

# Chelsea School Newsletter

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- Mon 15 Jun: BOT Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
- 25-29 May: Samoan Language Week
- Thu 28 May: Island Dress Up Day
- Mon 01 Jun: Queen's Birthday – School closed for Instruction



A warm welcome back to Term 2. I have been so impressed with how smooth the transition has been from Alert Level 4 to the Alert Level 3 Bubble Classrooms to the Alert Level 2 'new normal'. This week we have over 90% of our learners back with us. It has been a joy to have our learners back onsite. They have been amazing, and are so quick to adapt and get on with it. There have been lots of happy reunions with friends and teachers.

A huge thank you to all of our parents for your support of distance learning during the lockdown. Thank you for supporting us through Alert Level 2, especially with drop off and pick up. I know it must feel strange for some of you stopping at the gates instead of coming onto the grounds. We appreciate your patience. After yesterday's announcement, it looks like we will continue to have controlled entry to the grounds for the next month so that we can meet contact tracing requirements that have been set.

A huge welcome to all of our new learners who have started at school in the last week. They have settled in beautifully, and I know our teachers are enjoying getting to know them and their families.

As a staff, we have focused on settling in and connecting again and we are now looking at resetting our priorities. While it may feel like time has been lost, we have all gained a lot. I think that however unexpected and inconvenient lockdown was for a number of reasons, there are many positives to be taken forward. The opportunity to work alongside our own children and realise their strengths and struggles has made our home/school partnerships stronger.

## Reporting using HERO

With the disruption of lockdown and extended time away from school, we have had to recalibrate our initial timeline to roll out Hero for whānau.

Initially, we had intended to make learning and assessment content 'live' this term but that is now more likely to be early Term 3.

What I can say, is that over the second half of the term our teachers will be working with students to update learning goals in reading, writing and maths so that when we do go 'live' there is a good picture of learning progress for each student.

We were also intending to run a parent information evening at the end of Term 1 to provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about Hero and the benefits it has in terms of increasing visibility of teaching and learning. This information session will be rescheduled later this term with more details to be provided over the next few weeks.

## **Samoan Language Week**

Malo! Talofa! Afio Mai!

Welcome to Samoan Language week!

This week we have been learning about Samoan song (pese), art (pese arta) and dance (siva). There are some interclass competitions going as well! To help us celebrate 2020 Samoan Language Week we invite all students to dust off their lava lava, leis and flower shirts and join us for an Island themed dress up day on Thursday 28th May. No gold coin needed!



## **Chelsea Uniforms Available Online**

If you are unable to visit Yarntons in Birkenhead the Chelsea Primary School uniforms are now available online (as well as in store). Please visit <https://www.yarntons.co.nz/school/chelsea-primary/q28.aspx> if you wish to place an order.

## **SPORTS INFORMATION**

### **Northcote Junior Rugby**

Junior Rugby is back on again! Come and have fun playing rugby for your local club, Northcote Birkenhead Rugby Club. We offer Tackle and Rippa (non-contact) grades, for boys and girls, aged five and up. Registrations are open again at [www.northcoterugby.co.nz/Juniors/Juniors](http://www.northcoterugby.co.nz/Juniors/Juniors) or contact us at [northcotejuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:northcotejuniorrugby@gmail.com)

## **BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (held in school)**

### **Art Classes at Chelsea School**

Creative Matters will not be running our after school art classes at Chelsea Primary this term but we have an **amazing online option** - a term long course for children aged 6 - 13 which teaches visual arts skills and encourages creative thinking.

It's very much structured in the same way as our popular after school classes, with instructional teaching videos presented by Mandy (CEO), and fun art projects that can be completed independently.

Creative Matters looks forward to being able to provide face-face lessons again in term 3. Click the link for more info, a free preview or to subscribe for only \$97.

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