

Empowering Confident Learners



Chaucer School Newsletter Friday 19 November 2021

UPCOMING DATES/EVENT

Online Student led conference - Thurs 25/11/21 & Fri 26/11/21

Last Day of Term 4 - Fri 17/12/2021

From the Principal

It has been awesome to see more children back at school this week. Our focus has been on ensuring that they've felt safe, on having fun and giving them lots of opportunities to get outside. Because we have split the school into two groups there has been plenty of space for people to physically distance.

A big thank you for 'dropping and going' in the morning and for staying in your cars when you've come to pick up your children. It is much appreciated and helps to keep everyone safe.

Student led conferences are going online

On **Thurs 25 Nov 1-7pm & Fri 26 Nov 10-3pm** you will have the opportunity to book a 15 minute online Student led conference with your child and their teacher. This is an opportunity for your child to share, for example, how distance learning has been going for them and what they have been doing during lockdown. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions.

More information, including how to book, to follow.

Reports

At the end of this term you will receive a report for your child. As I'm sure you can appreciate, the report will be a little different to our 'normal' end of year report, due to the amount of time school has been closed. As previously, we invite you to complete the 'Parent voice' part of the report and support your child to fill in the 'Student voice' section. Your child's teacher will be happy to answer any questions related to the report.

Attendance during Level 3

A reminder that the week is organised as follows:

Mon & Wed = Rooms 2, 4, 11, 14, 16,

Tues & Thurs = Rooms 1, 3, 10, 13, 15

Fri = All at home, distance learning

If you have more than 1 child at our school you can choose if you want them to attend on the same day. Or they can attend on their class day.

You must stick with your choice for the rest of the term.

If you need your child to be at school full time (e.g. because all the adults in your household are back at work and there is no one to supervise them at home) a separate 'bubble' is operating in the library. If you need your child to attend full time please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

Please note, we'll continue to support learning from home for those children who will not be attending onsite.

Chaucer Values

Our focus for this term is: **Respect - Environment**

Pataka kai / Street pantry

This is located at the Falkirk Street entrance. Anybody can put food in the pataka and anyone can take whatever food they need from it. If you are donating food please ensure that it is either tinned food or in a packet. No fresh food please.

COVID-19 update

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

covid19.govt.nz

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

A whakatauki (Maori proverb) that resonated with me:

He ora te whakapiri, he mate te whakatariri / There is strength in unity, defeat in anger/division

Best wishes

Michael Fletcher

Principal