



CHERTSEY SCHOOL

Newsletter 2
Friday 27th February 2026



Chertsey
School

Kia ora e te whānau o Chertsey School

It has been wonderful to see our tamariki settling so well into their learning routines. Classrooms are calm, focused, and full of enthusiasm. I have especially loved seeing the excitement around homework, particularly in our junior class! The pride our learners show when receiving and completing their homework has been fantastic.

While homework remains optional, we are encouraging our learners to build strong learning habits and practise skills that reinforce classroom learning at home. It is truly heart-warming to see the support our tamariki are receiving from you at home – thank you. Please remember, if your child doesn't have time to complete their homework, they will always receive support from their teachers at school.

It was also fabulous to see our two Ripa teams play their first games on Tuesday. It was a challenging afternoon, with both teams playing two games each, understandably exhausted after giving 100%! A huge well done to all of our players, especially those who were playing for the first time. Thank you as well to our whānau for the positive support from the sidelines, it makes such a difference.

As many of you know, 2026 is our Senior Class City Camp year. We made a fantastic start to our fundraising efforts last year and have kicked off again this term. Please keep an eye on our school Facebook page for ways you can support – whether that's ordering cookies or stocking up on sheep manure for your gardens!

Ngā mihi nui,
Claire

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Term 1 Key Dates

Tuesday 3rd March	Triathlon 12.30pm
Friday 13th March	Assembly 2.30pm - All welcome
Wednesday 18th March	Board Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 20th March	Newsletter 3
Tuesday 24th March	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 3.15pm-7pm
Wednesday 25th March	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 3.15pm-4.30pm
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of Term 1 Assembly 2.30pm - All welcome

2026 Dates

Term 1 (9 weeks)

Monday 2nd February to Thursday 2nd April 2026 .
Public holiday: Waitangi Day – Friday 6 February.

Term 2 (11 weeks)

Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July 2026 .

Public holidays: Anzac Day – Saturday 25 April (Anzac Day observed on Monday 27 April) and King's Birthday – Monday 1 June.

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September 2026.

Term 4 (10 weeks)

Monday 12 October to Friday 11th December 2026

Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 26 October and Canterbury Anniversary - Friday 13th November

Chertsey Board

Congratulations to Melanie Flintoff who is our newly elected Parent Representative for our School Board.

Chertsey Board:

- **Andrew Scott: Presiding Member**
- **Claire Maria: Principal**
- **Lynley Procter: Parent Representative**
- **Fares Alsharif: Parent Representative**
- **Melanie Flintoff: Parent Representative**
- **Staff Representative - To be appointed in March**

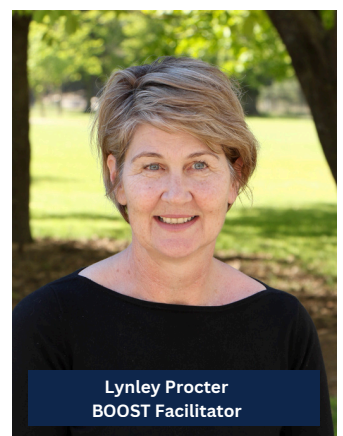
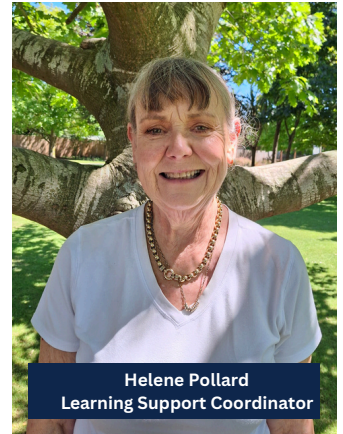
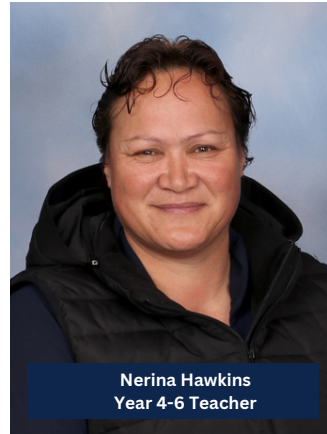
Our 2026 Chertsey School Team

We are incredibly proud of the dedicated team supporting our tamariki at **Chertsey School in 2026**. Our teachers, support staff and administration team work collaboratively to ensure every child feels supported, challenged and valued.

From structured literacy and mathematics programmes to enrichment, wellbeing and inclusive support, our staff are committed to helping each learner thrive. In a small rural school, teamwork matters and we are fortunate to have such a strong and caring team.

Welcoming BOOST Support

We are also excited to welcome **Amanda Bassett**, who begins next week as our BOOST Facilitator. She will be joining **Lynley Procter**, who has been a long-time volunteer and valued part of our BOOST programme. BOOST provides targeted literacy support to strengthen reading fluency and confidence, and we look forward to the continued positive impact this programme has for our learners.





Multi-Sport Court – Fully Funded!



We are ecstatic to announce that thanks to our latest successful grant, our multi-sport court project is now fully funded. Last week we received **\$30,000 from Te Puna Tahua/Community Lotteries**.

The custom-made turf has been ordered, and contractors are working towards installation by the end of the term. We are incredibly excited to see this final stage come together and cannot wait to see our tamariki enjoying this space for basketball, netball, fitness activities, and everyday play.

This milestone simply would not have been possible without the incredible support of our funders, sponsors, families, and wider community. Every grant application, sponsorship conversation, fundraiser, and donation has played a part in bringing this project to life.

Thank you for believing in our vision for Chertsey School.



Te Puna Tahua / Lotteries	\$30,000
Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury	\$10,000
AgriRight Sponsorship	\$5,000
School Contribution (Board Approved)	\$20,640
James & Lynley Procter	\$1,800
Total	\$67,440

Our Vision in Action



In 2023, our Board set a clear vision for Chertsey School:

To create an inclusive, fun, and vibrant environment where every child feels a strong sense of belonging and has access to high-quality spaces for learning and play.

The photos show just how far we have come.

What was once open space has been thoughtfully transformed into purposeful areas that encourage movement, connection, imagination, and safe play. The multi-sport court is the next exciting chapter in this journey.

Together, we are not just improving property. We are investing in the wellbeing, confidence, and future of our tamariki at Chertsey School and in the Chertsey community.

Thank you to every person and organisation who has contributed to this project. This is what community looks like.

Uniform Pride at Chertsey School

We love seeing our tamariki wearing their school uniform with pride! Over the past few weeks, I have been giving out **Snap Rewards** to students who are consistently wearing the correct uniform – and it has been wonderful to see the effort being made.

A few reminders for whānau:

All children have received a jacket from Kidscan. Please ensure these are kept in your child's school bag each day.

We currently have new black shoes available from Kidscan. If your child needs a new pair, please let us know – we are very happy to help. If purchasing shoes and socks, please ensure they are plain black.

Red polos and navy skorts, shorts or pants can be purchased from The Warehouse or Kmart – please make sure they are the correct colours (red tops and navy bottoms).

Wearing our uniform correctly helps build a strong sense of belonging and school pride.

Thank you for supporting your children to represent Chertsey School with confidence. Together, we wear our uniform with pride ❤️

Ms Claire



Camp Fundraising

Help support Room 3 at Chertsey School!

Cookie & Croissant Orders

<https://chertseycupscookiescroissants.raiseit.co.nz/tmtmq...>

Last day for purchase is: Sunday, 15th March

Our planned pick up day for orders is: Wednesday, 1st April

We will collect your order for you on pick up day and arrange to either deliver to you or you can collect from school.



CHOCOLATE CHIP



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GINGERDOODLE



Purchase from a delicious range of frozen croissants, frozen cookie dough in a range of flavours, and our 'Cups for Good' selection of organic tea, coffee, and hot chocolate.

The delicious cookie dough comes in pre-rolled nuggets you can pop straight into the oven for warm, freshly baked cookies in minutes. Our buttery croissants can be proofed and baked at home, giving you bakery-quality results from your own kitchen, perfectly paired with a cup of organic hot chocolate, tea, or coffee.

Our Cups for Good range features a fantastic selection of organic beverages made right here in New Zealand. With options to suit every taste, they're ideal for gifting or enjoying at home. With irresistible cookies, flaky croissants, and comforting drinks, there's something for everyone in this combined fundraiser!

Why are we fundraising?

Chertsey School is fundraising to make the Room 3 senior camp to Auckland possible.

Thanks for your support!

Room 3

Camp Fundraising



**Chertsey School Senior Class
2026 Auckland City Camp
Sheep Manure Fundraiser
\$10 for 20kgs (approx.) Bag**

Contact: Liz Waugh 027 537 3527



Attendance Matters at Chertsey School

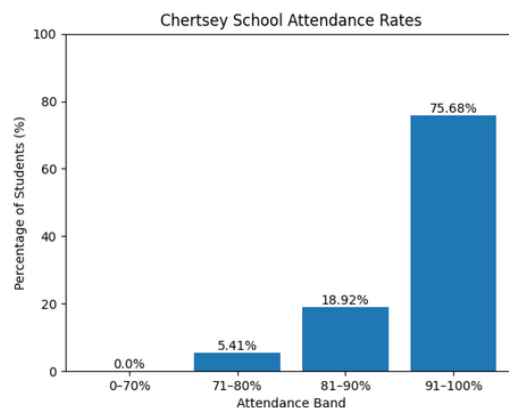
Attendance Update

We are incredibly proud of our students and whānau. Currently, 75.68% of our tamariki are attending school regularly (91-100%), with a further 18.92% attending between 81-90%.

This means the vast majority of our students are here, engaged, and ready to learn each day – and that makes a real difference to achievement, wellbeing, and friendships.

As part of our 2026 school goals, we are working toward 95% of students attending regularly (91-100%). We know this is achievable when school and whānau continue to work together.

Thank you to our families for prioritising school attendance. Every day counts, and together we are building strong learning habits for life.



- **Children should attend school every day unless they are unwell**
- **If your child has an appointment during school hours, they can be picked up from school or dropped back afterwards.**
- **Holidays should be taken during term breaks**

We do offer attendance incentives, but these are not about improving data alone. They are designed to encourage positive habits, responsibility, and pride in regular attendance. Tamariki who achieve 100% attendance each term receive a small gift as a way of acknowledging their commitment and effort.

Our next step is to continue strengthening daily attendance routines across the school. By working together – school and whānau – we can support our children to be present, engaged, and ready to learn every day.

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu - With feathers, the bird will fly.

When our tamariki are present every day, they have the tools they need to succeed.

Together we grow, learn, and celebrate as Chertsey Champs!

Chertsey School Triathlon

& Whānau Picnic Tuesday 3rd March

Triathlon start time: 12.30pm



We're excited to invite all our whānau to join us for our Chertsey School Triathlon, followed by a relaxed whole-school picnic lunch. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate effort, participation, and fun together as a school community.

What's happening?

Our school triathlon will begin at 12.30pm

- Whānau are warmly invited to come along and cheer on our tamariki
- After the triathlon, we'll share a picnic lunch together
- The BBQ will be available if you'd like to bring something to cook
- There will be games and activities for both children and adults

We'll finish the day with our Triathlon prizegiving.



Bikes & Helmets

If your child would like to use their own bike, please ensure it is:

- Dropped off at school by Monday 2nd March Clearly named
- Sent with a helmet

Bikes and helmets will be provided by the school for children who do not have their own

Parent & Caregiver Participation

Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to participate in the triathlon and take part in some friendly competition with our staff.

You are very welcome to compete as an individual or as part of a team.

Participation is completely optional and all abilities are welcome. The focus of the day is on fun, encouragement, and community.

What to bring

- A picnic lunch for your whānau
- Something to throw on the BBQ if you wish
- A blanket or chair to relax and enjoy the afternoon

We're looking forward to a fun, inclusive afternoon of sport and connection.

We hope to see lots of whānau there to support our tamariki!

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Concerns and Complaints Process

At Chertsey School, we are committed to ensuring all concerns and complaints are managed in a fair, respectful, and timely manner. We value open communication and encourage whānau to raise any concerns so they can be addressed appropriately.

Our full Concerns and Complaints Policy and Process is available on SchoolDocs.

To access:

Visit the SchoolDocs website: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin>

Enter school name: Chertsey School

Username: chertsey

Password: champs

If you ever need support to understand the process, please contact the school office – we are here to help.

Concerns and Complaints Process

This information should be read alongside our Concerns and Complaints Policy and related policies on SchoolDocs.

OVERVIEW



You can raise concerns and complaints with our school verbally or in writing.



The school will assess and respond according to the nature of the concern or complaint.



The school will tell you how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and let you know when the matter is closed.



HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN OR MAKE A COMPLAINT

Contact the following people at the school (verbally or in writing).

A staff member involved
(e.g. classroom teacher, head of learning area)

The principal
for serious matters

The board chair
for concerns or complaints about the principal

Another board member
for concerns or complaints about the board chair

- Concerns or complaints may be referred to a more appropriate person (e.g. senior staff, principal, board member).
- The school may ask you to put your concern or complaint in writing to help address the matter.
- You are welcome to have a support person (e.g. whānau member, friend, lawyer, union representative).
- Everyone involved is expected to respect privacy and confidentiality.



HOW THE SCHOOL MANAGES CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

We manage concerns and complaints in a timely manner and seek to protect people's mana and dignity. We ensure:

- people are treated fairly
- those involved have the opportunity to be heard
- decision-making is unbiased.

The school assesses the concern or complaint and responds according to its nature and seriousness, and who is involved (e.g. student, staff member, principal, board member).



NOTIFICATION AND CLOSURE

We will tell you about how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and let you know when the matter is closed.

After responding to your concern or complaint, **the school considers the matter closed.**

If you feel your concern or complaint has not been resolved after receiving a response, you may escalate the concern or complaint to the principal or board.

After the board has dealt with a matter, there is no further avenue for consideration by the school.

If you need help to understand the concerns and complaints process, please contact the school.



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
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