

Notices/ Reminders:

Donation & Stationery

Stationery is sold from the office and all students have been given a notice with the cost for their pack in Week 1. The school donation for the 2017 year is \$70 for one child at the school or \$95.00 for two or more children. A percentage of the amount paid can be claimed back from Inland Revenue.

Nut Allergies – Reminder: At Chaucer there are some students who are highly allergic to peanuts and nuts. We ask that parents do not include nutella, peanuts or other nuts, peanut butter or nut bars in their child's school lunch. This is an increasingly common practice in New Zealand primary schools as allergies to peanuts have increased. While peanuts are a healthy food for most children they can be extremely dangerous to some children. We thank you for your cooperation and assistance on this matter.

Family Details – Please let the office staff know if you have changed your contact phone numbers, have moved house and have a new address or if your child's emergency contact people have changed. At times we need to contact you and need the correct information at the office. You can also email the school at admin@chaucer.school.nz or use the website notification option.

Medications – If your child needs medication while they are at school, please let the office staff know. A consent form needs to be completed with the dosages and times it is to be given.

School Terms 2017:

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January 2017 – Thursday 13 April 2017

Term 2: Monday 1 May 2017 – Friday 7 July 2017

Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September 2017

Term 4: Monday 16 October 2017 – Friday 15 December 2017

If you have a notice you would like us to put in the newsletter, please see Denise at the office



Communicating with you:

Would you like to receive updates and reminders of school events? Here's how you do it!

Text' **follow chaucerschool** 'to **8987** (All letters lower case, space between 'follow' and 'chaucerschool'). The school also has a facebook page:

www.facebook.com/ChaucerSchoolCommunity

Chaucer Tales

Communicating with the Chaucer community every
second Thursday

February 9 2017

EMPOWERING CONFIDENT LEARNERS
TRAVELLING
THE LEARNING PATH
TOGETHER

DATES & EVENTS

Wednesday 15 February - Chaucer Family Night: 6-7.30pm
Thursday 16 February – BOT meeting staff room 7.00pm
Friday 17 February – senior school beach trip
Friday 24 February – Healing Through Arts show
Thursday 16 March – 3Way conferences: 1-7pm- school closes early
Tuesday 4 April – Friday 7 April – senior students on camp
Tuesday 11 April – school cross country
Thursday 13 April – end of Term 1- school closes at 2.00pm
Friday 14 April – Easter Friday – school closed
Monday 17 April – Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday 18 April – Friday 28 April – school holidays
Monday 1 May – start of Term 2



NEWS

A warm Chaucer welcome to: Lavinia ,Brandon, Natalya, Ria,, Zoe, Lillian- May, Darius, Aradia, Aarna , Ananya, Ella, Dhruv, Dana, Fatima, Noor, Samuela, Aleeza, Muqet , Rohan, Komail ,Deborah, Masi and Van Harly

A Happy Chaucer Birthday to: Affan, Amena, Zara B, Humairah, Sophia, Shaya, Masi, Taylor and Damyus



Chaucer Staff 2017:

Michael Fletcher – Principal
Carmen Lafaele – 2iC, Senco, Mutukaroa, Teacher Room 4
Tina Ryan – Team Leader – senior school, classroom teacher Room 10 (Years 5 & 6)
Jane Woodill – Team Leader - middle school, classroom teacher Room 1 (Year 3 & 4)
Alanna Molloy – Team Leader - junior School, classroom teacher Room 15 (Year 2/3)
Suraya Esau – Teacher Room 11 (year 5/6), Sports co-ordinator
Jag Patel –Teacher Room 4 (Year 5/6) / release teacher
John Zhao – Teacher Room 3 (Years 3 &4)
Kelly Simon –Teacher Room 2 (Years 3 &4)
Varsha Gomathi – Teacher Room 16 (Year 2)
Kate Sellar –Teacher Room 13/14 (Year 1)
Sharon Hayward –Teacher Room 13/ 14 (Year 1)
Nancy Lee – ESOL Teacher

Karen Griffin – School accounts & Administration Officer
Denise Priestly – School Secretary
Shanthi Gamage – Teacher Aide
Shane Akauola – Teacher Aide
Mu Wah Moo – Teacher Aide
Sarah Lovell – Teacher Aide
Ruchi Chowdhary – Teacher Aide
Pauline Akauola – Teacher Aide
Darryl Tebay – Caretaker
John McNaughton – Cleaner
Ann McNaughton – Cleaner

Welcome back everyone and a particular welcome to all the new families who have joined the Chaucer Family. It has been a real privilege meeting you and we are looking forward to a fantastic year. It has been wonderful to see our children displaying our Chaucer Values, 'Be respectful', 'Be responsible', 'Be safe', 'Give 100% Effort', from day one.

Chaucer Family night

On **Wednesday 15 Feb, at 6pm**, an exciting new event will be taking place, the 'Chaucer Family night'. There will be short workshops for parents to drop in to, information on what is happening this year, as well as the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Dr Jannie van Hees will be running workshops on 'Talking with your child'. Jannie is working with our school this year and we are delighted that she is supporting this event. I strongly encourage all families to attend, whether you are new to the school or are a longtime member of the Chaucer Family. See the separate flyer for more information.

Empowering confident learners

At Chaucer we work hard on building collaborative relationships with all families as we know that a strong partnership between home and school helps to set our children up for success. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child the first point of contact is the class teacher.

I want to thank those parents who have already contacted us to offer their time, skills and resources. If you are interested in running a lunchtime activity, helping in your child's class or can help in any other way please pop in or give us a call.

Welcome back...

We are delighted to welcome back Ms Jane Woodill who has returned from her adventures in Australia. Jane is teaching in Room 1 and is the team leader for the middle school.

Make each day your masterpiece – John Wooden

Best wishes
Michael Fletcher
Principal