



CHURTON PARK SCHOOL

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## Admin Corner – te iwi tahi tatou – we are one family...

### Empowering Connected Lifelong Learners

#### Board Of Trustees Update

**Board Chair update:** Firstly we want to thank Simon Hogg for his outstanding service to the Churton Park School community. Simon has served on the board for a while now, including a number of years as Treasurer and, most recently, as Board Chair. His commitment to stability and continuity on the Board has been substantial, continuing in his role after his children finished at CPS. If you see Simon down at the Churton Park Takeaway on a Saturday night, give him a big high-five. Stephen Clarke steps in as Board Chair so thanks also to him for helping ensure there is continued good governance for Matt, our teachers and tamariki.

**Board Member update:** Nicole Hodgson and Chris Rodgers have joined the board in the recent election, a big welcome to them and thanks for their willingness to step into these positions.

**International Students:** Our thanks also goes to the International Students who have called CPS home this year. It's really exciting to see families coming from abroad and choosing our kura as a place to learn and grow. If you have friends or family coming to New Zealand who are looking for a school community, then get in touch with the office.

**School Hall Venue Hire:** There's a great opportunity for anyone looking to host their next event at our school hall. Venue bookings are now available for the hall so get in touch if you know of a community club, activity, or event that needs a venue.

#### Home & School Association Update

Kia ora Whānau

For our last event of the year, we are having a cupcake day.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December bring a gold coin and a six pack of cupcakes to drop off at the Hall between 8.30 – 9am. At lunchtime we will have all the cupcakes out and the children can buy one that they like the look of!

This is our last fundraiser for the year.

Next year's planning has begun!

And we are planning next year's family fun night. We wondered whether any of our parents or connections would like to run a stall - it could be selling food or anything else. There would be a small charge for the stall but we are wondering about having a few stalls next year. Any ideas are very welcome! Contact [cpshomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:cpshomeandschool@gmail.com) for further information.



Congratulations to Meredith, who is the recipient of the Citizenship Award for Churton Park School. Each year one child from each school in the northern suburbs is selected for their outstanding achievements. Meredith was presented with her award, along with winners from other northern suburb schools recently. This award is proudly supported by The Rotary Club of Johnsonville. Well done Meredith, we are all super proud of you.

- **Conjunctivitis (pink eye, eye infection)** – We currently have quite a few cases of conjunctivitis in several areas of the school. This is highly contagious and must be treated. We have been reminding children of basic hand washing hygiene. If you notice your child has an eye infection, please make sure it is treated by visiting either the pharmacy or your doctor.
- **Library Books** – Please make sure your child has returned any library books that they have out. Summer Reading books will only be issued to children that have returned all their issued library books.
- **Road Patrol Help** - If you could spare some time either before school 8.30-8.55am or after school 2.50-3.10pm we would love to hear from you. The job is not onerous, just be at the Road Patrol to support our Year 6 Road Patrollers and ensure safety. Happy to hear from you if this is something you could offer our school. Just looking at a Term 1 commitment at this stage. Any offers of help to [mareeg@churtonpark.school.nz](mailto:mareeg@churtonpark.school.nz)
- **Year 6 Chromebooks** – On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** all Year 6 students Chromebooks will be removed from the Churton Park School system. This means that Gmail accounts will no longer work and students work will no longer be accessible. If your child would like to save their work please use this link and follow the instruction before the **20<sup>th</sup> December** <https://www.churtonpark.school.nz/our-school/byod/httpstakeout-google-com/>
- **Children Leaving Churton Park School** – if your child is not returning to Churton Park School for 2024 and they are not Year 6, could you please advise the office. You can do this by email to [office@churtonpark.school.nz](mailto:office@churtonpark.school.nz). If your child is in Year 4 or 5 and they have a Chromebook, please follow the above process and send a screenshot of the serial number for your child's Chromebook to the office to remove the Chromebook from our system, ready for use at their new school.
- **Reports** - On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December your child's report will be emailed to you. Your child will receive an envelope with a stationery list for 2024, a form to update your contact details and give permission for Internet use, Publication of Photos and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). There will also be a form for Whānau Day. Please complete all these forms and drop them back to school on Whānau Day. Information on how to book your appointment time with your child's new teacher will be in next week's newsletter as well as the envelope.
  - **Chromebook drop off dates for Year 4 2024 and any Year 5 & Year 6 Students with new Chromebooks:**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – 12pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – 12pm
  - **School Office Hours:**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – close 12.30pm  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – 12pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – 12pm  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 9am – 3pm
- **Just a friendly reminder....School Donations** - Thank you to all the families who have paid their school donations, we really appreciate this. As you will be aware, your donation makes a huge difference for all of our students, particularly with regard to programmes we can offer and resources we can purchase. If you haven't paid your donation yet, can you please make arrangements with the school office.
- **Touch Rugby Term 1 2024** - The Touch Rugby season is nearly upon us and we need to start sorting our teams. If your child would like to commit to the 6 week season please complete the Google Form with their details. Touch Rugby is open to both boys and girls and children from Year 1 through to Year 6. <https://forms.gle/M4FgKb6xNsLFkTnWA>  
The touch rugby season is held at Alex Moore Park, Johnsonville on a Monday afternoon. The games will take place between 4pm and 6pm, the times for your game may differ each week but you are only expected to be there for your 30 minute game.  
The teams are created by Churton Park School and you will wear the uniform but once the season has started it is a parent led team. Each team will need a Manager and Coach, these volunteers will then run the team ensuring the players know what time their game is each week. The school will not be involved in this part of the season.  
The season starts on 19<sup>th</sup> February and ends on the 25<sup>th</sup> March and plays during most weather conditions as it is on the turf.  
There is a charge for playing, the amount will be decided once we know how many children wish to play.  
If you wish to find out more please visit <http://www.totaltouch.org.nz/Wellington-Juniors/Alex-Moore-Park>