



**Chaucer School Newsletter: Thursday 28 November 2019**

**UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS**

**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 Big Hall**  
**Wednesday 18 December: Kowhai Trip: Jellicoe Pools (Room 2, 10, 11)**  
**Thursday 19 December: Kauri Trip: Parakai Hot Pools (Room 3, 4, 5)**  
**Friday 20 December - End of Term 4. School closes at 2.00pm**  
**Friday 7 February 2020: School starts : Meet the Teacher Day**

**Language Week:**

Week 7: 2/12/19 – Japanese, Dari

Week 8: 9/12/19 – Tapalog / Cebuano

**A warm Chaucer welcome to** Umair and Uzair

**Happy Birthday to these students who have birthdays coming up soon:** Alexis, Aiza, Tehila

**Weekly Certificates were awarded to: On Friday 15 November:** Lemar, Zeus, Zion, Elijah, Levi, Asma, Rafeh, Aisha, Grace, Ananya, Sele, Komail, Nishanth, Jasmine, Asaal, Najwa, Asmaa, Anita, Maiera, Topaz, Shazana **GOLD:** Nepal, Arsalan, Setayesh, Aarna, Lana, Indigo, Casey, Salahadin

**And on Friday 25 November:** Aarav K, Sukhmani, Issa, Andy, Rafeh, Tyrelle, Ajo, Ana, Lucas, Sukham, Melad, Alexander, Sofia, Aamir, Kelcey, Cassius, Sean, Kingsley **GOLD:** Vainavi, Cia, Drusilla, Musiq, Sebastian P, ZaraK, Furqan, Kenishaa

**From the Principal**

One of the many aspects of my job that I love is the opportunity to meet, one-to-one, with our teachers and celebrate their growth during the year, the 'wins' and the challenges. During these recent discussions I was struck again by the amazing, hard working, talented and committed teachers that we have at our school. Coupled with our incredible support staff, I know that the children at Chaucer are being taught and supported by wonderful professionals.

**Chaucer Family Night - Wed 4 December, 6pm**

We are very excited that there is less than a week to go until the Chaucer Family night. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other parents and whanau. It will start with some performances from our children outside the library/small hall. Then there will be games and activities for young and old, a free sausage sizzle, free raffle, free books, some special visitors and more. See you there!

## Swimming

The children have been enjoying the swimming programme this term. We believe that swimming is a wonderful way to have fun and be active. It is also a very important life skill. This is why we pay for every child to have this opportunity. Please support your child in ensuring that they bring their togs and towel (and goggles if needed) if it is a swimming day for their class. If you have any questions about the swimming programme please see your child's teacher.

## Empowering Confident Learners

Last week the leadership team spent a day reviewing and refining our strategic plan. It is always exciting to look back over the year and celebrate what we have achieved, as well as looking forward and planning for next year and beyond, reflecting on what we can do better. As always, we welcome your feedback on what's working, or not working, for you and your child(ren). Send us an email or pop in for a chat. The Chaucer Family thrives on strong partnerships between home and school.

## Farewell to...

At the end of this term we will be farewelling the wonderful Denise in the office. Mrs Priestly has been at our school for nearly 12 years and she has decided that it is time for her to move on to the next chapter in her life. As the first contact for new families coming to our school, Denise has consistently provided a warm, welcoming face. We will miss her! The good news is that we have managed to persuade her to 'keep her hand' in and help us out at the beginning of next year. So, whilst she is officially finishing at the end of the term you may see her around a bit next year.

## Chaucer Values - focus for this term is...

Safety - Mindfulness

*'We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.'* - John F. Kennedy

Best wishes  
Michael Fletcher  
Principal



**Chaucer School Board of Trustees would like to thank The Trusts for their contribution of \$300 towards end of year prize-giving. Much appreciated.**

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# Thank You!

The Chaucer School Board of Trustees would like to extend their gracious thanks and gratitude to the following organisations for their generosity and contributions which have allowed us to complete the Playspace Project over these last 2-3 years. While the board have contributed to part of the project, we would not have been able to complete his project in its entirety, without the grants received from these organisations.



This play space has provided a range of active play opportunities for children of various ages and abilities, not only for students within our school, but also for the families across our wider community and after school programme.

