

Chelsea School Newsletter

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Week 4, Term 1, 2021

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thu 25 Feb: Y5 EOTC – Kendall Bay
- Thu 25 Feb: BOT Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- Fri 26 Feb: Y5 EOTC – Chelsea Sugar Works
- Fri 26 Feb: Y0-Y2 EOTC
- Tue 02 Mar: Y0-Y2 EOTC
- Fri 05 Mar: Whole School Assembly hosted by Pakiaka 9.15am in Hall – All welcome
- Tue 09 Mar: PTA AGM 7-8pm in Staffroom
- Wed 10 Mar: Y0-Y2 EOTC
- Thu 11 Mar: Y4-Y6 Swimming Sports – Osborne Pool, Birkenhead
- Thu 11 Mar: PJ & Pizza Party 5.30-7pm
- Fri 12 Mar: Y3 Swimming Sports 1.30-3pm in School Pool
- Wed 17 Mar: Y0-Y2 Swimming Sports 1-3pm in School Pool
- Tue 23 Mar: Rito EOTC - Amazing Race at Chelsea
- Wed 24 Mar: Rito EOTC - Y4 Snow Planet. Y3 at Chelsea
- Thu 25 Mar: Rito EOTC – Y3 Snow Planet. Y4 at Chelsea
- Thu 25 Mar: Interschool Swimming Sports – Birkenhead College Pool
- Fri 26 Mar: Rito EOTC – STEM Workshops at Chelsea
- Thu 01 Apr: Teacher Only Day Term 1, 2021
- **Fri 02 Apr: Good Friday – School Closed**
- **Mon 05 Apr: Easter Monday – School Closed**
- **Tue 06 Apr: Easter Tuesday – School Closed**
- Fri 09 Apr: Whole School Assembly 9.15am in Hall – All welcome
- Fri 09 Apr: Disco 4.45-8pm
- Fri 16 Apr: End of Term 1 – **School closes at 2pm**
- Fri 04 Jun: Teacher Only Day Term 2, 2021
- Fri 27 Aug: Teacher Only Day Term 3, 2021

My goodness, what a week that was! I'm feeling very grateful for the support of our community as we continue to navigate these Covid challenges. We continue to be vigilant about hand hygiene at school and ask that you continue to keep your children at home if they are showing cold/flu symptoms until they are recovered. Please remember to scan the QR codes at the gates every time you come onto our grounds.

Congratulations to Miss Power

Our gorgeous Sarah Power is getting married this weekend! We celebrated with Sarah a couple of weeks ago and the advice that our kids gave Sarah was priceless! We are so excited for you Sarah, enjoy every second.

Meet the Teams

Unfortunately, we are unable to reschedule this event within the next couple of weeks due to competing commitments, so we have decided to cancel it. Whanaungatanga Day was a great way for whānau to connect with teachers. If you have been unable to touch base with your child's teacher so far this year, please get in touch with them to set up a time.

EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom)

This week kicks off with EOTC experiences for Kākano, Pakiaka and Māhuri Teams. EOTC activities are an amazing vehicle to practice our DNA (Up for a Challenge, Communicator, Curiosity and Collaboration) and also our Values (Manaakitanga, Ako, Kaitiakitanga and Whanaungatanga). Often the exposure to activities that are outside of our kids' usual day to day life ignite passions for new interests and push them to step outside of their comfort zones. It's such a joy to see our kids learning outside of the classroom, and to see skills emerge that they didn't even know they had!

I would like to acknowledge all of the planning and organisation that sits behind these amazing experiences. A massive thanks to all of our teachers, I know how much effort you put into these events and how much we appreciate it.

Year 6 Camp



Our kids set off for camp yesterday morning absolutely buzzing about the chance to have what may potentially be the biggest sleepover of their lives!

They spent the day on a big walk of the Long Bay Regional Park followed by a swim.

Camps are such an amazing experience and something that our kids will remember forever.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you Tracey Notley and Eden Ward for their organisation of such a massive event. The responsibility of being in charge of 60 children who are not your own is a heavy weight on your shoulders. Thanks so much!

Thanks also to all of the parent helpers who are out at camp supporting our learners to grow, we appreciate you! I'm looking forward to heading out tonight with Sven and Janine to check it out!

Year 5 EOTC

Yesterday, our Year 5 learners spent the day at the Birkenhead Leisure Center. They had a ball. Lots of DNA was mentioned when I asked "what was the biggest challenge for you?" Apparently we have a future archery champ in our midst. The Raft – building activity sounded like it was a real challenge! Lots of our kids came back with wet hair which may indicate the need for some practice in this area!



Bringing food to school for sharing

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are bringing treats such as lollies or cakes to school to share with their classmates. This often happens on birthdays.

As a staff, we feel uncomfortable about handing treats out and sending sugar-fuelled kids home to you. We feel it is important that parents have a choice about what their children eat and that by distributing lollies or other treats, we are taking this away. We also have a growing number of food allergies and sensitivities to consider.

We ask please that treats such as these are saved for parties (if your child is having one) or to share with friends at home. We will be chatting with our learners about this change so that everyone is clear.

Thanks for your support with this.

Hero Troubleshooting

This year we want to really tighten up our communication, specifically when using Hero to send out important information to parents.

One of the biggest issues we seem to hear about is people not receiving in-app notifications and missing key information being sent out by the school. We have met with Hero to discuss this issue as communication is incredibly important to us.

Hero has now added a new feature that allows parents to choose how they would like to be notified, either with an in-app notification, or email notification. Please see the link below for instructions on how to do this.

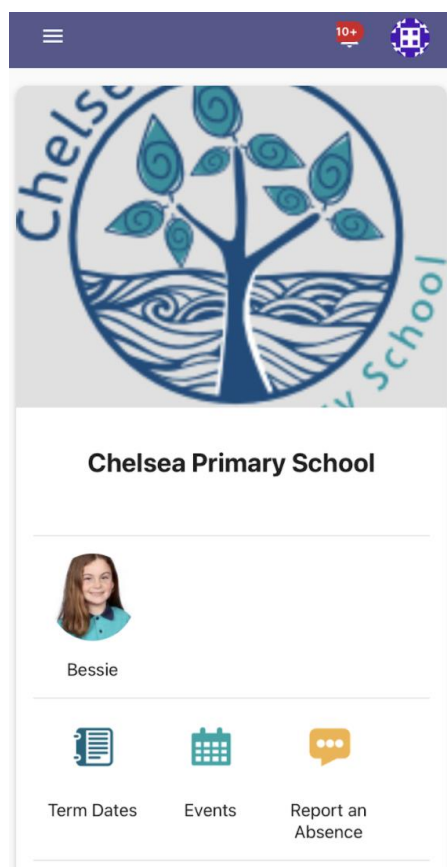
[Setting Your Notifications and Devices](#)

If you prefer the in-app notification and are still having any issues receiving these notifications we have spoken to the Hero design team about this and they have made a couple of suggestions for parents to ensure they are getting regular communication from us through the app. They include:

- Checking that you have notifications for Hero turned on in your settings
- Ensuring you have the latest update on your phone/device
- In your browser running <http://time.is> to ensure the time is correct on your device and in sync with Hero (You can do this on a phone also)

You can also check any recent notifications by going to 'The Bell' at the top of your home screen in Hero. See link for details [Accessing Unread Notifications via "The Bell"](#)

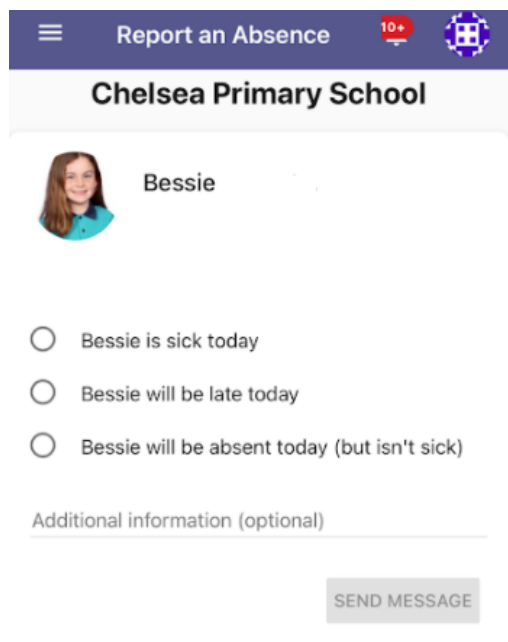
You may have noticed that Hero has reformatted its layout and is looking quite different.



You may have also noticed there are a few new features available. One of these is the ability to use the Hero app to send late and absence messages for your children thus reducing home admin for busy caregivers. Simply click on the Absence icon at the bottom of your home screen page in Hero and click one of the three options:

- My child will be late
- My child is away sick
- My child is away (other)

Then there's a space to write a very brief description/reason e.g. Dentist appointment



In the next few newsletters, we will look at other new features in more detail to ensure you are able to utilize Hero to its full potential.

Congratulations to our DNA and Values Award Winners

Due to assembly being postponed, these were given out on Monday.

Space	Name	Value/DNA type	Space	Name	DNA type
1	Peter	Manaakitanga	10	Lia	Ako
2	Nye	Ako	11	Austin	Up for a Challenge
3	Evelina	Collaborator	12	Alex	Up for a Challenge
4	Annie	Communicator	13	Yuji	Up for a Challenge
5	Hudson	Collaborator	14	Kaia	Ako
6	Liam	Collaborator	15		
7	Isobella	Whanaungatanga	16	Maria	Manaakitanga
8	Bessie	Manaakitanga	17	Daisy	Ako
9	Sylvie	Up for a Challenge	Other ESOL, Playground etc	Miguel Chloe	Up for a Challenge Communicator



Ngā Mihi

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Chelsea School

Used Uniform Shop

The used uniform shop is the place to get used uniform items with lots of wear left in them. These items are priced at less than half of the price of brand new items, reflecting that they are pre-loved. Get ready for the cooler weather with a fleece for \$25, a vest for \$20 or pants for \$5! Lots of skorts available too at \$10 each. All proceeds go to the Chelsea PTA. Text Claire on 021683117.



**Beach Haven Birkdale Fun Run and Walk
Sunday March 14 – 10.30am – Shepherds Park**

Put the date in your diary for a fun filled morning with spot prizes, certificates for every participant and activities for the whole family before during and after the event.

Gold coin donation raising money towards connecting our parks and making our coastal walkways **more** beautiful!!

5km and 1km Courses to choose from

Like us on Facebook – Beach Haven Fun Run

www.beachhavenfunrun.co.nz for more information and registration