



Chaucer School

Newsletter

Empowering Confident Learners

Be Respectful : Be Responsible : Be Safe : Give 100% Effort

Thursday 17 September 2026

100% Effort - 100% Te Whakapau/ Growth Mindset - Te Hinengaro Tipu

Tālofa lava : Nǐ hǎo Kia orana : Malo ni Mālō e lelei : Hello Jambo : Kon'nichiwa Asalaam alaikum : Ashamaa : Hallo : Marhaba : Tālofa : Hola Kumusta : Salām : Vanakkam : Selamat : Noa'ia : Halēā : Olá	Kia ora Welcome	Dia Dhuit Namastē : Mauri Fakaalofa atu : Hi Ni Sa Bula Vinaka
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A big Chaucer welcome to our Chaucer Family to:

From the Deputy Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

What an incredible week we are having at Chaucer School! The atmosphere across our kura (school) has been buzzing with excitement from the moment we opened the gates.

Not only are we proudly celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week), but our akomanga (classrooms) are transformed into vibrant spaces for our Arts and Learning Expo. Our tamariki (children) are bursting with pride and can't wait to share their hard work with their whānau (family).

On Tuesday, we held our annual Wearable Arts Parade, and what a phenomenal success it was! It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance, and we were absolutely blown away by the creative, innovative costumes our students designed and wore.

We also took time to honour our treasured tīpuna and hākui / hākororo (grandparents), who are truly the taonga (prized treasures) of our community, hosting them for a delicious morning tea in our staffroom to show our aroha (love and gratitude).

Across the school, the joy of reading is everywhere. Our kaiako (teachers) have been visiting different rooms to read stories, and our older and younger students are coming together in a beautiful spirit of tuakana-teina (older siblings/students supporting younger ones) to share books. To top it off, our whare pukapuka (library) has been turned into a busy Book Shop selling Scholastic Books to raise pūtea (funds) for new library books for our students.

A friendly reminder that our Student Led Conferences (SLC) are happening today from 1:00 pm, so school will finish early to allow these important conversations to take place.

Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support. Together, e mahi tahi ana (working as one), we continue to make a meaningful difference for our children.

Warm regards,

Carmen Lafaele

Deputy Principal

Week	Date	Time	Event
9	Thurs 17 Sept	1:15pm-7pm	Student-Led Conference (School will finish at 1pm)
10	(New) Wed 23 Sept		Rimu trip (more info to come - please return permission slips asap!)
10	Wed 23 Sept	4pm - 6pm	Board Meeting (staff room)
10	Fri 25 Sept	9am - 2pm	Last day of Term 3 (school finishing at 2pm)
10	Fri 25 Sept	1:10pm - 2pm	Last assembly for Term 3 (hosted by student leaders)
T4	Mon 12 Oct	9am - 3pm	Day 1 of Term 4

Future Events			
3	(New) Fri 30 Oct	11am - 1pm	Cultural Day (in the big hall)
5	Fri 13 Nov	—	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
7	(New) Thurs 26 Nov	6pm-7pm	School Production (in the big hall)
8	(New) Wed 2 Dec	9:10am-10:30am	School Prizegiving (in the big hall)
8	(New) Thurs 3 Dec	6pm-7pm	Year 6 Graduation (in the big hall)
9	(New) Thurs 10 Dec	1:10pm - 2pm	Last day of Term 4

Birthday Shout out

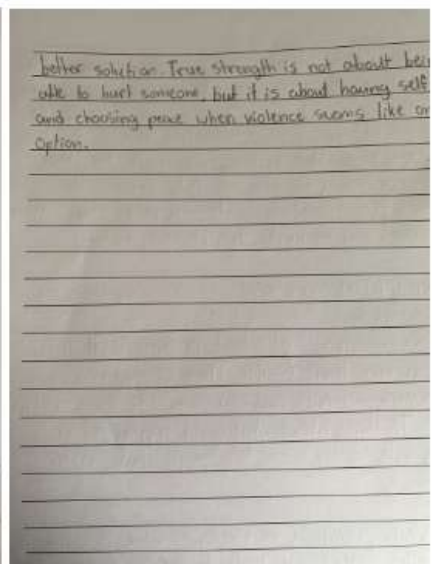
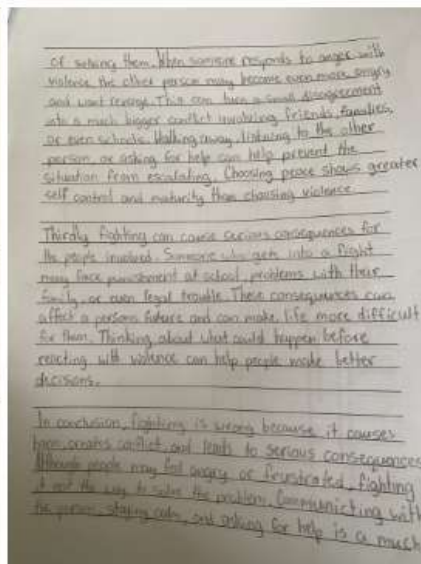
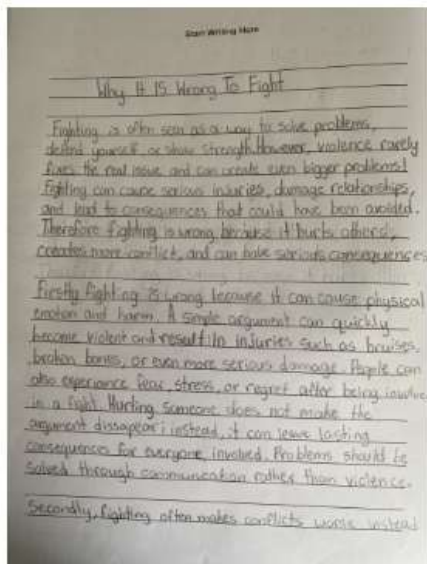
Happy Birthday to - Myra, Japneet, Rezwan, Pili, Robina & Saira.



WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR CHILDREN

When an 11-year-old writes about how wrong it is to fight, we need to stop, listen, and learn.

This is an excellent and thought-provoking piece of writing by Keer Zhao. It is a powerful reminder that sometimes the clearest wisdom comes from our youngest voices.



Grandparents Morning Tea

What a wonderful opportunity it was for us to host these very important adults in our young people's lives. Thank you for making the time to come out and support your grandkids at the Wearable Arts/ Character Book Parade and then joining us for morning tea celebrating you!



Wearable Arts/ Character Book Parade

Another successful Wearable Arts/ Character Book Parade event. Every year it just gets better and better with a range of creative costumes on display.

Did you spot the Hungry 'Tongan' Caterpillar?



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