



Chaucer School

Newsletter

Empowering Confident Learners

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

Thursday 15 October 2026

Safety/Haumarū & Mindfulness/Whakaaroaro

Tālofa lava : Nǐ hǎo
Kia orana : Malo ni
Mālō e lelei : Hello
Jambo : Kon'nichiwa

**Kia ora
Welcome**

Dia Dhuit
Namastē : Mauri
Fakaalofa atu : Hi
Ni Sa Bula Vinaka

Asalaam alaikum : Ashamaa : Hallo : Marhaba : Tālofa : Hola
Kumusta : Salām : Vanakkam : Selamat : Noa'ia : Halēā : Olá

A big Chaucer welcome to our Chaucer Family to: Mazikeen, Chozen, Taufa & John

From the Deputy Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4! We have an exciting, packed term ahead and some awesome events coming up soon. The first of which is our **Cultural Day on Friday 30 October**. This is one of the highlights of the year and we'd love to see you in the big hall as we celebrate the incredible cultures that make up the Chaucer Family.

On **Thursday 12 November** we are trying something a bit different. Straight after our school athletics we are rolling straight into a '**Chaucer Family Day**'. What? No Chaucer Family Night? That's right! There will be new and different activities but the purpose remains the same. It's an opportunity for you to come along, connect with our staff and each other and have some fun.

Another exciting announcement - from this term we are trialling a Co-Principal model. This means that Chaucer will have two Principals for the price of one! For the next 12 months for three days of the week Michael will be Principal and for two days of the week Carmen will be Principal. What does this mean day to day? Well, if it works like we intend it to, you should notice very little difference. The two of us have a combined 37 years of service to Chaucer and we've been working closely together as leaders for nearly a decade. We feel this model is a win for the kids, the staff, the school and for us. If you have any questions please let us know.

And there's more! You may have noticed (and if you haven't you have to check it out) the amazing new mural on the end of Room 11. A huge thank you to Bary Liu who designed and painted the mural for us. Wow! He is a wonderful local artist. We have attached a quick bio and photos. Bary donated his time and skills for free and we are extremely grateful. The mural is part of our long term plan to upgrade and

beautify our school grounds and a big thank you to Mrs Krishna, our awesome Room 14 teacher, for finding Bary.

Ngā mihi nui,

Michael Fletcher & Carmen Lafaele
Co Principals

Week	Date	Time	Event
2	(New) Fri 23 Oct	9:10am - 10am	Whole school assembly (hosted by Yr 6 student leaders)
3	(New) Mon 26 Oct	–	Labour Day (Public holiday, school closed)
3	(New) Fri 30 Oct	11am - 1pm	Cultural Day (in the big hall)
4	(New) Fri 6 Nov	9:10am - 10am	Whole school assembly hosted by rooms 13, 14, 15 & 16
5	(New) Thurs 12 Nov	TBC	Whole school athletics
5	(New) Thurs 12 Nov	3pm - 5:30pm	Chaucer Family Day
5	Fri 13 Nov	–	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
7	(New) Wed 25 Nov	4pm - 6pm	Board Meeting (in the staffroom)
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	9am - 2pm	Last day of Term 4 (school finishing at 2pm)
9	(New) Thurs 10 Dec	1:10pm - 2pm	Last assembly for Term 4 (hosted by student leaders)

Future Events 2027			
T1 Wk1	(New) Wed 3 Feb		Day 1 of Term 1 <i>Meet the Teacher</i>
T1 Wk1	(New) Thurs 4 Feb	9am-3pm	All classrooms in session
T1 Wk2	(New) Mon 8 Feb	–	Waitangi Day (observed) (Public holiday, school closed)

Birthday Shout out

Happy Birthday to - Teroni, Janvi, Roya, Bareen, Hadil, Eyob, Marta, Agamjot, Mazikeen, Caela, Mani, Yashwanth & Krishiv.



Another Successful Book Week!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make another Book Week such a wonderful success! We were blown away by the creativity and effort that went into our Character Parade. The homemade costumes were some of the best quality we have ever seen — our students looked absolutely amazing!

Another highlight of the week was our Book Fair, which was a fantastic success. We had great sales and, even more exciting, our school received over \$800 worth of books for our library!

Thank you to our students, families and staff for getting behind Book Week and helping us celebrate the joy of reading. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to make reading such a special part of the week.

Mrs Sainty

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Manaakitanga
Awhi**

**Collaboration
Whanaungatanga
Aroha**

**Student Led Learning
Rangatiratanga
Āhua**