

Chelsea School Newsletter

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- Mon 15 Jun: BOT Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
- Wed 24 Jun: Entries for the Australian Mathematics Competition close
- Thu 02 Jul: Pizza & PJ Party 5.30-8.00pm
- Thu 02 Jul: Hero Information Sessions 1.30 2.30pm 6 – 7pm
- Fri 03 Jul: End of Term 2
- Mon 20 Jul: Term 3 Begins
- Mon 20 Jul: Hero grows 'Live'
- Fri 24 Jul: Matariki Festival – Kapa Haka
- Wed 05 Aug: Australian Mathematics Competition

Support Staff Appreciation Week

This week it is Support Staff Appreciation Week. We are so very lucky to have an amazing support staff team who are essential to our school. To our learning assistants, office staff and caretaking team, we appreciate you. You make a difference every day!



Reporting 2020

We are pleased to announce that we have set a date to go 'live' with Hero so you will be able to view your child's learning progress. It will be **Monday 20th July at 9 am** which is the first day of Term 3.

Once 'live' you will see up-to-date progress information about your child's learning in reading, writing and maths (number) based on how they are tracking against the national curriculum levels. You will also see real-time information about what learning goals they have achieved in the three core learning areas and what learning goals they are currently working on. These will then be regularly updated by our teachers ensuring that the information you receive about your child's progress is up to date and specific to your child's learning journey.

Additionally, you can expect one Learning post, specific to your child, in Term 3 and another in Term 4. The content of these posts may vary from subject to subject with the focus of this content being the key skills your child is displaying that allows them to flourish as learners (Chelsea Learner DNA).

For us, this is a starting point and we will look to add to what information we will be offering through Hero next year but the key message is that our reporting moving forward will be in real-time and give a more accurate picture of how your child is progressing.

To help provide more information for our parents around Hero and how it is/will be used as a reporting tool, we will also be running two information sessions on **Thursday day 2nd July**. The first will run from 1.30 - 2.30 pm and for those who work until later a second session will run from 6 - 7 pm. The evening session will run in conjunction with the PJ & Pizza party which allows parents the opportunity to have their children supervised whilst attending the meeting. We hope many of you can make it along to hear about this new and exciting way of reporting. Please make sure you RSVP for the session you will be attending using the google doc below.

[Hero Information Session RSVP](#)

If any of you are still having any issues accessing Hero please contact me for support sven@chelsea.school.nz

Learning Conferences

Learning Conferences are an important part of reporting and building learner agency. We would like to invite parents and learners to attend a conference with their teacher where learners can share where they are currently at with their learning and their next steps. These conferences are taking place in week 3 of next term, week beginning 3 August 2020. Exact date to be confirmed in the next newsletter. Conferences will run for 15 minutes and bookings will go live early next term.

COVID-based cancellations

APPA Choir

APPA Choir will not be going ahead this year. This is the messaging from APPA:

"I regret to inform you that this year's festival will not go ahead. The amount of lead-in time and logistics around organising rehearsals under Level 2 conditions, combined with the financial implications if it turns out that the event can not be held, has prompted the APPA to make this decision earlier rather than later.

I know there will be some disappointed students, choir-trainers, parents and teachers. The APPA would like to thank you for your understanding and support and we look forward to celebrating the 80th APPA Music Festival in 2021."

We are fortunate to have Rebecca Hedges as our choir-trainer and we have strong relationships with other schools in our cluster. The choir trainers from Chelsea, Kauri Park and Birkdale Intermediate are planning to hold a smaller local event, to celebrate our singers and provide an opportunity to perform for an audience. Early planning talks are taking place at the moment, and as soon as plans are finalised, we will get in touch. Helen Lares will also be taking the Kids for Kids choir, which at this stage, is still planned for November 6th.

School Production

We are sad to announce that we won't be holding our school production as planned. This is largely due to COVID and the lack of time we have had to prepare, but also due to some significant building work that is planned to take place this year. We will be looking for opportunities to incorporate drama and dance into our conceptual planning for the remainder of the year, and will also be looking for performance opportunities for our learners eg. Christmas Carols night.

Alert Level One

We, like the rest of the country, are so excited to have moved to Alert Level 1.

There are key public health measures - [Golden Rules](#) - for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For schools and early learning services this means:

- If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Learners will be reminded to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
- Soap, water and paper towels are available for handwashing, within the classrooms and bathrooms.
- We continue to have hand sanitizer at the entry to all of our buildings, including learning spaces.

We have noticed that because learners who are showing signs of being unwell have been kept at home, that we are experiencing far fewer sniffles and sneezes. I think the pandemic has spotlighted how important it is to keep children at home if they are unwell. Schools are a perfect breeding ground for coughs and colds, so please continue to be vigilant about the health of our community by keeping sick children at home.

Our grounds are now open for the community to use after hours. We have noticed a total absence of vandalism and graffiti since the gates have been locked, which are things that normally cost us financially and time-wise. If you are using the grounds and see people abusing this privilege, please contact Sure Comms on **09 443 8803** if the situation is urgent, or send me an email amanda@chelsea.school.nz if it can wait.

Drop off / Pick Up

We have found (as have many schools around the country), that over the past three weeks, our children have developed great self-managing skills and independence through our drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Benefits we have observed:

- Learner independence is high
- Self-management and organisation have improved
- There is virtually no separation anxiety
- Learners have strengthened their relationships with teachers
- Less traffic around the school gates

Learners are able to be onsite from 8.30am onwards. They must leave the site by 3.15pm unless a parent is present, or they are attending Kelly Club.

An important part of our partnership with parents is the ability to visit the classrooms in the mornings to celebrate learning and to strengthen relationships with teachers.

Sometimes, there will be issues that need more time than a quick chat. If you need to talk to your child's teacher about something specific, please make a time to do so. Monday and Tuesday afternoons are our Professional Learning meetings, so teachers are unavailable to meet after school on these days.

The grounds are now open and you are welcome to come onsite to drop or pick up your children. For the remainder of this week, we will be operating the gates as usual, with Kākano and Pakiaka learners being delivered to the gates by their teachers.

Please have a discussion with your child/ren about where they will be meeting you from next week onwards. Clarity is important, as it reduces stress for our learners.

AMC - Australian Mathematics Competition 2020

Date: Wednesday 5th August 2020

For: Students in years 4–6

Cost: \$7.00 per entry (entries close 24th June 9am)

Payment: via Kindo or to Jo at the office

What is the AMC?

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is the leading mathematics competition in Australasia. Over the last four decades, more than 15 million students in years 4–13 have taken part in this 30-question competition.

Australia's leading educators and academics, with a deep understanding of national curriculum standards, design unique AMC problems each year and the competition is then run by teachers in schools. Chelsea Primary has entered students in the competition for many years as it is a great chance for our really keen mathematicians to test their skills and knowledge.

Second Hand Uniform

The second-hand uniform shop is situated in the office building and is managed by Claire Jongenelen, whose son is in Space 16. We are very grateful for any donations of uniform, with all proceeds going directly back to the school.

Need any uniform items? At the moment, we have mostly trousers, skorts, shorts, a few pinafores, vests and jerseys.

Please text Claire on 021683117 to ask for sizes and pricing.

DNA Awards - Digital Assembly #2

Well done to our learners who were recognised, via our second digital assembly, for their amazing use of our DNA.

| Space | Name | DNA type | Space | Name | DNA type |
|-------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Amadeias | Persevering | 8 | Rafael Barnaby | Communicator Communicator |
| 2 | Mania Blake | Engaged Engaged | 9 | Josiah Cem | Up for a Challenge Persistence |
| 3 | Finn | Up for a Challenge | Pakiaka | Joel Isabelle Hunter Phoebe Harriet Carter | Communicator Engaged Engaged Up for a Challenge Engaged Engaged |
| 4 | Tyler Lily | Communicator Engaged | Kākano | Aislyn Elizabeth Viyan Zoey | Curious Up for a Challenge Engaged Up for a Challenge |
| 5 | Maria | Engaged | Bubble | Cale | Persevering |
| 6 | Matilda | Engaged | Other ESOL, Playground etc | Miss Miller Ejaz | Up for a Challenge Engaged |
| 7 | Oliver | Communicator | | | |

PTA NEWS

Pizza and PJ Party - Thursday 2 July 5.30pm - 8pm

Now we are at Level 1, we are excited to hold the planned Pizza PJ Party from Term 1. If you bought tickets for the original event, these are still valid. If you didn't, tickets will be available from the office or www.chelsea.school.nz/pay-online later this week.

Send your kids along in their pyjamas to snuggle down and watch Spies in Disguise.

\$10 for 3 slices of pizza, drink and ice block or \$15 for a whole pizza, drink and ice block.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Chelsea Primary School Students ONLY - No siblings or friends
- Limited Tickets, make sure you book in advance, there are no door sales
- NO TICKET NO ENTRY

We require parent helpers to run the evening and stay onsite to allow for drop offs, if you are available to help please email pta@chelsea.school.nz

Trivia Night 2020

Unfortunately Trivia Night will NOT be going ahead on 20th June as originally planned. The uncertainty over the past months, not to mention that many of our usual sponsors are suffering after being unable to operate, means that it is just not possible at this time. With the move to Level 1 we hope that we will be able to find a Term 3 date instead. Details to follow...



SHHHHH

TAKE 2!
All existing tickets honoured

SUPER
SECRET



PJ PIZZA
PARTY

**SPIES IN DISGUISE
NEW DATE!**

THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2020
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM MOVIE FINISHES 8PM

CHELSEA SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY - ADULTS FREE
\$10 - 3 SLICES, DRINK AND TREAT
\$15 - WHOLE PIZZA, DRINK AND TREAT

SPORTS INFORMATION

SPORTS UPDATE

We're delighted that all our extra-curricular sports will be returning in Term 3. Costs are being finalised and registrations will be open soon. Once we have all the required information then notices will be available from the office, and interested children will receive them to bring home.

We won't have much time to get registrations finalised before the holidays so, in the meantime, please let us know if your child is keen to play and direct any enquiries to the following people:

Netball – Sue – sue@creativetriathloncoaching.com

Cost: \$55 (includes all materials)
Bookings: eion@eionbryant.com, mob
0211327033 or 021 0606641