

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 24 June - Matariki - School Closed

Tuesday 28 June - 3 Way Learning Conferences **3.15 - 5.15pm**

Wednesday 29 June - 3 Way Learning Conferences **12.45 - 5.30pm**
(School finishes 12.30pm)

Thursday 7 July - School Photos

Friday 8 July - Last Day of Term 2

Monday 25 July - First Day of Term 3

Friday 12 August - Teacher Only Day - school closed

Friday 9 September - Teacher Only Day - school closed

Friday 30 September - Last Day of Term 3

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property rack is full and has been placed by the gate.

Please check and take any items that belong to your child / children either before or after school this week.

It is helpful to have all items named so they can be returned to your child when found.

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,

The whole school is abuzz at the moment with students and staff busy working towards our **major learning project** for the term, which is developing a **school movie** focused on **dance through the decades**. Each team have a different period of time to focus on, and it is looking to be another one of those learning activities students remember as a real highlight for the year. A huge **thank you to parents and staff** for all your work to make this an experience to remember. I look forward to seeing the final movie.

Matariki has also been a focus throughout the school as staff have looked to unpack the relevance of the significance of this celebration for Māori and all New Zealanders alike. Matariki has also become an **official public holiday** with the passing of the Te Kāhui o Matariki Public Holiday Bill on 12 April 2022. While Matariki has been celebrated for a very long time amongst Māori iwi and whānau, this is the first time it's been formally marked as a National Public Holiday in Aotearoa. This will be celebrated tomorrow, **Friday June 24**, and being a public holiday **school will be closed**.



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As you have already been made aware our 3 Way Learning Conferences are next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure you have returned your slip so we can support your attendance with appropriate Covid protocols. Online bookings have closed please contact your child's teacher or the office if you have not yet made a booking. We are really excited to have parents in the learning spaces to talk about your child's progress with their learning.

From Monday next week we will be **trialling changes to end of the day pick up**. The reasons for these changes include:

- Winter Weather - meaning children cannot wait outside
- Increased Learning Time for our afternoon sessions
- Safety of students at pick up time, connecting parents with students at pick up
- Increasing parent connections to homeroom teachers

The changes are:

- **2:50pm** First bell rings - Gates are unlocked/Power Zone Students released to assembly area/Students collected from home room entrance doors
- **3:00pm** Second bell rings -students released who are walking home
- **3:10pm** Final bell rings - remaining students to be brought to office for follow up

We will continue to monitor this time of the day, to ensure it runs smoothly. If you have any thought or concerns about this please do not hesitate to catch me and have a chat at the gate.

Next term, we have two **Teacher Only Days scheduled (Friday 12 August and Friday 9 September)**. Teacher Only Days allow our staff to meet together, engage in sustained professional development, refresh their knowledge of the curriculum, plan/assess without students present. From the last **NZEI Collective Agreement**, in 2019, teachers had eight days given to them over a three year period. On both these days, school is closed for instruction.

Student absences is currently a nationwide focus as student attendance rates have continued to decline since around 2014. As a school we appreciate the challenges parents and whanau face in meeting stricter attendance requirements, specifically not sending students to school who are unwell or symptomatic. Our leadership team is working to develop our schools approach to this Ministry of Education priority. We look forward to sharing more about this in the near future.

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

Ngā mihi nui,
Mike

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POLICIES UNDER REVIEW - SCHOOL DOCS

- **Medicines**
- **Managing Minor/Moderate Injury**
- **Managing Serious Injury and Illness**
- **Infectious Diseases**
- **Bullying and Online Bullying**
- **Surrender and Retention of Property and Searches**



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 30 June 2022.

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 a 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 or pay on a term-by-term basis. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you to all families who have made payments.



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DENTAL VISIT

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children - including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
 - Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
 - Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
 - Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 - Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Elements Nature Based Play - Have your children active & imaginative amongst nature. Think huts, trees, tools, arts n crafts, plenty of time and space. Elements has a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our programmes. For July School holidays Elements are offering themes such as **'Robin Hood', 'Wild Adventures', 'Magic & Spells' & 'Farm n Fire'**, at Riccarton, Redcliffs and a Westmorland farm. Ages 5-13yrs or 'stay n play Kidsfest' for 2-7yrs.

See our website <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/> or facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes/> to see what we get up to. Bookings are through <https://elements.aimyplus.com>
For more info email elementsprogrammes@gmail.com

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GIANT LEAPS^{NZ}
Speech and Drama

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3

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