



CHERTSEY SCHOOL

Newsletter 8
Friday 21st August 2026



**Chertsey
School**

Kia ora whānau,

It is hard to believe we are already well into the second half of Term 3. The past few weeks have been full of wonderful learning experiences, achievements and opportunities for our tamariki, and there is plenty to celebrate in this edition of our newsletter.

One of the things I am always proud of at Chertsey School is the range of opportunities our children are given to learn, participate and challenge themselves. Over the past few weeks we have seen this in so many different ways.

Our **Wonder Project Ice Cream Challenge** has brought plenty of excitement, with students exploring the science behind ice cream while experimenting, creating and problem-solving together. We have been involved with the Wonder Project for four years now, and it continues to provide our tamariki with engaging, hands-on STEM learning experiences.

Our **Poems and Speeches** have also been a real highlight. A huge amount of preparation goes into standing in front of others and performing, and it was fantastic to see the effort, courage and confidence shown by our students. So many of our tamariki demonstrated our Chertsey Champs value of Aim High and Achieve, and they should be very proud of themselves.

We were also extremely proud of **Airom, Ben, James and Isaac, who represented Chertsey School at the Canterbury EPRO8 Grand Finals** and finished 8th overall. Seeing four students from our little rural school competing at this level was a very proud moment for us.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for the energy, time and care they continue to put into creating great experiences for our students. **Thank you also to our parents and caregivers** for supporting learning at home, encouraging your children and getting behind what we do. We are also very fortunate to have volunteers, our Board and members of our wider community who continue to give their time and support so generously.

There is still plenty to look forward to before the end of Term 3, including our **Auckland City Camp**, which is now getting very close! A great deal of planning and preparation has been happening behind the scenes, and we are certainly looking forward to another exciting few weeks ahead.

I hope you enjoy reading through this newsletter and seeing just some of the wonderful things our Chertsey tamariki have been involved in.

Ngā mihi nui,
Claire

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Term 3 Key Dates

Thursday 27th August	Small Schools Speech Competition at Fairton 6pm
Friday 28th August	Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 2nd Sept	Board Meeting 5.30pm
Tues 8th - Thurs 10th Sept	Room 3 Auckland City Camp
Wednesday 9th Sept	Room 1 Trip
Friday 11th September	Newsletter 9
Tues 15th & Wed 16th Sept	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Thursday 17th Sept	Room 3 Football Winter Tournament
Friday 18th Sept	Book Character Day Assembly 2.30pm
Mon 21st - Fri 25th Sept	Swim Week at EA Networks
Friday 25th September	Last Day of Term 3

2026 Dates

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,
Staff Only Day Thursday 12th November

2027 Dates

Term 1 (10 weeks)

Starts Monday 1st February and ends Friday 9 April 2027

Public holidays: Waitangi Day – Saturday 6 February observed on Monday 8 February, Good Friday – 26 March, Easter Monday – 29 March, Easter Tuesday – 30 March (a school holiday).

Term 2 (10 weeks)

Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July 2027

Public holidays: King's Birthday – Monday 7 June, Matariki – Friday 25 June.

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September 2027

Term 4 (10 weeks)

Monday 11 October to Wednesday 15 December 2027

Public holiday: Labour Day – Monday 25 October. Friday 12th November - Canterbury Anniversary Day

POEMS & SPEECHES



We have been so proud of the effort our tamariki have put into this year's **Poems and Speeches**. Preparing to stand in front of an audience and perform takes courage, practice and perseverance, and it was wonderful to see so many of our students displaying our **Chertsey Champs value of Aim High and Achieve**.

A huge thank you to our **parents and caregivers** for the time and encouragement you have given at home. Your support makes such a difference and was evident in the confidence and preparation of our students.

We would also like to acknowledge **Miss Rose and Whaea Nin** for the time, encouragement and support they have given our tamariki at school throughout the preparation process.

Well done to every student who took part. Whether you performed a poem or delivered a speech, you should be very proud of what you achieved.



Year 0 - 2 Poems

1st Place: Aizack Budiao

2nd Place: Jessica O'Neil

3rd Place: Eli Wood



Year 3 & 4 Speeches

1st Place: Airah Budiao

2nd Place: Krisha Karan

3rd Place: Kate Scott



Year 5 & 6 Speeches

1st Place: Airom Budiao

2nd Place: Ben Scott

3rd Place: Dom Lawrence



Congratulations to the Budiao whānau, with Aizack, Airah and Airom each placing first in their year groups. All the best for when you represent our school this week.

EPRO8 GRAND FINAL

We were extremely proud of Airom, Ben, James and Isaac, who represented Chertsey School at the Canterbury EPRO8 Grand Finals.

Reaching the Grand Finals was a fantastic achievement in itself, and our team went on to finish **8th overall**. Throughout the competition, they worked together to solve a range of challenging engineering and problem-solving tasks, putting their STEM knowledge, creativity, perseverance and teamwork to the test.

It was wonderful to see four of our Chertsey students competing confidently at this level and representing our small school so well.

Congratulations Airom, Ben, James and Isaac — you made Chertsey School very proud!



ICE CREAM CHALLENGE



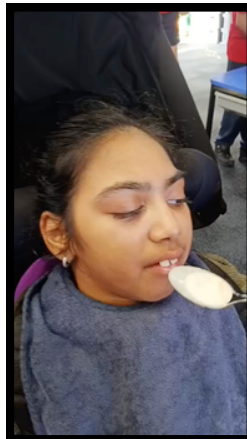
This year our tamariki have been getting stuck into the **Wonder Project Ice Cream Challenge!**

Chertsey School has been part of the Wonder Project for the past four years. During that time, our students have completed the **Rocket Challenge, Power Challenge and Water Challenge**, and this year it was time for something a little sweeter – the **Ice Cream Challenge**.

Working in groups/rōpū, our students have been experimenting with flavour, texture and different techniques to create their own sweet treats. Along the way, they have been exploring the science behind ice cream, **including states of matter, food composition and the different properties of ingredients**.

We have also taken the challenge a step further by bringing in some entrepreneurship! Our students created their own ice cream flavour, came up with a company and product name, designed packaging for their ice cream containers and then presented a sales pitch to their peers.

It has been a fantastic combination of science, creativity, problem-solving and communication, with plenty of fun along the way. We can't wait to see where the challenge takes us next!





WINTER SPORT FOOTBALL



Last Friday, our Year 5 & 6 football team represented Chertsey School at the Winter Sports Tournament. After many weeks of practice and preparation, the team turned up ready to give it their absolute best. They played some fantastic football throughout the day, with several very close games, and it was great to see their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship on display. We were very proud of the way they represented Chertsey School both on and off the field. Well done, team! Thank you to Julie for your ongoing support.





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Thank You!

to  THE LION
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for our *Bike Shed Grant!* 

We are thrilled to
announce that our
application to
The Lion Foundation
has been successful!

A grant of

\$18,697

has been approved
towards the purchase
and installation of
our new bike shed.




This grant will
provide a safe
and secure space
for our bikes!



Encouraging more tamariki to ride,
be active and enjoy the many benefits
of cycling to school.



Thank you, The Lion Foundation,
for supporting our school and
helping our tamariki thrive!



We are extremely grateful to The Lion Foundation for once again supporting our school, this time with a grant of \$18,697 towards our new bike shed.

Over the past four years, The Lion Foundation has been a valued supporter of Chertsey School, helping us bring a number of important projects to life. Their generosity has made a real difference to the opportunities and facilities we are able to provide for our tamariki.

Our new bike shed will provide a safe and secure home for our school bikes, protecting them from damage and helping us continue to grow our cycling programme.

This is another fantastic investment in our students and our community, and we couldn't be more thankful.

Thank you, The Lion Foundation, for believing in our vision and continuing to invest in the future of Chertsey School and community.



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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**
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