

for our

Family Friends & Whānau

of **Churton Park
School** ESTD
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21st May 2025

Term 2. Week 4.

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

Empowering Connected Lifelong Learners



Kia ora e te whānau

Teachers are currently writing the mid-year reports. A lot of thought, time and effort go into these. An extra challenge this year is we are in a transition from the old curriculum to the new one.

Here is a statement from the Ministry of Education to help explain any discrepancies during this process

Matt Stanley

Principal of
Churton Park School.

90 Churton Drive

Churton Park

Wellington 6037

Phone 04 478 4282



Contact School

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 Pāngarau Years 0-8 wāhanga 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.



[temahau.govt.nz](https://www.temahau.govt.nz)

Lateness

As we continue our term, I want to highlight the importance of arriving at school on time each day. When students arrive late, even by a few minutes, it can disrupt their own learning, the flow of the classroom, and the learning of their classmates. They may miss crucial instructions, important introductions to lessons, and valuable time for settling in and preparing for the day ahead. This can lead to feelings of being rushed, anxious, and potentially struggling to catch up. Please help us ensure students arrive on time, ready to learn. If you require some support with this, please contact the school.

Year 6 Camp

Wishing all our Year 6 students the very best for camp this week! This is an amazing opportunity to explore, try new things, and make some incredible memories with your friends. Remember to be kind, look out for each other, and most of all, have a brilliant time!

Churton Park School 50th Birthday Celebration

On Monday 26th May, Churton Park School proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary. To commemorate this special milestone we will be stepping back in time with a fun 1970s dress-up day! All students and staff are encouraged to wear clothing that represents the 70s. We will be holding a parade at lunchtime to showcase the amazing costumes and hosting an open morning.

We warmly invite our whānau and greater community to come along to our open morning, 9.30am - 11am, enjoy a guided tour of the school and share a cup of tea/coffee and birthday cake with our staff.

Staff Only Day

A reminder that we have a Staff Only Day on Tuesday 3rd June and school is closed to all students. Thank you for your support.



School Disco!

CPS 1970s Disco reminders: One week left to purchase groovy disco tickets and prepare your tubular outfits and rad dance moves. Tickets to boogie on down will be issued during class on disco day. Bring this ticket to the disco. BYO drink bottle. For safety reasons children will not be allowed to use outside drinking fountains. **Disco arrivals:** Children must enter via the main hall entrance. **Disco departures:** Caregivers must enter via the main entrance and depart via the first exit on the left in the hall. Children will not be allowed to exit without their caregiver. Follow the signage and helpers. Catch you on the flip side!

Disco time!

When: Thursday the 29th of May

Where: Churton Park School Hall

Year 0-3 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Years 4-6 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Cost: \$10 per child (INCLUDES a 'treat' bag)

Theme: 70's disco

How to pay: We will be trialling a new system called Kindo, where you will fill out the details and make an online payment. Either scan the QR codes on the posters around the school or copy and paste the link below.

<https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/community-shop/Churton%20Park%20School/>

This year payments will need to be made before Tuesday the 27th of May.



Parent Help Required

If you are available to help out - whether for the **whole event**, during the **junior or senior disco**, or even just for **an hour** - we'd really appreciate it. Please email claudiab@churtonpark.school.nz if you're able to assist.

Thank you for your support!

Term 2 Policy Reviews

Please use the instructions below to give your feedback on our Health, Safety, and Welfare policies

Visit the website <https://churtonpark.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

1. Enter the username (churtonpark) and password (learningforlife).
 2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
 3. Read the policy.
 4. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
 5. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
 6. Enter your name (optional).
 7. Submit your ratings and comments.
 8. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.
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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. Simply link your New World Club Card to Churton Park School and continue shopping as normal. 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 <https://forms.gle/BNm175pNYmsJKd-Dq7> and continue shopping.



Intermediate Open Evenings



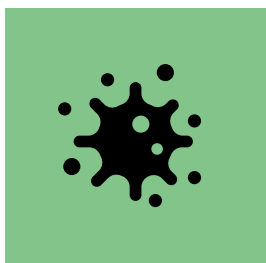
Newlands Intermediate are having a School Open Evening for families of Year 6 students on Thursday 26 June from 6.30-8.00pm in the Intermediate school hall.

There will also be a School in Action morning on Thursday 24 July from 9.00 - 10.30am.



Rāroa Normal Intermediate school will be holding a New Parent Information Evening on Monday 4 August 6-7pm in the Intermediate school hall. There will also be an Open Morning on Tuesday 5 August 9am-10.30am.

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

Junior Cross Country

On a sunny Tuesday morning, 26 excited year 1 - 3's travelled to Amesbury School to compete in the Junior Cross Country event. The children were racing against the top 5 runners from all the other Northern Zone schools.

All the children raced well, cheering each other on and having a fun morning. Churton Park School values were on show all morning.

Thank you to all the parents that helped with transport and supported the children on the day.

There were many fantastic results, here are the ones who finished in the top ten.

Ethan 1st Year 2 Boys
Ezra 3rd Year 1 Boys
Lottie 3rd Year 3 Girls

Dhivar 7th Year 1 Boys
Jeremiah 7th Year 2 Boys
Alex 7th Year 3 Boys
Sam 8th Year 1 Boys
Stella 8th Year 2 Girls
Thea 8th Year 3 Girls
Lily 9th Year 3 Girls
Henry 9th Year 3 Boys



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.

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 your items now



Order Here

Is your child turning 5 in 2025 or 2026 ?



Help us to plan ahead

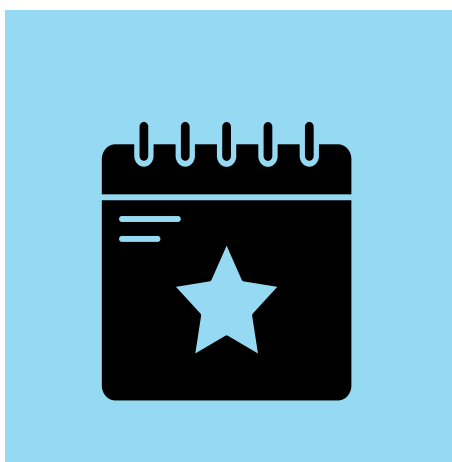
To help with our planning for the rest of this year and next year please let the school office know if the following things apply to you:

- Live In-Zone and have a new entrant child who turns 5 in 2025 or 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 2025 or 2026
- If you have a friend, family member or neighbour that does not receive these news

letters 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:



- Tuesday 20th May - Friday 23rd May - Year 6 Camp

@ YMCA Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre

- Monday 26th May - CPS 50th Birthday
- Thursday 29th May - School Disco - Yr 0-3 4 - 5pm, Yr 4-6 5.30 - 6.30pm
- Monday 2nd June - King's Birthday
- Tuesday 3rd June - Staff Only Day - Kāhui Ako

- Friday 20th June - Matariki
- Friday 27th June - End of Term 2

Contact School

Visit Website

Ponga Grove



In Ponga Grove, we have been focusing on writing really detailed, outstanding sentences. Each Monday, we spend some time developing strong sentences to construct a 10 sentence story featuring a dragon. Have a look at some of our sentences so far!

'The dragon flew lower, suddenly, the kraken grabbed the lady lizard underwater and the dragon killed the kraken with a deadly bite!' – Nathan

'As the wolf saw a cave it saw a spikey, sharp tail, the wolf approached towards it with fear, surrounding it was a scaly body with horns on it's head.' – Charlotte



Lower Totāra Ridge

In Literacy, we've been diving into the world of narratives!

Our focus has been on understanding how stories are structured, including characters, settings, problems, and solutions.

To help us learn how to retell a story, we explored the classic tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

We looked at what makes a great beginning, middle, and end, and practised using our own words to share the story in a clear and exciting way.



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



A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS **LOVE!**

TEACHER ONLY DAY! **BEACH DAY!** **TUES 3 JUNE 2025**

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

*Conditions apply

CHURTON PARK SCHOOL

We've got an amazing programme planned including baking, crafts, games and more!
Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!!

Full Day: \$59

7:30am - 6:00pm

School Day: \$47

8:45am - 6:00pm

Half Day: \$39

7:30am - 12:30pm / 12:30pm - 6:00pm

Contact: Jemma Pickworth

Phone: 022 010 9972

Email: churtonpark@kellyclub.co.nz

Facebook: @KellyClubChutonPark

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



**KELLY
CLUB**

THEME: A Sea of Royals

Term 2 Week 5, 26th May 2025

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Churton Park

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Card Games & Structured Free Time	Ocean Animals Art & Structured Free Time	Playdough Sea Creatures & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cupcakes & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Bean Bag Toss	Game: Balloon Stomp	Game: Boss of the Balls	Game: King of the Hill	Game: Line Defense
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Garlic Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Mini Spring rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Crackers & Cheese & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Trail Mix & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pasta & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Master	Game: Space Invaders	Game: Scatter Ball	Game: Lonely Ghost
SENIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	GAME Cannon Ball Pop	DISCOVERY Ocean Slime	SPORT Hot Cannonball	COOKING Under the Sea Jelly	CRAFT Scepter
					
JUNIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Paper Cup Boats	GAME Queen Bee	DISCOVERY Oil vs Water	COOKING Under the Sea Jelly	SPORT Hot Cannonball
					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time	Snack Time
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Hornet Tag & Projects	Game: King of the Ring & Projects	Game: Mexican Kickball & Projects	Game: Pirates Basketball & Projects	Game: Mortal Enemies & Projects

Our Public Notices Section.1

AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS

TERM 2 2025

CHURTON PARK SCHOOL

Wednesday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks

www.kellysports.co.nz



Hockey



Football



Netball



Rippa Rugby

Sessions start Weds 7 May

Contact: adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz

**NZ
ART
SHOW.**

KING'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND

30 MAY – 1 JUNE

TSB ARENA | WELLINGTON



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Our Public Notices Section. 2

Goodtime Music Academy

Make some Noise!!!

Get ready to ignite your child's musical passion! Goodtime Music Academy teaches at Churton Park Primary School and is offering award-winning in-school music lessons. Say goodbye to post-school commutes! Dive into the world of music in a vibrant group setting with the following instrument lesson: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele, or our

'Intro to Music' course. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Your child will have the chance to shine in our thrilling concerts. Act fast, as spots are limited. Enrol now at www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school or call us at 04 568 2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits



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 2 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 2

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.

Public Notices Section. 3

Easyswim Swim School – LEARN TO SWIM!

Easyswim runs lessons for babies through to adults out of six school pools around Wellington. Locations include Plimmerton, Tawa, Johnsonville, Rewa Rewa, Khandallah and Newtown School Pools. Birthday Party bookings are also available.

For more information call 234 7946 or email book@easyswim.co.nz



Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?



Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please call

SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMING ARTS

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

TedX speaker

Jo Robertson

presents

Parenting in the Digital Era



Practical solutions to protect kids from online harm | For parents of kids 4-13+

Join us for an essential session on creating a safe online experience for your child. Led by Jo Robertson, you'll explore the online world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

The workshop will cover harmful content, exploitation, popular apps and filters. Evidence based and expert led, you'll leave with strategies on how to prevent and respond to harm, to keep your child safe.

Jo Robertson is a therapist holding a Master of Science in Medicine, specializing in the effects of online sexual content. Jo has years of experience delivering sexual health education to professionals, parents, caregivers, and young people. Jo has presented a TEDx talk, and continues to speak globally on topics related to youth, sexual culture, and media influences.

Thursday 22 May

Meow Nui, Vivian St, 7.30pm

Limited tickets – selling fast
Book now at MeowNui.com

THE
TRICKY CHATS™
PARENTING COURSE



Rāroa Normal Intermediate
CRAFT BEER
AND
QUIZ NIGHT
TICKETS
SELLING NOW
THURSDAY 12 JUNE

Rāroa Intermediate Hall. Doors open at 6pm.

Quiz event starts 7pm.

Food platters available for purchase. EFTPOS onsite. R18

Event. Tickets \$20pp or purchase a table of 8 for \$150.

Purchase tickets via KINDO.

https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/community-shop/Raroa%20Normal%20Intermediate%20School/kindo/quiz_night

**SHOW IN A WEEK
7- 11 JULY**



email: **fastforwardmt@gmail.com**
for registration and more details

Monday - Thursday 9am-5pm
Khandallah Presbyterian Church
Friday 9am - 9pm (3 shows!)
Hutt City Church