

Community Notices:

DISCO- AFTERSCHOOL BOOGIE NEXT WEEK Wednesday 12 April. Early Time:



3.00 -5.00pm.

No uniforms for school that day. \$2 entry fee. Raffles and food on sale. See you there.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME Carpe Diem Kids Chaucer will be having an exciting Holiday Programme with amazing new trips from April 18th to 28th, 2017. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Brochures are available at the school office and also online. Enrol online on www.carpediemkids.co.nz Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437 Mob: 021 155 0242 Email: chaucer@carpediemkids.co.nz



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Exciting social and travel opportunities await in return for your time.

Please Note: Newsletters will go home to the oldest in the family at school from Term 2. See the office if you are not receiving them digitally or from your child.

Chaucer Tales

Communicating with the Chaucer community every
second Thursday

April 6 2017

EMPOWERING CONFIDENT LEARNERS

TRAVELLING
THE LEARNING PATH
TOGETHER

DATES & EVENTS

Tuesday 4 April – Friday 7 April – senior students on camp

Tuesday 11 April – school cross country

Wednesday 12 April – School disco 3-5pm

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

Tuesday 2 May – Whole school photos

Tuesday 9 May – Interschool Cross Country

Friday 12 May – Bake sale Big Hall 12 – 1.00pm

Thursday 18 May – BOT meeting staff room

Friday 9 June – Teacher only day – school closed



NEWS

A Happy Chaucer Birthday to: Ella, Jahna, Elena and Yu Xuan



Winning House: Week 8: Karekare & Bethells **Week 9:** Karekare

Weekly certificates were awarded to: Week 8: Salote, Waseem, Rayyan (gold), Fangaloka, Zara K, Nia (gold), Cameron T, Jalia, Trinity T (gold), Kiara, Rhienin, Dayna, Grace, Aaqib (gold), Vani, Aarna, Pilikimi, Rylee, Crystal, Joseph and Precious (gold).

And on Week 9: Harkawan, Tovaega, Cameron J, Casey, Isabelle (gold), Nia, Aza, Allisa (gold), Masyn, Shiloh, Fatima, Emma, Nathan (gold), Ella, Alex, Areeb, Avani, Lillian (gold), Candy (gold), Divya, Musiq, Aku (gold), Mu Lah, Aseea and Joseph (gold)

From the Principal:

On Wednesday I travelled up to Peter Snell Youth Village, Whangaparaoa, to visit our seniors on camp. It was fantastic to see the children tackling a wide range of activities and being taken outside of their comfort zone. Despite a touch of rain (!) the children were having a great time.

Parent focus group

The first question we put to the group was, “What type of communication works for you?” Here is a summary of the responses:

“Email and text alerts as these are the two main sources we use and keep track of...”

“The other nice thing about email is it allows me to file and keep correspondence from the school in a folder, so I can go back and check to make sure I have dates correct for events etc.”

“Facebook is a good idea too, particularly for events etc. The website provides a good source of information so that parents can look at things online rather than having to ring the school or go into the office.”

“I like letters, they go on the calendar. The kids can read them to me. If they ask questions I can give it to them to check.”

“Email or text with links works best for me...The kids lose notices and messages so coming directly to my device means I get the information.”

“Online communication works really well for me, especially the text alerts and email...”

“Text is great for short messages that are time critical.”

“Facebook is good to advertise events and share post event photos etc.”

A big thank you to the parents in the focus group for their feedback. Key messages for us included that the majority prefer online communication and that sending information in a variety of ways helps.

Curiosity is the key to creativity. – Akio Morita

Best wishes

Michael Fletcher

Principal

Sports Update: Recently a Year5/6 T-Ball tournament, held at Eastdale Reserve, and a Year3/4 T-Ball tournament, held at St Dominic’s Catholic School, took place. We took teams to both of the competitions. The Year 5/6 team came 4th in the tournament. Our Y3/4’s have been nominated for the SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD due to their AMAZING spirit and courage. WELL DONE! We are PROUD of you! Keep it up. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and Miss Simon for stepping up when I was unavailable. Your help is invaluable! Mrs Esau.



Reminder: School photos will be taken on the first Tuesday of next term: 2nd May. Order forms were sent home last week. Sibling photo forms are at the office. Please have orders in to the school by next Wednesday.

Unclaimed polar fleeces: We have a large number of polar fleeces in small sizes out the back!!! Come and have a look if your child has lost theirs. The names are unclear. They are looking for a new owner!!

Term 1 ends next Thursday 13 April at 2.00pm for school holidays and re-starts on Monday 1 May 2017.