

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

Term 1:	30 Jan - 6 April
Term 2:	26 April - 30 June
Term 3:	17 July - 22 Sept
Term 4:	9 Oct - TBC Dec

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-
ellen.entwistle@chcheast.school.nz



ABSENCES

If your child/ren are not going to attend school you **must** advise the school office before 8:30 am.

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

Thanks for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE THIS TERM

Term 1

30th -31st Jan: Personal Learning Plan Meetings PLP's
1st Feb: First Day of Classes
6th Feb: Waitangi Day School Closed
7th - 17th Feb Swimming
22nd Feb Parent Info Sessions
2nd Mar Teacher Union Mtg (School Closes at 12:30pm)
6th Apr Last Day of Term 1
7th Apr Good Friday School Closed

Term 2

Monday 24 April - Teacher Only Day - school closed
Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day - school closed
Wednesday 26 April - First Day of Term 2
Friday 8 July - Last Day of Term 2

Week 4 Term 1 2023

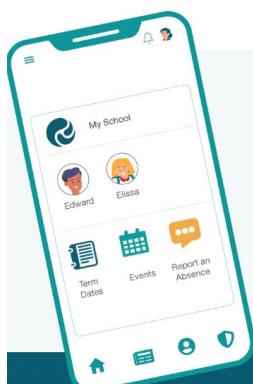
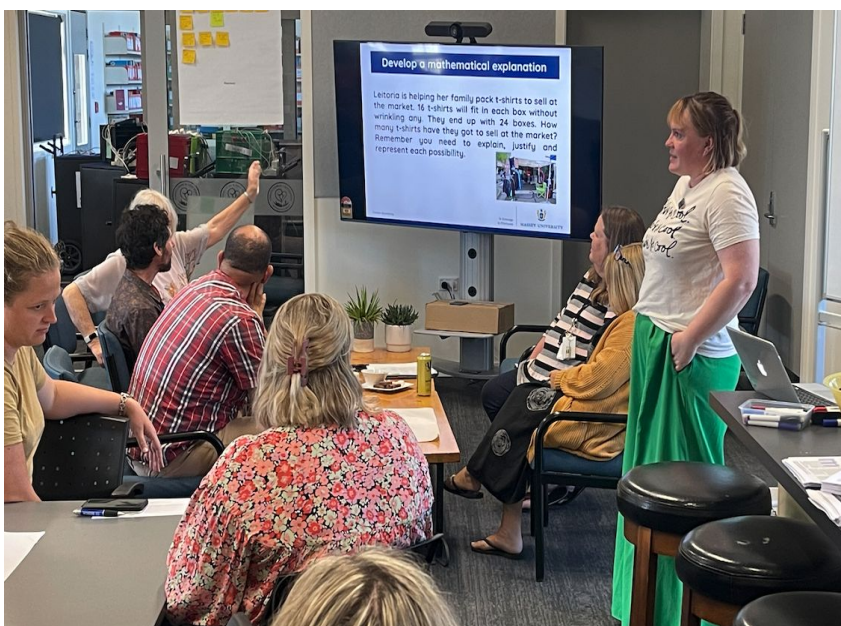
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to what is looking to be another great year at Christchurch East. Unfortunately we have continued on from last year being short staffed in the office here at school. We are in the middle of an appointment process at the moment and hope to be fully staffed again by next term. In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support if we don't do some things as well as we may have in the past. I would like to thank all the staff for the many ways they are stepping up to support me and the school in this transitional period.



Please make sure you follow the **school facebook page** and also check regularly check the **HERO** app to stay up to date with what is happening around the school. If you are having problems accessing or setting up the HERO app, Sally Kent our Deputy Principal will be available in the Harakeke Learning Space during the Parent Information Sessions here at school tomorrow afternoon and evening. If you have the Hero app or not, it would be great to have you at one of the **parent information sessions** tomorrow, where you can find out a bit about how things run in the new spaces. We have made them only 15 mins long, and also scheduled them at different times so you can go to each of the hubs sessions that you have children in.

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As you will know the students have had two weeks of **swimming** down at the new Linwood swimming complex Te Pou Toetoe. It is great to see the students learn these vital skills and show huge enjoyment and improvement throughout the lessons.



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We are also welcoming parents and caregivers back to our **Learning Celebration Assemblies** which will be run every three weeks on Fridays at 9:10am. The next one is this Friday, we hope to see you there. I know we have lots to celebrate as I have already had a number of students come to my office to share how they have been 'Learning with Heart'.



I also need to inform you that our Teachers have another **Paid Union meeting** on the afternoon of **Thursday the 2nd of March**. We do not have enough non-union members for the school to remain open, so **school will close at 12:30pm** on this day. Thank you for your support with this, we will provide further reminders leading up to this day.



This year **our school celebrates 150 Years**, this makes us one of the oldest schools in Christchurch. We look forward to some type of celebration of this milestone later in the year. Just another reminder of what a special place our school is.

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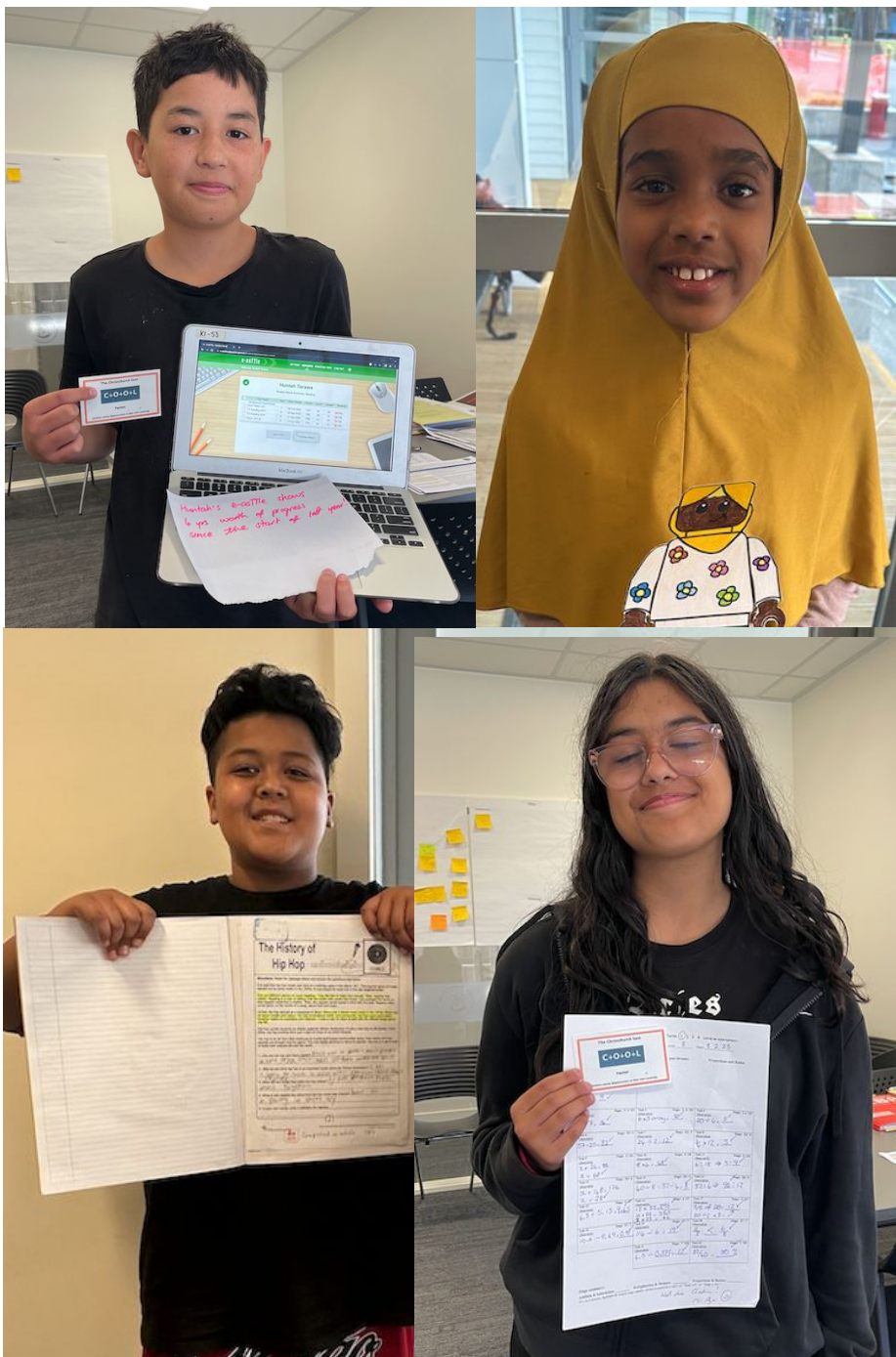
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It is great to have the breakfast club back up and running again this year. The **Breakfast Club** is run by a local church in tour hall for any students wanting to come in early and have breakfast. It will run every **Monday from 8am – 8:30am**.

Finally, our **Board of Trustees** is **looking** for parents or people with a connection to the school who have governance experience and skills in either Employment, Finance, Property, Health and Safety or Strategic Planning. If you have these skills or know someone who might please come and have a chat with me at the gate or make a time through the school office and I can give you some more information.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Mike



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