

Empowering Confident Learners



Chaucer School Newsletter Friday: 18 February 2022

UPCOMING DATES/EVENT

First day Term 1 2022 - Tues 08/02/2022

Last day of the Term 1 - Thurs 14/04/2022 [*School finishes at 2pm*]

First day of Term 2 2022 - Mon 02/05/2022

From the Principal

Welcome to Term 1! I'm writing this on the 9th day of the term and I'm reflecting on the things that I'm grateful for. I'm grateful to see the children back at school, eager to learn, happy to see their friends. One or two have been a bit nervous...but that's okay. I'm grateful to you, our wonderful parents & caregivers for helping to keep everyone safe by following the guidelines that we've been sharing.

Here at Chaucer we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and fun.

Communication

A reminder that if you have any questions your child's teacher is the first point of contact. In addition to email we strongly encourage you to download and use the following app, dependent on which team your child is in:

Rimu / Juniors [rooms 13, 14, 15 & 16] - **Seesaw**

Kowhai / Middles [rooms 1, 10 & 11] - **Whatsapp**

Kauri / Seniors [rooms 2, 3 & 4] - **Whatsapp**

This newsletter is sent out fortnightly and is your 'go to' source of information about upcoming events and important messages.

Swimming

As a school we provide free swimming lessons for all children. The Swim School that we use (at New Windsor School) has reassured us that they can safely run swimming lessons for our children, with some modifications e.g. children will not get changed at the pools.

Please answer the very short survey below as we are keen to find out whether you are supportive of your child going to swimming lessons so we can plan accordingly.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuV2kmm7SAALYrhx4loWDj5VqdGwqHOXqJsYhfxUHUmd6g2g/viewform?usp=pp_url

Chaucer Values

Our focus for this term is: **Responsibility - Ownership**

Boundary fence upgrade

We have secured funding through the Ministry of Education for an extensive upgrade to our boundary fencing. This includes extra fencing around the staff car park and also along the edge of the field near the big hall. This work will help to keep all our children safe and will look great as well!

Be Safe - Thank you...

We really appreciate the steps you have been taking to help keep everyone in the Chaucer Family safe. From 'drop and go' in the mornings to keeping your child at home if they are sick. Thank you.

Be safe - Falkirk Street gate is locked at...

A reminder that, to keep our children safe - The Falkirk Street entrance is locked at 9.15am.

Whole school assemblies

Unfortunately we will not be having these whilst we remain at 'Red'.

COVID-19 update

The COVID-19 government website continues to be the best place for accurate, up to date information. This is the link:

www.covid19.govt.nz

I continue to highly recommend you avoid mainstream media for COVID updates & news.

A whakatauki that resonated with me:

I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho / A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions

Best wishes

Michael Fletcher

Principal

From the office:

The office is not taking sushi orders while we remain at 'Red'.

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.

Community Notices