

for our

Family Friends & Whānau

of Churton Park School

newsletter.

We believe in
Empowering
Connected
Lifelong
Learners



28th February Summer 2024

Term 1. Week 5.

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



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

Week 5 already - hard to believe. Learning spaces are humming. As I have popped into spaces I have seen reading sessions and activities happening.



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

Doctor Suess

Liz McLean

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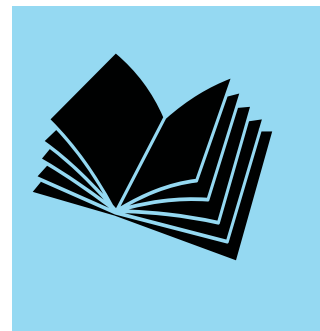
In Term 2 I am hoping to set up a whanau reading programme to support what is being done in the classroom.

This would involve parents, caregivers or whanau volunteering half an hour a week to come in and read with one or two children. People who volunteer would have a session with me later this term to learn about what they would be doing and also helpful strategies to support the children.

We would work around times that people are available.

If this is something you are interested in please contact me - lizm@churton-park.school.nz

Ka kite
Liz McLean



Explaining One Hour Per Day

What's happening

Starting from Term 1 2024, all children in New Zealand in Years 0–8 are expected to be taught reading and writing for an average of 10 hours and maths for an average of five hours in a typical week. We are currently reviewing our practices as a staff to ensure we are meeting these new government priorities.

What does this mean?

Generally there is already an hour a day of reading, writing and maths, so this will not be a big change. The new 'one hour a day' requirement has been designed to be practical and flexible. We will still be able to hold events like athletics days and school camps since the requirement is for an average amount of time in a "typical" week.

The National Curriculum outlines what your child should be able to understand, know and do as they progress through their school years. Teachers will continue to use the curriculum and teach in ways that best suit the learning. This includes using things like active learning opportunities, group work, investigations, practice, and consolidation activities. The 'one hour a day' requirement can be broken up into small blocks throughout the day. Your child's teacher will manage these to fit the needs of your child.

How you can help at home

To support the learning they do at school, you can help your child develop reading, writing and maths skills by:

- having your child read to you
- reading to your child and talking about books and stories
- encouraging your child to share what they think about a book, and being positive about the material they are reading or listening to
- letting your child see you enjoy books, audiobooks or podcasts
- encouraging your child to write, and talking with your child about what they are writing

- showing your child that you write for lots of reasons too, such as replying to an email, filling out a form, or writing an invitation or letter
- involving your child in activities where you use maths (for example playing games with cards or dice, grocery shopping, cooking, and DIY activities)
- encouraging your child to share how they solve mathematics problems (they may use different mental or written strategies to the ones you were taught)
- being positive about your child's reading, writing, and maths experiences, and praising their efforts.

Working Together

It is helpful to share your child's interests, languages spoken at home, and cultural practices with their teachers, so they can be included in your child's learning. You can also talk with your child or their teacher about their progress in reading, writing, and maths and discuss with their teacher ways you can support your child at home.

Notice of Paid Union Meetings (PUMs)

We have been advised by the NZEI (Teachers Union), that there will be paid union meetings for all teaching staff at the end of March.

The school is required by law to allow all union members to attend these meetings.

At the moment we are looking at ways to allow teachers to attend the meetings while creating the least disruption to classes.

We will advise more details shortly.



Welcome to our new Mandarin Learning Assistant



Yingfei Chen

Please take time to welcome our new Mandarin Learning Assistant.

We are very pleased to have Yingfei Chen join our team in 2024.

Yingfei joins us on Wednesday's & Thursday's as a Mandarin Learning Assistant. Yingfei will teach Mandarin and share her culture with our tamariki, who will also share their culture with Yingfei.

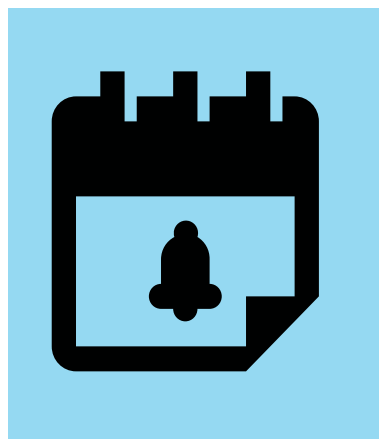
We welcome Yingfei and know that our tamariki will make her feel at home.

The University of Canterbury Exams - Years 5 & 6

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered. Enrolment forms have come home with students this week. Please make sure you return your form and make payment by Friday 12th April.



Teacher Only Days 2024



- **Term 1:** None
- **Term 2:** Tuesday 4 June- mandated by the Ministry of Education for Curriculum Refresh. We will be working with the other Kahui Ako schools on this day
- **Term 2:** Friday 5 July- Literacy PLD
- **Term 3:** Monday 16 September- Collaborative Teaching and Learning
- **Term 4:** Friday 25 October- mandated by the Ministry of Education for Curriculum Refresh
- **Term 4:** Friday 20 Dec - planning for 2025

Learning Conversations

Our Learning Conversations are coming up on Tuesday 26 March 2.15pm - 7.15pm and Wednesday 27 March 2.15pm - 5.15pm.

Families are invited to a 15 minute meeting where your child is able to share their learning.

To book your interview time, please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code: t885d

Children in Room 5 with Claudia Bugaud will have their interviews at the same time as the rest of the school.

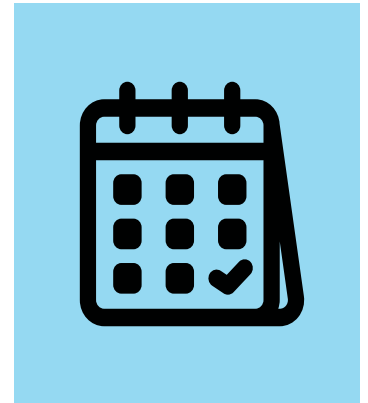
Children in Room 6 currently with Megan Gill will have their interviews early in Term 2 to give their new teacher a chance to get to know the children. We will be in touch with booking details next term.

Classes will finish at 2pm on both days to allow interviews to begin. Supervision will be provided between 2 - 3pm for any children that are unable to be collected at 2pm. Kelly Club will operate from 3pm.



Upcoming Events for Your Calendar:-

- Home & School Association meeting - Monday 11th March 7pm school staffroom - anyone is welcome to come along, learn what is involved. Many hands make light work
- Learning Conversations - Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March.
- Easter Holidays - Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April. School will be closed until Wednesday 3rd April
- End of Term 1 - Friday 12th April
- Term 2 begins - Monday 29th April
- School Cross Country - Early Term 2, Run-A-Thon Fundraiser - more details to come
- Year 6 Camp - Term 4, week 5 12th -15th November - more details to come



School Donations 2024



The Board of Trustees have set the donations for 2024. The Board decided to retain the same donation amounts as 2023. All donations are voluntary and qualify for a tax rebate. Receipts are issued as we receive donations.

Because of our Equity Index Number (this replaced deciles last year), the Ministry does not fund us fully and we rely on fundraising and donations to run the school.

Attached with this newsletter we have the letter outlining the donations and how you can make payment.

We thank you for your support.

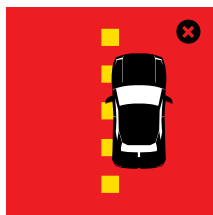
Our Road Patrollers need You!



Our volunteer school patrollers stand at their school crossings twice a day without fail, in rain, wind and shine, to help keep the road that passes our schools safe for their school mates. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise our road patrollers. We currently need help on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday afternoons.

Please contact mareeg@churtonpark.school.nz for more information or to volunteer.

Safety is a choice you make



Our Safety Rules:

- The parking space directly outside school on Churton Drive is a 5 minute only parking in the morning and after school. If you wish to come into school with your child you must park elsewhere. The free flow of traffic through this area allows parents to bring their child/ren to the gate.
- U turns near the school entrance are dangerous for students using the footpath. Please drive further up the street to turn around.
- Parking on yellow lines or at the bottom of the drive for a quick drop off inhibits the view of the road patrollers. Please find a safe place away from the school driveway to pull in.
- Make sure you cross your children on the pedestrian crossing, not down at the corner or close to your car. Also, please ensure that you as an adult also use the crossing after you have dropped your child at their class. This sets the right example to all our children.
- Please use the footpath alongside the main entryway driveway when you come into the school from Churton Drive.
- Please do not park over our neighbours driveways.
- We ask that parents do not drive up the drive in the mornings to drop children off for the Before School Care programme – it becomes quite a traffic jam when our school staff are also arriving in their vehicles.

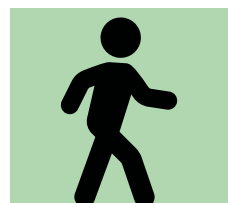
Movin' March Begins This Friday!

Movin' March! Let's try and make it Movin' 2024!

Why stop at March. Walking, biking, scootering, dancing, skipping, hopping - all great ways to ease the traffic on Churton Drive and have fun getting to school!

Movin' March begins on Friday, all children will get a "passport" that they can get stamped by a House Captain at one of the three school entrances. There will also be spot prizes.

Let's Get Movin'!



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

Churton Park School Netball 2024

The new netball season will be starting soon

Information and registration forms are available from class teachers for children in years 3 to 6 who are interested in playing netball for Churton Park school in the upcoming 2024 season.

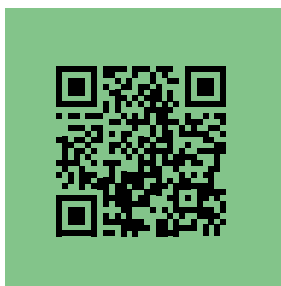
Completed forms can be given back to your child's class teacher or scanned and emailed to netball@churtonpark.school.nz

The netball season doesn't start until 4 May 2024, however all teams need to be registered with the Northern Suburbs Netball Committee (NSN) during the period 25 March to 10 April 2024. For Year 6 players trials will be held in March. For more information on northern suburbs netball visit www.nsnetball.co.nz

Year 1 and 2 Netball – unfortunately at this stage NSN have been unable to find a Co-ordinator to run the Year 1 and 2 netball programme for all northern suburbs schools. We will keep you updated and if NSN are able to fill this role then more information on registration for Year 1 and 2 players will be sent home.



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 and order a school lunch with us. Find out how by scanning the QR Code. Lunches can be ordered from Nada Bakery, Chia Sushi & Fusion Foodhaus. Orders are available Tuesday - Friday and are delivered to the school office for children to collect.



**Arrive from
8:30 am**

Please have your bag hung, ready to start



**Ready to Roll
8:50 am**

It's School-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 they must sign in at the office on the iPad.

[Visit Website](#)

For more information
visit our website here by
scanning this QR Code





Giraffes really CAN dance!

Look at Ponga Grove's fabulous paintings of Gerald the Giraffe.

We enjoyed reading the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance', and then decided that Giraffes CAN dance and we wanted to draw Gerald dancing and having fun.

To create these beautiful pieces of art, we first looked at Giraffes and their long legs and necks.

We then decided how we could draw these so it looked like they were dancing in the jungle.

Once we were happy with our giraffes we added a background. We used paint and learnt how to hold a paint brush to get the best stroke technique and how to blend the different colours.



Public Notices

These notices are provided for your information



Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Girls entering Year 7 in 2025

Marsden warmly invites families of girls entering Year 7 in 2025 to their first Open Morning for 2024 on Friday 22 March, 8.45am-12pm. Please register at www.marsden.school.nz/register

Scholarships for entry in 2025 are now open. For more information and to apply, visit www.marsden.school.nz/enrolments/scholarships

marsden.school.nz Marsden, Inspiring Girls

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



TERM 1

SPRING INTO SPORTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3:05pm – 4:05pm

BOOKINGS STILL OPEN!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

 **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**

 Athletics


 Ultimate Frisbee

 Dodgeball

 Turbo Touch

Contact Information

adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:00 am	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time
8:00- 8:30 am	Game: Sleeping Lions	Game: Animal Memory	Game: Animal Cookies	Game: Snake's Tail	Game: Cat and Mouse
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Sign In & Intro	Sign In & Intro	Sign In & Intro	Sign In & Intro	Sign In & Intro
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Game: Silent Ball	Game: Name An Animal	Game: Simon Says	Game: Animal Freeze	Game: Kids Choice
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Afternoon Tea Cheese, Crackers & Fruit	Afternoon Tea Pasta & Fruit	Afternoon Tea Spring Rolls & Fruit	Afternoon Tea Spaghetti, Toast & Fruit	Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit
Activity 1 3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Bird Feeders 	GAME Animal Quiz 	COOKING Animal Cookies 	DISCOVERY Swamp Slime 	CRAFT Animal Cage Challenge 
Activity 2 3:45 - 4:30 pm	SPORT Move like an Animal 	DISCOVERY Jellyfish Salt Painting 	GAME Wash the Animal Relays 	CRAFT Pipe Cleaner Animals 	GAME Animal Memory 
4:30 - 4:45 pm	Tidy Up & Snack Time	Tidy Up & Snack Time	Tidy Up & Snack Time	Tidy Up & Snack Time	Tidy Up & Snack Time
4:45 - 5:30 pm	Homework & Animal Wordsearch	Homework & Animal Bingo	Homework & Animal Charades	Homework & Animal Colouring	Homework & Paper Chain Snakes
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time



31 MAY - 2 JUNE

KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

TSB ARENA WELLINGTON

**NZ
ART
SHOW**

CARBOOT SALE

**\$25 PER CAR
BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW**

**SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024
12PM - 3PM
CROFTON DOWNS PRIMARY
SCHOOL BOTTOM FIELD**

**SELL YOUR UNUSED OR UNWANTED
CLOTHES/BOOKS/KIDS TOYS AND
GAMES/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS/SHOES &
MORE**

BAKE SALE



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Email the PTA for more information and to book
your space now: croftondownspta@gmail.com



Attention all Kids and Parents

**Come and play rugby for the
Johnsonville Junior Rugby Club**

Registrations are now open for the 2024 Rugby Season. The season will start on 3/4 May and finishes on 30/31 August. If you are interested and would like more information, please email johnsonvillejrns@gmail.com

TO REGISTER GO TO

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/johnsonvillerrugbyjnr>

Please also "like" our Facebook page '[Johnsonville Junior Rugby Club](#)'



ENHANCE SKILLS - HAVE FUN - MEET FRIENDS



Join us this season

There is something for everyone to start working toward their dreams of being the next Black Fern or All Black-Friday RipRugby, Saturday Rippa or Tackle.

And like previous seasons we are still offering FEES-FREE for the Yr0/1s (previoulsty U6s)



To register scan the QR code or online at www.sporty.co.nz/newlands
If you have any questions, please get in touch:
newlandsrugbyclub@gmail.com or contact:
Mel Dehar 0211768862 / Mel Bradley 0273108061

Goodtime Music Academy

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!



Playcentre
Open Week
5-8 March 2024



Play, learn and grow together
with your pēpi or tamariki and
make connections with other
whānau in your community.

Newlands Tamariki
Playcentre

Tuesday, 5 Mar 2024
10:00 - 12:30

Wednesday, 6 Mar 2024
10:00 - 12:30

Thursday, 7 Mar 2024
10:00 - 12:30

Friday, 8 Mar 2024
10:00 - 12:00

Nau mai haere mai! Everyone Welcome!

newlandstamariki@playcentre.org.nz
134 Newlands Road, Newlands