

Chaucer School Newsletter: Thursday 31 October 2019

UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS

Friday 1 November: Cultural Day

Tuesday 5 November: Athletics day 9.30am start / sausage sizzle

Wednesday 13 November: BOT meeting in staffroom 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 14 November – Monday 25 November: Senior / Middle school swimming

Tuesday 26 November - Thursday 5 December: Junior swimming

Wednesday 4 December – Chaucer Family night 6.00-7.30pm

Tuesday 17 December- Prizegiving 9.15 – 10.45am

Friday 20 December - End of Term 4. School closes at 2.00pm

Happy Birthday to these students who have birthdays coming up soon: Lilah, Tauseef, James, Lavinia, Oscar, Lucas, Muhione, Cameron, Rayyan, Avani, Anshuk, Tina and Jevonte

Weekly Achievement certificates were awarded to: On Friday 18 October: Musiq, Komail, Jahdean, Thushan, Salote, Chante, Abby, Leo, Kingston, Nahla, Nepal, Candy, Deborah, Sofia, Leuaina, Issac, Lilah, Caleb, Oscar **GOLD:** Alexander, Brooklyn, Affan, Ali, Cameron, Grace, Kezrah, Muhione, Yoyo, Everyshky, Aarav M and James M

And on Friday 25 October: De'Sjana, Troy, Natalie, Aamir, Grace, Simran, Aiza, Drusilla, Sana, Maryam, Brandon, Sean, Kenishaa, Aisha, Sahil, John, Cia, Nabeeha, Rayyan, Precious and Rylee **GOLD:** Fuanigi, Arham, Cameron, Ananya, Joshua, Ameera, Amelia and Dhrish

Winning House: **Week 1:** Karekare **Week 2:** Bethells

From the Principal

Last week I had the pleasure and privilege of attending the very first Lynfield Kahui Ako Kapa Haka Konohete. The Kapa Haka groups from 8 of the 9 schools within our Kahui Ako, including Chaucer, performed at Lynfield College. It was a fantastic event and a wonderful example of our Kahui Ako vision, 'Hei Mahi Tahī' - 'To work as one', in action.

We are hoping that this will become an annual event. With this in mind, if you attended the Konohete we would love to hear your feedback. All feedback will help with the planning for future Konohete.





Option to save you money!

Next year, as a school, we have the option to receive \$150 per student enrolled at our school. If we opt in to this donations scheme we wouldn't be requesting any voluntary donations from you. We would like to trial this next year and we will be sending out a one question survey shortly to see if all parents and whanau support this trial.

More information here: <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/>

Be safe - hats everyday this term

A reminder that every child needs to have their school hat at school every day, rain or shine. Any child who doesn't have a school hat will not be able to play outside. Blue school hats are on sale at the Warehouse, New Lynn, along with the rest of our school uniform. We are a Sunsmart school and want all of our children to learn the importance of protecting themselves against the sun.

A warm welcome to the Chaucer Family to...

We are privileged to be a partner school with the University of Auckland - Faculty of Education. As part of this we are delighted to welcome the latest students from the Graduate Diploma course who are working with us this term. Welcome to: Ruby Harper; Nicola Facciano; Lucy Nelson; Olivia Chrisp.

Chaucer Values - focus for this term is...

Safety - Mindfulness

One of our wonderful children came up to me last week and excitedly shared, 'Mr Fletcher...I know what 'Mindfulness' means...it means only doing one thing at a time'. I thought that she was spot on! And a great reminder for all of us (myself included) as we get caught up in the business of our everyday lives.

"The little things? The little moments? They aren't little." ~ Jon Kabat-Zinn

Best wishes
Michael Fletcher
Principal

New Zealand Author Visits Chaucer School:

Fabulous new Zealand author Anne Hayes visited today to share her lovely books: 'Tui Street Tales' and 'Tui Street Heroes'. She will be in the **school office TOMORROW** morning from 8.00am to 8.30am with signed copies of her books available for \$17 and \$20.



Nut Allergies - Reminder

At Chaucer we have several students who are allergic to peanuts and nuts. We ask that parents do not include nutella, peanuts or other nuts, peanut butter or nut bars in your 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. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance on this matter.



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'

ACTIVITY TONIGHT AT THE BLOCKHOUSE BAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Ready > Set > Go!

•FOOD• •CAFE FOR ADULTS•
•LOOT BAGS• •GAMES• •PRIZES•

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER
5:45PM - 8:00PM

Hair Raising Hat Party

Create an amazing hairdo or an incredible hat!
All age group prizes - including adults and best dressed family (any theme)
Come dressed in your active wear

Special Guest:
Danielle Freeman
Fitness Instructor

Blockhouse Bay Baptist Church
504 Blockhouse Bay Rd • For enquiries phone 626 6980
Entry by door of back car park
A fun, safe alternative to trick or treating
Recommended age group: 4-14 years old
Suggested donation: \$2 per child, \$5 per family