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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our first full newsletter for 2018. Newsletters are compiled twice a term - week 5 and the last week of each term. This is a new format for newsletters in an attempt to make them more easily accessible electronically and especially on a variety of devices. We would welcome your feedback (please email [office@chchsouth.ac.nz](mailto:office@chchsouth.ac.nz))

We are always trying to improve and enhance our communication with home and whānau. It was not that long ago that all communication from a school came in paper format and was often discovered at the bottom of a child's school bag months after it was issued! These days technology has changed the way we can communicate. The challenge is for us to find the best format for the purpose. We know that most people expect information to be pushed out to them and don't expect to have to go looking for it although they do like to be able to find it easily when they need to. We are also aware that information is shared many different ways these days and so we work hard to provide information in a variety of ways knowing people have their own preferences and use a variety of devices. Here are some of the ways we communicate:

1. Emergency Notices and Cancellations document - here is the link to this document which is also in three separate places on the school website. This is the first place such alerts are listed.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zOTIPXkXnDEG34tkwNyENFCj-hitnVG2ouRBkp6g69A/edit?usp=sharing>
2. School App - Download the app to your device in order to receive notifications and to easily access other information about school. <http://chchsouth.ultranet.school.nz/Web/1001/>
3. Facebook - Emergency Notices and Cancellations along with other posts of general interest are added to our school Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/chchsouth/>
4. Phone system - Voice messages are put on the school phone system. These can be accessed by phoning the school (3322408) and pressing 2 for daily notices, early finishes and cancellations.

5. Website - Links to most of the information you will need about school can be found on the school website including news articles, daily notices and the school calendar. [www.chchsouth.ac.nz](http://www.chchsouth.ac.nz)
6. Newsletters - The links to these are available on the school website. The link is also emailed and accessible via the school app.
7. Email - Information is regularly emailed home for a large variety of purposes including permission slips, information about registering for extra-curricular activities and opportunities, details of upcoming events etc.

It is very important that we have your up to date contact details including any email addresses you use. Please contact the school office to check the details we have.

A huge thank you to all parents who have supported our EOTC programme and especially adapting to the late changes to the programme the weather has forced us to make. Last year we had a fortnight of stunning weather with no postponements or modifications to the planned programme required. Clearly this has not been the case this year with the hot summer weather taking a turn for the worst at just the wrong time! Our EOTC co-ordinators, Aaron Nixon and Nicola Greenhalgh, along with the administration staff have been outstanding in managing the necessary late changes and keeping parents fully informed.

We had an excellent turn out to our "Team Up" evening which I trust you found useful. Partnering with parents is a priority for us. The online software we are using to help parents stay connected and involved in their children's learning, particularly Seesaw and the suite of Google Apps (including Hapara and Workspaces) are very important. I urge you to ensure you are connected with your child's online learning environment through Seesaw if you haven't already registered (contact your child's teacher). To date 502 parents have connected to their their child's Seesaw portfolio. 88.5% of our students have their own devices (Year 7 92.5% and Year 8 84.5%) which they use almost every day and also at home to support ongoing learning - thank you for investing in your child's education in this way. For students who don't have their own device we do have some school devices available to support their learning although teachers and students tell us that those with their own devices are more efficient at getting underway with learning and are more likely to continue the learning in meaningful ways outside of class.

Our teachers look forward to the opportunity to meet with you for a formal scheduled interview in a couple of weeks during Week 7 of the term (12-15 March). If you haven't already booked interviews here is the link access the booking process. <http://chchsouth.ultranet.school.nz/Web/1049/> Remember, however, that we encourage parents to contact the school at any time during the year to discuss matters relating to their child's learning or school life.

Ngā mihi nui



Ross Hastings  
Principal

## STAFFING 2018

### Hillary Team

Gae Johns	H1	Y7
Kelly McIntosh	H2	Y8
Libby Aitken	H3	Y8
Jimaya Te Rangi	H4	Y7
Sarah Wright	Student Support	

### Ngata Team

Diana Nelis-Smith	N1	Y7
James Sagar	N2	Y8
Margaret Lipscombe	N3	Y8
Ian Harrison	N4	Y7
Cathie Prebble	Student Support	

### Rutherford Team

Cameron Angus	R1	Y7
Will Fleming	R2	Y8
Melody McCombe	R3	Y8
Kate Meder	R4	Y7
Hazel Stokes	Student Support	

### Sheppard Team

Aaron Nixon	S1	Y7
Charlotte Grant	S2	Y8
Nick McBrearty	S3	Y8
Kate Wilkinson	S4	Y7
Maria Haggerty	Student Support	

### Specialists

Kate Revell	Performing Arts
Jesse Callaghan	Digitech
Jacinta Burton	Science

Helen Adams	Science
Margaret Calder	Foods/Fabric
Peter Laing	Hard Materials
Abby Meakin	Art
Wendy Lynch	ESOL/International Students Beckenham Fabric Technology
Andrea Ritchie	Student Support

### Support Staff

Dorothy van der Kley	Principal's PA/Office Assistant
Nicola Greenhalgh	Financial Assistant
Tracy Barron	Reception/Library Support
Frank Cork	Caretaker
Maryanne Mills	Canteen Manager
Emma Small	Multimedia Support

### Senior Leadership Team

Ross Hastings	Principal
Polly Hutchinson	Associate Principal
Cade Englefield	Learning Director
Rebecca Marryatt	Learning Director

## **NEWS**

The following links take you to news articles found on the school website.



### **Duathlon 2018**

<http://chchsouth.ultranet.school.nz/NewsCentre/587/>



### **Mihi Whakatau**

<http://www.chchsouth.ac.nz/NewsCentre/586/>

## **NOTICES**

### **Absences**

If your child is unwell, unable to attend school or is going to be late it is essential caregivers phone and advise the office by pressing 1 on our telephone voicemail before 8.40am. When leaving a message please ensure that you give the office your child's name, room number and the reason for the absence. Alternatively you can email the office on [absent@chchsouth.ac.nz](mailto:absent@chchsouth.ac.nz) or enter the absence via the school app.

It is a Ministry of Education requirement that if a child is going to be absence from school for whatever reason a parent or caregiver must make contact with the school explaining the reason for the absence.

We ask that if you email your child's classroom teacher with regard to an absence that you also inform the office.

### **Lateness**

If your child is late to school for any reason, they are required to come to the office to sign in and receive a late pass before they make their way to their classroom. We thank you for your assistance in helping us to keep your children healthy and safe.

### **Leaving school during school hours**

If your child needs to leave school for any reason during school hours, would you please provide a note for the classroom teacher, which is also shown to the office staff before the student leaves school. Their name, class and time of leaving will be recorded when they sign out. If your child is returning to school they must come back through the office to sign back in.

### **Leaving School due to Illness**

If your child is unwell during school hours the procedure is for them to come to the school office and be admitted into the sick bay area. The school office will then ring the parent/caregiver if they

are required to go home. Please discourage your child from texting asking to be picked up because they are feeling unwell.

### **Wet Day Procedure**

If the weather is cold, wet or inclement and restricts student activity the school will shorten the lunch hour by 15 minutes. School will finish at 2.45pm on such a day. The school will notify the community via the website (Emergencies and Cancellations), an alert via the school app, the school Facebook page or you can phone the school and listen to the phone messages (Phone 3322408 then press 2 as the office will leave a message on the voicemail under “school notices, early finishes and cancellations”).

### **Cellphones**

Below is our school’s current policy on cellphones. Any home-school contact (phone call or text) is to be through the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Procedure 2.06

##### 1. Cell phones

- a. Should a student bring a cell phone to school it is not to be used during the school day unless under direct supervision of a teacher when the device is used to assist learning. The basic rule is “Invisible, inaudible or in the office.”
- b. Cell phones brought to school can be handed in to the school office for safe keeping and collected at the end of the day.
- c. Emergency messages for students are dealt with through the school office.

### **Naming of School Clothing**

Please ensure that all school clothing is clearly named this should also include school hats.

### **Concerns**

If you have any concerns about your child’s welfare or any situation which is impacting on your child that you feel needs addressing please do not hesitate to contact Polly Hutchinson, Associate Principal at any time.

### **Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards**

We encourage students to build their independence by cycling, skating or scooting to school. Cycles are locked in the cycle compound and scooters and skateboards have a lock up behind Rutherford Pod. It’s important that the cycle, skateboard or scooter is locked independently as the compounds are unlocked from 2:55pm to 8:50am the following morning. Any item left overnight is at risk of being stolen. Please discuss this with your child, if they have e.g. Theatre Sports after school and their padlock isn’t working, encourage them to take their wheels with them - it’s not safe leaving them in an unlocked compound.

### **School Canteen**

The school canteen is located at the end of the hall opposite the library. The Christchurch South Intermediate School canteen provides a wide range of healthy food choices for students. The menu is updated regularly. Students are to order their lunch online with cutoff at 8.45am on the day and it is then delivered to their classroom at lunchtime. For information on the canteen and how to order online click this link <http://chchsouth.ultranet.school.nz/Web/30/>

While the canteen offers some counter sales (generally items that require little or no preparation) all substantial lunch needs to be ordered online.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

### Parenting Helpline

They can help with any of your parenting concerns. Get support, advice and practical strategies. Call 0800 568 856 9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday. [www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

### Clarkville School Twilight Gala 4-7pm Friday 23rd March.

Food, fun and free entry for everyone! Enjoy a relaxed outdoor evening with family and friends before daylight savings finishes. Something for all ages:

- A great selection of well-priced, family-friendly food stalls
- Family sideshows/Children's stalls
- A huge white elephant with clothes, household goods etc
- Garden and produce stalls
- A giant bake sale
- A high tea cafe
- Raffles, music and much more...

And back by popular demand is "The Playhouse Challenge" where local builders will be given the challenge to build a playhouse at the Gala with set materials and they'll be auctioned off at the end of the night.

So make sure you come along rain or shine! Parking available for gold coin donation in Rice Park (opposite the school). Exchange some of your money for "Gala Dollars" to join in the fun. Cash is preferred but eft-pos will be available onsite if required.

Follow us on Facebook for more details [www.facebook.com/ClarkvilleGala](http://www.facebook.com/ClarkvilleGala)

### Mindfulness for Children

Does your child struggle with anxiety or stress? Would you like to support them to learn skills to enhance their wellbeing?

The Psychology Centre is offering Pause Breathe Smile (PBS) a group for children (age 7-10 years) who struggle with stress and anxiety and their parents to develop skills of mindfulness. PBS is an evidence-based program, developed by the Mental Health Foundation, found to improved focus and attention, enhance self-awareness and reduced stress.

The group will run from 4 - 5pm, starting Wednesday 28th February for 7 weeks at the Psychology Centre, University of Canterbury and requires both child and parent/ caregiver to attend and learn together. The cost of the program is \$120.

If you would like more information, call 3693777 or email [ann.huggett@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:ann.huggett@canterbury.ac.nz)

To hear kids talking about PBS watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awo8jUxlm0c>

For more information about the research and benefits of PBS look at <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/ED1707/S00094/pause-breathe-smile-mindfulness-training-will-help.htm>

### Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

Auditions for 2018 Representative Groups

Applications for individual singers and instrumentalists to audition for one of the Festival's Representative Groups – Junior or Senior Choir, Concert Band, Orchestra – are now open. This is the opportunity for singers and instrumentalists to achieve at the highest level of performance and

to excel in their chosen area of artistic endeavour. Go to the festival website [www.musicfestival.school.nz](http://www.musicfestival.school.nz) where all the information, and an application form, is available. There is information on the website that will answer every question of a parent or potential participant. Audition applications close on the last day of Term 1.

#### 14th CHCH Boys' Brigade

BB is an action packed programme geared for Young Kiwi guys.

Boys' Brigade is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-19 yrs old. We operate in three sections, Anchor 5-7 years, Team Adventure 8-10 years and Company Xtreme 11-19 years old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more. We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham. New members welcome for 2018, interested contact Stephen Gregory ph 337 2296, email [admin@14thbb.org.nz](mailto:admin@14thbb.org.nz) see our website for more [www.14thbb.org.nz](http://www.14thbb.org.nz)

#### PAPA Summer Spring Orienteering

Tuesday 6th March at Halswell Quarry. Registration from 5.30pm starts from 6pm to 7pm. Courses available for all abilities. For more info [summersprints.papo.org.nz](http://summersprints.papo.org.nz)

#### Children's Day

Sunday 4 March 11am - 3pm Cnr New Brighton Road and Locksley Avenue. For more information phone 941 8999 [www.ccc.govt.nz/summertimes](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/summertimes)

#### Starbusters Canterbury Cheerleaders

CSG's new cheerleading programme! Sundays 4 - 6pm. Location CSG 18 Watts Road, Sockburn. Wear comfortable sports clothing, socks and shoes. First session free! Open to 7 years and over. No experience required. For more information email [canterburystarbusters@gmail.com](mailto:canterburystarbusters@gmail.com)

## CALENDAR

The full school google public calendar can be accessed via this link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=b2ZmaWNIQGNoY2hzb3V0aC5hYy5ueg>

12 March	Swimming Sports Wharenui - 10.00am - 2.30pm
12-15 March	School Interviews
26 March	Inter school duathlon - Ruapuna Raceway - 9.00am - 3.00pm
30 April	Good Friday - <b>School Closed</b>
2 April	Easter Monday - <b>School Closed</b>
3 April	Easter break - <b>School Closed</b>
10 April	Inter school swimming sports
13 April	Last day of Term 1
30 April	First day of Term 2