

# Empowering Confident Learners



Chaucer School Newsletter Thursday: 03 March 2022

## UPCOMING DATES/EVENT

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

Swimming Middle/Senior classes Mon 04/04/22 - Fri 08/04/22

Swimming Junior classes Mon 11/04/22 - Thurs 14/04/22

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

**Happy Birthday to the following students:** Alexander, Sean, Tahmina, Parker, Arsalan, Sebastian and Saad

## From the Principal

Here at school we've all been enjoying the sunshine and taking plenty of opportunities to learn outside. As I've been walking around the school it's wonderful to see the children having fun with their learning. They are always keen to share and teach me!

### Swimming is on!

Thank you for filling in the survey. The response was an overwhelming 'Yes, we want swimming to go ahead.' Your child's teacher will be sharing information about when your child's class is going.

Swimming is free for every child at our school so please support your child by ensuring that they have their swimming togs & towel on their swimming days. Thank you.

### Chaucer Values

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

### Boundary fence upgrade - update

This is going very well and you may have noticed the new fencing by the Chaucer Place driveway. Soon work will start on the new fencing along the edge of the field next to the big hall / drop off area.

### 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 for all car drop offs...

A reminder that, to keep our children safe, we ask all parents & whanau who are driving to school to drop off via the Falkirk Street entrance.

The Chaucer Place entrance is for anyone walking to school from that side of the school. Thank you.

### COVID-19 update

As I'm sure you are all aware, over the next few weeks we will see more cases in our community and potentially in our school. We have really good systems in place to respond to this and to keep any spread of the virus to a minimum.

We are closely monitoring case numbers and if we feel we need to move to distance learning for certain parts of the school we will do that. Currently face to face teaching continues.

A reminder that, if your child is at home because they are a positive case or a household contact is positive, we will provide distance learning resources. Note: whilst the teachers are teaching at school this learning won't be teacher led.

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](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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

A whakatauki that resonated with me:

*Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu / Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.*

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.

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