Time	Homemode Capackes & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Gons: Seen Boy Terr	Osmai Kallson Stemp	Geme: Bosc of the Setts	Gener The Coreput	Gerral Feetball
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign in & Structured Free Time	Sign in & Structured Free Time	Sign in & Structured Free Time	Sign in & Structured Free Time	Sign in & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Affermoon Teo Scommire & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tess Cheeriox & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Summies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Teo Homemoste Capcoles & Pru
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Gener Shelf Chains	Gerrer Master	Dame: Space Investors	Server Seater Ball	Seme Lanely Shoot
3:43 - 4:30 pm	Wearable Arts	Snew Fluff	SPORT Throwin' for the Throne	Veggie Pizza Rails	CRAFT Clay Garden Gnames
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tody Mp	Tuly Up	Tidy Up	Tiely Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snock Time Vege Chips	Smock Time Papearn	Snock Time Blooks	Snock Time Boking	Snock Time Crackers
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Honework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Honework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Onne: Hannel Tag A Projects	Game: King of the King A Projects	Geme: Mexican Kickhall & Projects	Gome: Piroles Enshaltself A Projects	Gema: Martal Enancias A Projects





CHRISTMAS MARKET



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - SANTA - FOOD - JEWELLERY-POTTERY - PLANTS - S/SIZZLE - ART - KIDS' STUFF -DECOR - MAKE-UP - SKINCARE & MORE

Saturday 6 December 2025



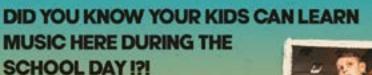


Main Car Park
34 Johnsonville Rd, Johnsonville









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!

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

Public Notices Section, 4



DancePointe Academy

Ballet/Tap/Muscial 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



WELLINGTON JUNIOR RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 6th December 2025

Venue: Wellington Bridge Club 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Format:

- Individual competition with 4 playing divisions
- Open division will be FIDE and Nationally rated
- Swiss tournament of 6 rounds, with 15 minutes + 5 sec / move

Playing Divisions (4):

• Open: (U20 @ 1/1/25 with NCZF Rtg +1200)

Senior: 13 years & overIntermediate: 11-12 yearsJunior: 10 years & under

Prizes:

- Cash prizes for Open
- Medals & book tokens for other divisions

Entry fee: \$30

Payment to Crazy Horse Chess, a/c # 02-0506-0369999-000 Include players name & "WJR" as reference.

Entry closes 8:30 pm, Thursday 4th December

Timetable:

Registration starts 9.15 am

Players briefing: 9.30 am

LUNCH BREAK

Round 1: 9.45 am

Round 2: 10.30 am

Round 3: 11.15 am

LUNCH BREAK

Round 5: 1.45 pm Round 6: 2.30 pm PRIZE-GIVING

Round 4: 1.00 pm



Email your entry to: gordon@crazyhorsechess.co.nz include name & DOB





CHRISTMAS JINGLE'S WEEK

OVER 3 FUN-FILLED DAYS, PICK YOUR IN-STRUMENT (DRUMS, GUITAR/UKULELE, OR KEYBOARD) AND LEARN COOL CHRISTMAS JINGLE! WRAP IT UP WITH A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR PAR-ENTS ON THE LAST DAY! NO MUSIC EXPERIENCE NEEDED

3 DAY WORKSHOP: \$199.00 9.00AM - 4.00PM EARLY START: \$10 8,30AM - 9.00AM FOR 6 YEARS & OVER

WED 17 DEC

Welcome & Introduction games

Choose your instrument for the next 3 days

Start rocking out to CHRISTMAS HITS!

THU 18 DEC

Keep learning and perfecting your jingles!

Enjoy plenty of breaks with our fun games

FRI 19 DEC

Final practice and polish!

Perform your song at a special show for parents at 3:15 pm

BASKETBALL | AIR HOCKEY ARCADES | FOOSBALL

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Goodtime Music Academy, Lower Hutt



