

CHERTSEY SCHOOL Newsletter 1 • Friday 31st January 2025



Principal's Message: Welcome Back to School!

Kia ora Chertsey School whānau,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! It's wonderful to see our tamariki settling into school routines with big smiles and positive attitudes. Our classrooms are already buzzing with happy learners ready to give their best.

This year is shaping up to be an exciting one! Some of our tamariki have shared their goals and excitement with us:

- Many are eager to become Super Champs.
- Our senior students are thrilled about the upcoming camp.
- Others are looking forward to cross-country, athletics, swimming, kapa haka, and sports.
- And, of course, there's a lot of excitement about the bike track that will be ready to use next week!

School Meals: We've had a fantastic start to our Breakfast Club. If your child would like breakfast at school, they can head to Room 2 as soon as they arrive in the morning. Morning tea and lunch are also provided for all children every day, so parents and caregivers do not need to send food with their tamariki. A huge thank you to Kai for Kids, KidsCan, and Fonterra for their ongoing support in providing nutritious meals for our school community. We are truly grateful for their generosity.

Communication: We value open and clear communication with our whānau. Teachers are available for queries from 8:30 am to 8:55 am each morning. You can also message them on Class Dojo or email them directly. We kindly ask that you avoid messaging staff via social media.

For any questions or concerns, you can reach me at the school office from 8:30 am or by email at principal@chertsey.school.nz.

Term Dates and Events: Our school calendar is regularly updated with important dates and events. You can find it on our website at www.chertsey.school.nz. Please check it often to stay informed about what's happening at school.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Chertsey School community.

Ngā mihi nui,

Claire Maria, Principal, Chertsey School



KidsCan

Exciting News: Chertsey School Joins KidsCan School Programme!

We are thrilled to announce that Chertsey School has been accepted into the KidsCan School Programme, a fantastic initiative that provides Food, Clothing, and Health support for our students. This programme aims to ensure all children have what they need to learn and thrive at school. Jackets and shoe samples will be arriving at school soon. These will be used for sizing before we make our final order.

Here's what this means for our school community:

Food Programme:

The KidsCan Food Programme offers a variety of breakfast, lunch and snack items. This is a wonderful way to support students who may need extra sustenance throughout the day. Our kai is already provided by Kai for Kids so we will not be ordering anything extra to what we already receive.

Clothing Programme

- Jackets: Black or navy, fleece-lined raincoats are available in sizes ranging from 5 to 5XL. All students at Chertsey School in 2025 will receive a navy blue jacket which will become part of our school uniform.
- Shoes: Black uniform shoes come in a variety of styles, with sizes from 10 (kids) to 14 (adults).

Health Products

The programme also provides essentials such as nit/headlice treatment to help keep students healthy and ready to learn. *These products will also be available to families if they need them. Please let us know if you require this at home.*

What's Next?

Parents no longer have to provide any food for their children at school. Here is some of the food options that will be available to students at morning tea:







Garden to table



Our tamariki were very excited to harvest some very good potatoes from our school garden this week. We made fries and everyone enjoyed them.

















Let's Celebrate!



Congratulations to Ruby for winning 4 gold medals at the Colgate games during the holidays. Ruby won the long jump, jumping 3.53m, as well as 1st place in the 60m, 100m and 200m. Ka mau te wehi Ruby!







Important Dates:

Tuesday 28th January	Students Start Term 1
Friday 31st January	Newsletter 1
Thursday 6th February	Waitangi Day - No School
Friday 7th February	Staff Only Day - No School
Friday 14th February	Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 21st February	Newsletter 2
26th, 27th, 28th February	Room 3 Beach Camp @Spencer Park
Friday 7th March	Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 14th March	Newsletter 3
Friday 28th March	Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 4th April	Newsletter 4
Friday 11th April	Last Day Term 1

Community Notices



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Ashburton's Festival of Pipe Band Music

Sun 16 February 2025 12.30pm







Thank you to those members of the community that have contributed to our school through Fuel for Schools and <u>Fern NZ</u>. 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!

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