



# CHERTSEY SCHOOL

Newsletter 16 • Tuesday 5th December 2023

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Greetings whānau and friends of Chertsey School,



**Chertsey  
School**

As I reflect on the past year, it is with immense gratitude and pride that I write this final newsletter as your Principal. What an incredible journey it has been! The collaborative efforts of our students, dedicated staff, and supportive parents/caregivers and community have made this year truly memorable.

Together, we have achieved so much, and there is still much more to look forward to. Our children, the heart of our school, have been a constant source of inspiration. It brings me great joy to witness their eagerness to learn, the smiles they bring each day, and the genuine connections formed with their teachers. Even those who may not express themselves as openly have shown remarkable progress in articulating their thoughts and embracing learning with enthusiasm.

This year, the power of teamwork has been evident in the accomplishments we've made. Our diverse staff, each contributing unique talents and skills, worked tirelessly to create the best possible learning environment for our children. The collective efforts from our small community during our working bees have transformed our school, earning praise for its enhanced appearance. The completion of phase one of our new playground is most certainly a highlight that continues to provide lots of fun for our tamariki and visitors to our school.

I am thrilled to announce that the construction of our new sandpit is set to begin next week, with completion in time for Term 1, 2024. Additionally, an inclusive swing set has been purchased, marking another step towards a more accessible and enjoyable play area. The progress we've made is something we can all take ownership and pride in, and I am eagerly anticipating the next projects that lie ahead, including the development of our turf.

To our fantastic Year 6 students, as you transition to intermediate, I wish you all the best on this exciting new journey. May you carry the spirit of Chertsey School with you as you continue to grow and thrive. To every member of our school community, I extend warm wishes for a safe, relaxing, and joy-filled Christmas, and a glorious New Year.

"Ka pū te ruha, Ka hao te rangatahi!" - As the old net withers, a new net is woven. Let us embrace the opportunities that the future holds, knowing that our collective efforts have laid a strong foundation for the years to come.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Ms. Claire  
Principal, Chertsey School



Week 8	
Thursday 30th November	Last Assembly - Super Champs Announced
Friday 1st December	Whole School Beach ED Trip to South Brighton
Week 9	
Tuesday 5th December	Super Champs Outing
Wednesday 6th December	6.00pm - Board Meeting
Thursday 7th December	Kai for Kids Christmas Lunch Toot for Tucker Collection from Chertsey School
Friday 8th December	Chertsey School Reward Day
Week 10	
Monday 11th December	Sandpit work begins
Tuesday 12th December	End of Year Prizegiving 10am & School BBQ - All welcome
Wednesday 13th December	Last Day of School - Reports go home. School Finishes at 12.30pm





# 2024 CALENDAR

## JANUARY

29th & 30th January - Staff  
Only Days (office open)  
31st January - Students start  
Term 1

## FEBRUARY

6th February - Waitangi Day  
(no school)

## MARCH

29th March - Good Friday  
(no school)

## APRIL

1st & 2nd April - Easter  
Monday & Easter Tuesday (no  
school)  
12th April - Term 1 ends  
13th April - 29th April  
School Holidays  
29th April - Term 2 begins

## MAY

## JUNE

3rd June - King's Birthday  
(no school)  
28th June - Matariki  
(no school)

## JULY

5th July - Term 2 ends  
6th July - 21st July  
School Holidays  
22nd July - Term 3 begins

## AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER

27th September - Term 3 ends  
28th September - 13th  
October  
School Holidays

## OCTOBER

14th October - Term 4 begins  
28th October - Labour Day (no  
school)

## NOVEMBER

14th November - Staff Only  
Day (no school)  
15th November - Canterbury  
Anniversary Day (no school)

## DECEMBER

17th December - Term 4 ends

# NOTICES

- The **End of Year Prizegiving is on Tuesday 12th December at 10am**. It is usually about 2 hours long. We will then go back to school.

Parents/caregivers are invited to come to school for an end of year barbeque. This will be served around 1pm. Please bring a side dish or desert to share. As well as enjoying the BBQ from our School Board, we ask that parents help cook, serve and clean up.

The children will have a water slide and the pool to enjoy. Students are in our care until 3pm and the bus will run as normal.

- The **last day of school is Wednesday 13th December**. This is a clean up day. Children can wear mufti. Children will take all their books home and receive their Christmas gift at 12noon. We invite you to bring younger siblings/preschoolers/babies who will also receive a gift. Reports will also go home on this day.

School finishes at **12.30pm** but the bus will not be operating at this time.



-**Easy Covers** - If you order your child's book covers from Easy Covers, they will donate 15 cents for every cover purchased by friends and family. Make sure you select our school during the checkout process so that we can receive the rebate!

<https://nz.ezcovers.com/pages/information-for-schools>

-**The Dental Van is scheduled to visit Chertsey School Week 4 of Term 1, 2024.**

Please email [principal@chertsey.school.nz](mailto:principal@chertsey.school.nz) if you have any questions.





**Chertsey  
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# PET DAY 2023







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# BEACH ED 2023





# NOTICES

Any non-perishable food items can be dropped  
at school to be collected by Rakaia Lions  
Thursday 7th December.



**Toot**

**For Tucker**

***Thursday 7th December at 6.00pm***

Cars will be driving slowly around Rakaia township tooting  
their horns for tucker

**Please leave unperishable items at your  
letter box for collection**

**Other drop off points:**

*There will be a box at St Marks Church door for those who wish  
to drop it there on the day.*

*Rural mail drivers of 11, 12, & 14 RD will collect from 4th -8th  
December. Leave in your letter box please.*

*Chertsey School Office from 4th -7th December.*

***A Rakaia Lions Charitable Trust Project supporting St Marks  
Community Cupboard***



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# NOTICES

- **School Hoodies & PE Tops** - Follow this link if you would like to purchase a school hoodie. If you select pick up, our staff that live in Rolleston can pick it up for you to save on postage costs.

<https://magsports.co.nz/product/chertsey-school-hoodie>

Hi All,

Tots To Teens Uniform Store is here to stay in Ashburton . We'll continue to stock all your school uniform and dancewear needs.

Currently Tots To Teens Uniform Store's opening hours are:

- Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - Closed
- Wednesday - 11am - 4.30pm
- Thursday - 9am - 5pm
- Friday - 12pm - 4pm
- Saturday - 10am - 1pm.

You may have noticed some changes; we have separated the uniform from the fashion. Fashion is now at Humunculus at the Tancred Street end of the Arcade.

If you have any uniform needs outside of these hours you can call, email or send a message to set up an appointment or buy online at [www.totstoteens.nz](http://www.totstoteens.nz). Collect in store or you can message us to pick up at Humunculus.

Our hours are subject to change, so keep an eye on our website, Facebook page, Google profile or the store window.

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## POOL KEYS

**Pool Keys can be hired for \$60 from the school office by WED 13th December 12.30pm.**





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# MUFTI DAY AND CAR WASH \$204 RAISED







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# LET'S CELEBRATE! CHERTSEY T-BALL TEAM & RIPPAs





# **LETS CELEBRATE! CHERTSEY MINIBALL TEAM**



**Congratulations to Ella for being selected in the Year 6, Grade B Champs team.**



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

Attending  
school  
regularly helps  
our tamariki  
to connect,  
thrive and  
develop



Together we're  
making sure  
they get there

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Te Tāhuhu o  
te Mātauranga  
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# LETS CELEBRATE!



**In our last newsletter we announced that Whaea Jen helped us get our school \$20,000 which paid for the inclusive swing set. Since then Whaea Jen has secured us another \$27,000 for our new sandpit and \$9,000 for outdoor STEM equipment. This has all come from ONE FOUNDATION. We are extremely grateful for these funds and can't wait to share the new work once its complete.**





# ŌPUKE KĀHUI AKO PANUI

## A note from from Blair

With the term and year racing to its end we can reflect on some awesome moments from this term. The images below of our students coming together in the Kapa Haka and Top Teams events are a joy to see.

My highlight was working with many of the teachers at the Hui last week. There was a great energy and a lot of fun had as we explored our mahi for the morning together.



## Combined Kapa Haka

Our Ōpuke Kāhui Ako combined Kapa Haka did a fabulous job of welcoming the visiting Principals who came for the CCPA conference earlier this month. We blew the visiting Principals away with our fabulous singing. Thanks to Whaea Nin who led us in this mahi!

## Top Teams

We had an awesome morning for our Top Teams competition at Our Lady of the Snows on Tuesday. The sun was shining and excitement was in the air.

Thank you to Pattie for her organising of this event and allowing us to use the OLS grounds.





# Kāhui TOD - Te Mātaiaho

A great morning of learning was had on Friday. Together as a cluster, we looked at the Why behind Te Mātaiaho with Blair presenting with the support of a PowerPoint from the MOE. Jane made a quiz to get everyone to become familiar with the new curriculum document and then we looked at the resources sent from the Ministry - Ata and Oho.

Looking ahead to 2024 we would like all schools to participate in the Kāhui day reflection. This will enable us to look at common threads across our Kāhui and look to see how we can support each other.

Click the form image to the right to give us your thoughts on your Kāhui Day and thoughts for where we can go to in 2024.

Click the Ata and Oho image to head to the PowerPoint about these resources.



## Upcoming events:

- 7/12 - Steering Meeting

## Get in touch :



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Ōpuke Kāhui Ako



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