

Christchurch East School Newsletter



Vision/Purpose Statement

Nurturing Minds - Building Character - Creating Communities

Our Values

Excellence Equity Integrity Sense of Community
Te Hiranga Te Ririte Ngākau Pono Nohonga Tahitanga

Strategic Goals

- 1 **Teaching and Learning** - *Nurturing Minds* - To provide relevant, engaging teaching and learning opportunities with strong links to our curriculum and the wider community
- 2 **Positive Education** - *Building Character* - To be characterised by positive culture / relationships within and beyond the school, based on our school values and approach
- 3 **Environment** - *Creating Communities* - To work towards site development, meeting the current and future needs of students, staff, parents and community

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Term Dates

31.01.22 - 14.04.22
2.05.21 - 8.07.21
25.07.22 - 30.09.22
17.10.22 - 14.12.22

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE THIS TERM

Friday 25 February - Teacher Only Day - school closed
Friday 11 March - Teacher Only Day - school closed
Thursday 14 April - Last Day of Term 1
Monday 2 May 2022 - First Day of Term 2
Friday 8 July - Last Day of Term 2

STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS

Do we have the correct contact details for your child?

If you have shifted recently, changed your phone number, or email address it is important that you inform the school office.

Any changes can be emailed to the school office -
admin@chcheast.school.nz

Thank you



ABSENCES

If your child/ren are not going to attend school you **must** advise the school office before 9am.

The school are required to follow up any unexplained absences.

There are a number of options to advise us of the absence

- Use your **HERO** account
- **Leave a message** on the absence line ph 366 2440
- Use the **skool loop** app
- **Email** -
admin@chcheast.school.nz

Thanks for your cooperation.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

Christchurch East School is a very special place. It's a place where we all try to follow the rule, "We look after each other" which is the heart of one of our core values 'Sense of Community'.

Last week we opened the doors for the start of the 2022 School Year under the red light COVID-19 Protection Framework. Now we have been in Alert Levels before and got through keeping your children, our staff and yourselves as safe as possible. The big difference is all about masks this time.

Now, I am aware here are people who hold various views on Covid, on masks, on vaccination, but I am asking that in the interests of keeping Christchurch East School a safe, happy zone for all children, that all people bury their views on Covid and for the sake of your school and of your children, you abide by, or go along with the following, even if you perhaps don't agree...

- (1) **Masks** must be worn by all parents coming onto our school grounds and you must check in with the Contact Tracer.
- (2) At this stage parents, are welcome to walk their children to their classroom but we would ask that you would not enter. Please note this may change in the future but we wanted to give you the best opportunity to settle your children into school at the start of the year.
- (3) It is a requirement for children in Year 4 or above to wear masks inside.
- (4) Masks have never hurt any person, they maybe a nuisance but hopefully they will help to keep children safe on our grounds.
- (5) To be honest I don't want to get involved in the debate around Covid. I'm not here for that. I am here for the safety of your children and to try and keep their educational world as "normal" as possible in a very "unnormal" world.
- (6) I ask for your cooperation, no matter what your belief is, to make sure we get through all of this as easily as possible for all our children.
- (7) Although I urge vaccination of all children 5+, I state again **NO CHILD WILL BE VACCINATED FOR COVID ON CHRISTCHURCH EAST SCHOOL GROUNDS.**
- (8) It is also illegal to vaccinate children up to 11, without express written permission of the parent.
- (9) Christchurch East School is legally open. To that end we will be teaching children at school. I cannot ask teachers to teach a class at school, and at the same time run remote learning. If we ever have to shut, then all children will be taught by remote learning but only then.

Until we have some degree of normalcy, please help us to keep Christchurch East School as an oasis for your children. Please help us to keep Christchurch East School a very special place where we all look after each other.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In other news you will see the majority of the work on the Administration Block is completed and we are now entering in through the main gates closer to the Learning Hubs. We are very happy with the new school office setup and hope it further supports you to engage with the school. As you will know, Mrs Bibby retired at the end of last year and we are yet to fill her position. We thank you for your understanding as we complete this appointment process and get used to working out of our new spaces.

With the administration block in the final stages of completion we will look at finishing off the Hall and Library spaces over the next couple of terms.



This year we also have our **Board of Trustees elections**. If you have experience in education, finance, property or personnel and would be involved in the governance of the school please reach out and make contact with me to find out more.

Finally I would like to welcome our new staff to the school, Charlotte Wilson who is teaching in Team Harakeke, Thomas McArthur who is teaching in Team Kauri and Nicola Scott who is providing specialist support in Team Koru.

Again, thank you all for your continued support of the staff and school. I look forward to seeing you all at the school gate.

Ngā mihi nui,
Mike

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COMMUNICATION

HERO - This is your child's school account enabling you to share in their learning. Notices and newsletters are also sent via this system. You will need to login to access information. The details for downloading the app are as follows -

HERO App

1. Search for 'Hero' in your app store and download or visit <https://go.linc-ed.com>
2. Select "New user" Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your child, use this address to request a password. Please note: each contact must have their own email address.
3. Enter your email address and click the "Request Password Link."
4. Check your email. If one doesn't arrive, ensure your school has your correct details on file.
5. Follow the secure link and enter a password.

The **website** is another great way to keep up to date with what is happening around our school. www.chcheast.school.nz

Facebook - We are also on Facebook. Just like Christchurch East School to receive notifications.

The **school calendar** is located on the **website** and **skool loop app**. Please use this to keep up to date with our school events. New events are added regularly.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

The 2022 student stationery charge of \$30.00 has been placed on your child's account.

For students in Year 7 and 8 there is also an materials charge for technology. In 2022 this is \$60.00.

To view your account please log in to your child's HERO account.

You are able to pay by **cash or internet banking**. Our bank account number is 12-3148-0011877-00. Please quote your child's family name and first name. You may wish to make smaller regular payments over the school year, pay the invoice in full at the beginning of the year, or pay on a term-by-term basis. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you.

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POLICIES UNDER REVIEW - SCHOOL DOCS

Visitors - Board, Staff and Parents

Contact in an Emergency - Board, Staff and Parents

School Closure - Board, Staff and Parents

Covid 19 - Information and Procedures - Board, Staff and Parents

Earthquakes - Board, Staff and Parents

To review the policy and make comments

1. Visit the Christchurch East School SchoolDocs© website [here](#).
2. Enter the user name (chcheast) and password (heart).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed above.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Red Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter the password "pin".
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff will easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form. It would be helpful if this review was completed by 31 March.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Shirley Rugby Football Club - We welcome all existing and new players to come and play rugby for the Vikings this season! We are based at Burwood Park and have been proudly providing rugby to our Junior community for over 100 years.

Come and give it a go. First step is to register so we can allocate you to a team. There is no obligation if you just want to come along and check us out. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further updates @shirleyrugby

Or for more info head to our website <https://www.shirleyrugby.co.nz/> or drop us a line to info@shirleyrugby.co.nz