

Chelsea School Newsletter

Week 3, Term 4 2021



Message from The Principal

Kia ora whānau

I hope that you are continuing to do okay at home. As this situation stretches on, we are noticing that there are days with high engagement and days where everything is more of a struggle. As we've said throughout this ongoing situation, please do get in touch with teachers if you need any support, or to share anything that is important to know about how things are going for you and your whānau.

A couple of updates from me this week.

We are reaching the point in the year where organisation for 2022 becomes a focus. We have now confirmed our staffing as much as possible to this point. With staffing any school, there are always changes and tweaks as teachers move year levels or leave the school.

Congratulations to Debby Rafter! Debby has won a study award next year, so will spend most of 2022 completing her Masters in Education.

Jennie Le Sueur is retiring at the end of the year, after 29 years at Chelsea. Jennie has been our Classroom Teacher Release person over the past 4 years and has done an incredible job of teaching digital technologies and growing our learners in this space. We have loved having you as part of our team Jennie. Your enthusiasm and energy, especially in the digital technologies arena are incredible and we have all learned so much from you. Enjoy the slower pace. Hopefully, there is lots of golf, travel and epic bike rides in your near future!

Teaching Teams for 2022

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Māhuri Team - Y5/6: Tracey Notley (team leader), Helen Lares, Keith Wilson and Sarah Blaney

Rito Team - Y3/4: Sam Bottcher (team leader), Lenni Miller, Zoe de Wit, Eden Ward and TBC

Pakiaka Team - Y2: Rebecca Hedges (team leader), Katie Pine and Natalie Hooker

Kākano Team - Y0/1: Nicola Eka (team leader), Sharan Kaur, Su Saga and TBC

Nick Smud will be teaching across the school in the Classroom Release Teacher (CRT) position.

Class Placements

We will soon be starting to draft our class lists for 2022. This is a complex process as we consider numbers within each year group, the social and learning needs of each child, as well as our funding allocation for teachers from the Ministry of Education.

While we strive to provide the best placement for every child, we cannot accept requests from parents regarding any specific preference of teachers or classmates. However, we do want to know if there are learning-related factors that your child's teacher may not be aware of. Please contact me directly so that information you would like to share can be taken into consideration. amanda@chelsea.school.nz

In Rito and Māhuri Teams (both composite year level teams) we largely keep our learners within the same hubs. This allows for relationships that have already been established to strengthen.

Potential Return to School

As you will be aware, the Minister of Education has announced that schools may return in some capacity from the 15th of November. This is very much an indicative date and no further information has been shared by the Ministry of Education. It is likely that if this option was to go ahead that there may be staggered days for different students, but even this is an assumption. I am due to attend a zoom at the end of this week to meet with Auckland Principals along with Ministry representatives. Once a direction is made clear, I will share this with our school community. While we are eager to take the next step back towards 'typical' school, this must be done in a way that minimises the risk to our learners and our wider school whānau.

Please keep an eye out for a survey link that will be sent through today, to gauge how many of our families intend to send their children back to school if a reopening this term was to take place.

Community Survey

A reminder that the community survey closes next **Monday, 8th November**. If you haven't yet completed this, please take 20 minutes or so to contribute to the strategic direction of our school. Your voices are important to us, and we would love to have a response from each whānau by next Monday. The survey link was emailed (from me) on the 26th and I have added the link below again.



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www.surveymonkey.com

Ngā mihi
Amanda Douglas

School Photo Fridge Magnets

A reminder that this year our calendar magnets for 2022 are kindly being donated by local business Magnapix, owned by one of our Chelsea parents. Magnapix is also offering a new fundraising opportunity for our school whereby you can order a set of 6 fridge magnets of your child's school photo and \$5 will be donated to the school for every set sold. This is entirely independent from the normal school photos and you will have to purchase your digital photo file in order to purchase the magnets. Enter code CHELSEA when placing your order online. Further details can be found here



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