



CHERTSEY SCHOOL

Newsletter 10
Friday 12th September 2025



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Ngā mihi nui e te whānau o Chertsey School

Small Schools Speech Competition

On Thursday 28th August, Chertsey School had the honour of hosting the Small Schools Speech Competition. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this night such a success—it was a privilege to be the hosts.

We are incredibly proud of our students who represented us on the night. Congratulations to **Airom, who placed first in the Year 3 & 4 group**, bringing home our school's very first trophy from this competition! A big well done also to **Keziah, who placed third in a highly competitive Year 5 & 6 group**. And of course, a special mention to **Kenzie**, who showed courage and gave her very best like a true champ.

Ski Trip

Our recent ski trip was another highlight of the term. It was fantastic to see the progress our tamariki are making each year we attend. This year, three of our students were confidently skiing and snowboarding in the green zone—a huge achievement! Trips like this are only possible thanks to the support of our wonderful parent helpers and dedicated staff, and we are very grateful for all who made it such a successful day.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thank you for your understanding as we postponed this week's conferences due to staff illness. These have now been rescheduled for **Week 1, Term 4—Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th October**. Your booking time will remain the same.

Festival of Cultures

This Wednesday we held our dress rehearsal for the Festival of Cultures, performing for a lovely little audience from **Hannah & Henry's Early Childhood Centre**. Our tamariki thoroughly enjoyed sharing their performance, and it was heart-warming to see the joy it brought to our young visitors.

We are excited that so many of our whānau will be attending the **Festival of Cultures on Thursday 19th September at Mayfield School**. This event is always one of the highlights of our year, giving our tamariki the chance to shine in a very special way.

It has been inspiring to watch **Whaea Nin** nurture the confidence and mana of every child, helping them make remarkable progress throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with you at this wonderful event.

Nga mihi nui,

Claire Maria, Principal

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Important Dates:

Term 3 Key Dates	
Friday 12 th Sept	Newsletter 10
Mon 15 th - Thurs 18 th Sept	Swimming Week @EA Networks
Friday 19 th Sept	Festival of Cultures @Mayfield School Last Day of Term 3
Term 4 Key Dates	
Monday 6 th October	First Day Term 4
Tues 7 th & Wed 8 th October	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.15pm onwards
Friday 10 th October	Science Roadshow @Chertsey School
Tuesday 14 th October	School Photos
Wed 15 th October	Athletics Day @Netherby School (PP day Fri 17th)
Friday 24 th October	Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 27 th October	Labour Day - No School
Wed 22 nd October	Board Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 31 st October	Life Education Van Visit Canterbury Zone Athletics
Friday 7 th Nov	Pet Day @Chertsey School
Thursday 13 th Nov	Staff Only Day
Friday 14 th Nov	Canterbury Anniversary Weekend - No School
Wed 26 th Nov	Board Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 28 th Nov	Last Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 8 th December	Superchamps Reward School Reports Published on Hero
Tuesday 9 th December	End of Year Prizegiving 10am & School BBQ 12.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	House of Bricks @Chertsey School
Thursday 11 th December	Surf Life Saving @Chertsey School
Friday 12 th December	Last Day of School - Finish at 12.30pm

BREAKING NEWS

Full Court Press:

Exciting News for Our School & Community

Chertsey School is excited to share plans for our next big project — the creation of a brand new multi-sport court, soon to be known as the **Agright Community Court**. This space will provide high-quality facilities for **basketball, netball, and pickleball**, and will be available for both our tamariki during school time and the wider Chertsey community after hours. **The new court will be built next to the playground**, creating a vibrant hub of play and activity. It will feature **adjustable hoops so our younger learners** can enjoy the space just as much as our older students.

We are pleased to let you know that we have already secured strong support to help make this vision a reality. **Agright has committed to sponsoring the project with \$5,000 each year for the next four years**, with a strong chance that this partnership will continue beyond that. We have also received a **\$10,000 grant from the Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury** as well as a **generous personal donation of \$1,800 from Lynley and James Proctor**.

Once we secure the remaining funding, we will be able to give this project the green light. **Our goal is to see the court completed during 2026.**

This is an exciting step forward for our school and community, and we look forward to keeping you updated as progress continues. You can see from the rendered design below just how fantastic this new facility will be.

Please note: the rendered image shown is a concept only and does not reflect the exact final design.



Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal -

Visit from Hannah & Henry's ECE



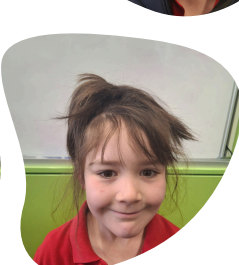


Wig Wednesday

For Child Cancer Awareness



On Friday 12th September Chertsey School wore wigs and wack hair to raise money for Child Cancer Awareness. We collected \$141 and Whaea Nin generously matched our donations so that our total came to \$300. Thank you for you wonderful support!





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NEWS FROM CLUCKINGHAM PALACE...

It has been a busy year for our Chertsey hens. We currently have 16 chickens across 3 coops and one adolescent Chinese Silkie Roo, Biino. Our Ruma Tahi tamariki hand-reared chicks from last season began laying in Autumn, and while most went off lay over winter, we are excited to tell you that production is picking up again.



A huge thank you to *Paul* at Placemakers Ashburton for generously donating the timber for our large chicken runs new roof.

Big thanks also to *Mitchell* for putting in the hard work building the roof, and to *Darcy, Elliott, and Rosie* for lending their hands along the way. All your support has made this possible!



This year Ruma Tahi are excited to be breeding our very own Silkie chicks. These will be available for purchase, with all proceeds going straight back into supporting our amazing chicken coop.

Alongside this, we are learning to grow fresh vegetables to help keep our flock healthy and well nourished.

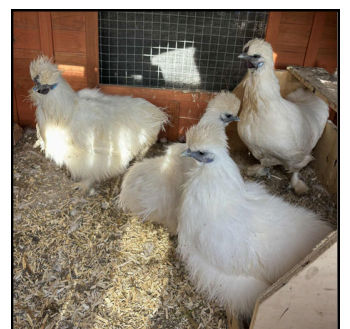
Our delicious fresh eggs are also available for purchase in packs of 6, 10, or 12 (as production allows). If you'd like to buy some, please see Kylie. Every dollar raised goes directly into caring for our much-loved chickens - thank you for your support!



Mama Cluck with her 3 chicks



A special shout-out to *Mel*, who came to the rescue and helped secure one of the chicken runs when the wind tried to take it to another postcode!



Room 3 Water Challenge



Room 3 has been exploring sustainability through the Wonder Project, focusing on how water impacts our environment and communities. Together, we planned and designed functioning, sustainable water systems that ensure clean, fresh water without waste.



Our learning was guided by six key areas: protect, collect, clean, connect, improve, and care. By investigating each of these, we discovered how important it is to safeguard our waterways, gather and store water responsibly, clean it for safe use, connect it to where it is needed most, and care for this precious resource so it remains available for future generations.



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Athletics Training 2025



Thank you to **Tania and Ashley Estreich** who have been helping our tamariki with their shot put and discus training in preparation for Athletics Day in Term 4





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THANK YOU!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our local community, we have officially raised enough funds to fully pay off Stage 2 of our Bike Track!

We'd like to give a huge heartfelt thank you to the amazing businesses and individuals who donated prizes, time, and support to make the Chertsey Dance a success:

Prize Donors:

Moana Road – picnic blanket

Soulful Hair – voucher + hair care products

Tui Balms – balms

Hop On Hop Off Wine Tours – voucher

Sisu Eatery – voucher

Neil Williams – family photo session voucher

Lochmara Lodge – voucher

Dark Sky Experience – voucher

Hanmer Thermal Pools – voucher

Neumann's Tyres – voucher

Mary Gray – delicious fudge

Huski – insulated tumblers

Flox – prints, accessories & stationery

Lynley Proctor – rugby ball

Chertsey Cafe – vouchers, ticket sales support, and loaned items

Andy & Kristen Lawrence – donated woodwork, loaned items, and proceeds from board sales

Mel Flintoff – handmade baby blankets

Barkers – hamper

Rural Co – hamper

ANZCO – meat hamper

Liz Harpelton – 1 night's accommodation at Ruakahu Lodge

Getting Lost – card game

Tekapo Holiday Homes – 2 nights accommodation in Tekapo

Henrietta Soaps – gift set

The Chrome Tones – entertainment

Kylie & Manu – support

Special Thanks to Our Amazing Helpers:

Chloe, Tania, Liz, Amber, Kristen, Andy, and Mel – for being our main organisers and support crew

Darcy & Julie – for helping with set-up

Nana Jen & Miranda – for the delicious food donations

Hannah Dhue & Chloe W – for helping on the night

We are so proud of what our small school community can achieve when we come together. Thank you all for your kindness, time, and generosity – our tamariki will soon be zooming around Stage 2 of the bike track thanks to you!



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Thank you to those members of the community that have contributed to our school through Fuel for Schools and Fern NZ. The funding from this initiative means that our school can redeem from a range of sports, technology, literacy, music and vegepod packages which will be hand delivered by our local Rural Sales Manager.

Our school has been nominated by these local businesses/farms that receives bulk fuel deliveries from Fern. For every 100 litres of bulk fuel they purchase, 50 cents is donated to our school.

Thank you from Chertsey School!

- **GF & AJ Biggs**
- **Hewson Farms (NZ) Ltd - Potato Sheds**
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- **Greenline Ag Limited**
- **NZSF Canterbury Farms -Kotare Petrol**
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