



## CHURTON PARK SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 35

Term 4 Week 5

16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

#### **Empowering Connected Lifelong Learners**

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

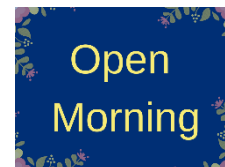
School attendance has been in the headlines lately. Thankfully we enjoy a good attendance rate but there are some key messages I want to share with you:

- 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
- One of the highest predictors of education success is attendance levels at school.

#### **Open Morning 24th November 9.30-10.30 am.**

You are invited to attend an open morning next week. This is an opportunity to have a look at the teaching and learning that is happening in the modern learning environments at Churton Park and to see inside our new buildings. The teachers will not necessarily be available to talk or answer questions as they will be teaching the class. However, there will be House Captains in each space to welcome you in and answer any simple questions.

Please sign in at the office and then feel free to have a walk around the spaces as you wish.



#### **NZEI**

On Wednesday 23 November our teachers will be involved in Paid Union Meetings, which are being facilitated by NZEI. These meetings are occurring across the country over a number of days. On this occasion, we have elected to cover teachers/classes while teachers attend a meeting. This will involve some changes to class programmes on Wednesday the 23rd for an hour and a half while we accommodate teachers attending the meeting.

#### **Smartwatches**

We have noticed that some students are wearing smartwatches that have communication, photo/video and internet capabilities. We do not recommend that these are worn to school, however, we also understand that some parents like their children to have a device to communicate with them after school. During school hours all communication needs to be done through the school office. If your child does wear a smartwatch, these come under our Digital Technology and Personal Device Policies:

*'If a student does bring a personal digital device to school, the following guidelines apply:*

- *The school does not accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen personal digital devices.*
- *The device should be kept turned off and out of sight.*
- *If personal digital devices are used for a learning activity, this will be at the teacher's discretion, and their use is supervised by school staff.'*

*'Inappropriate use of a personal digital device may include:*

- *using the device when not permitted*
- *any sort of bullying, including online bullying, e.g. disrespectful messages about staff or other students*
- *taking photos or videos of other people without their permission*
- *forwarding inappropriate messages or content.*

- *Inappropriate use of a personal digital device is dealt with through the school's behaviour management, responding to digital incidents, and surrender and retention of digital devices guidelines, as appropriate.'*

These policies are currently under review. Please log on to School Docs to view them.

## Term 4 Policy Review

Health, Safety and Welfare

Safety on and off School Grounds

1. Visit the website <https://churtonpark.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (churtonpark) and password (learningforlife).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## Matt

### Northern Zone Athletics Results

A big shout out to all our wonderful athletes who represented our school at the Northern Zone Athletics event at Newtown Stadium. Under glorious sunshine and with wonderful support from parents and grandparents our students ran, jumped and threw with great results.

The following students have qualified to represent the Northern Zone at the Inter Zone event at the same venue on Tuesday 29 November.

*Vortex - Alice H, Sanita, Isobel, Taane*

*High Jump - Antonia, Taane, Florence*

*Short Sprints - Sophie C, Cooper W*

Congratulations too to our longer distance runners who took part in the 800m race which is a one off event  
*Niamh 3rd, Jessica 1st and Ovin 1st.*

Many thanks for the many offers of transport and support on the day for our students.



### Thank You For Supporting Our Camp Fundraising

We would like to say a massive thank you to the two parents who came away to help us for camp - we appreciate the time and energy you dedicated to making sure our students could have the best experience possible!

We'd also like to thank Churton Park New World, Foxton Fizz and Pop n Good for donating goods towards our fundraising. We were able to completely cover the cost of the buses. We'd also like to thank Bath Buddies and The Village Press for their support.

### Scholastic Books

The final issue 8 is here! [Click here to view.](#)

Online loop order closing on Wednesday 23/11/2022, to ensure your orders arrive before the end of term 4.

Orders will be delivered to school and distributed to your child. (Any items identified as gifts can be collected from the school office). Every book ordered earns 20% back in Scholastic rewards to reinvest in our school library.

Please use Book Club Loop Linked online ordering & Payment option only by visiting [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

We have earned enough reward points from the last 7 issues to acquire an additional of 128 new books for our school library collection. Thank you for your support!



OUR VALUES:

**Manaakitanga**  
Respect

**Pou manawaroa**  
Resilience

**Eke Panuku**  
Success

**Hauora**  
Wellbeing

**Ngahau**  
Fun

## In Week 4 of Term 4, the year sixes went on school camp. Here are some of our favourite highlights!

The year 6s recently went on school camp at Camp Makahika, Levin. We did lots of fun activities including a zipline, high ropes, low ropes, a long bush walk and even fire starting! When we got to the camp we started by getting a safety briefing, we then had some morning tea and off we went! Group one did the low ropes, group two did the high ropes and group three did the zipline, then they switched until everyone had a turn at each!

Here are some photos!



The next day we went on a five hour bush walk! Some people loved it and some people hated it. We had one leader instead of a teacher and one “Charlie” who stood with the teachers. A “Charlie” is a person who stands at the back of the group to make sure nobody gets lost.

The third day we had some very fun adventures in the bush! We started the day off with shelter-making. We had one tarp and four strings to make a shelter for five people to sleep in. After that, we went to learn how to start fires safely. We got into our shelter-making groups and collected small twigs. We put them into our little fire pit and lit it up. We lit a small cotton ball and chucked it in the pit, hoping it would start a fire!



The final thing we did that day was river safety. We were taught to link arms if ever crossing a river, it makes you much stronger whilst walking through water!

**By Zoe And Judah**



## Out Of Zone Enrolments for 2023

The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol "out of zone" students at Churton Park School. Churton Park School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on the school website.

The Board of Trustees have approved Out of Zone vacancies for up to 12 students across Years 1, 2, 4 & 5 in 2023. Applications can be made on the official enrolment form, which is available at the school office or online enrolment on the school website. The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 3pm. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three working days of the ballot being held.

**If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.**

Please contact the school office, phone 04 4784282 for details regarding the application process or email: [office@churtonpark.school.nz](mailto:office@churtonpark.school.nz)



### Pack The Bus Is Coming!

Pack the bus will be visiting our school on 28 November this year. This is a great opportunity to support the Wellington City Mission in helping people in need over the Christmas break. Children & families are invited to donate items such as canned food, toiletries, gift vouchers, new toys, biscuits chocolates and treat foods. We will have a collection point in the office foyer from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Goodtime Music Academy** teaches at your school and is taking enrolments for In-School music lessons now. If you want your child to be a part of these award winning music lessons, and may not want to commit to taking your child anywhere after school, then in-school lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course. Please visit [www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school](http://www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school) to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

## BIGAIR

GYMSPORTS & CHEERLEADING

**GREAT NEWS! Bigair Gym is holding its Annual Cheerleading Trials for next years 2023 teams!** NZ Cheerleading is a mix of dance, gymnastics & tumbling. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find out more by signing up today via emailing [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz)! Cheerleading is a rewarding individual & team sport that young people love and adore, and continue right through and into their teens, having a positive impact on their health and development. Your cheerleader will also create friendships that last a lifetime!

**BIGAIR GYMS Drop & Shop December School Holiday Programme is running Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Wed 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022!** Full day and half day sessions are available. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to keep active and to learn something new during the holidays! **BIGAIR GYMS January Holiday Programme will run Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023.** Bookings will be open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov! Book through our online website: [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz)

**KIWI HOOPS**  
**COACH WORKSHOPS**

FOR COACHES WORKING WITH 5-12 YEAR OLDS  
22 NOVEMBER AT ONSLOW COLLEGE, 6:30 - 8:30PM  
30 NOVEMBER AT ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE, 6 - 8PM

FREE OF CHARGE! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

REGISTER AT [WWW.CAPITAL.BASKETBALL](http://WWW.CAPITAL.BASKETBALL)

**Festive Family FUN DAY**

**Paparangi School**  
Saturday 19 November 2022  
11am until 4pm

Craft stalls, Food stalls, Craft Activities, face painting, Second Hand Clothing Stall, Games and More!

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