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Cheviot Express

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FEBRUARY 2010

Welcome back to all students, 2010 will be another year filled with, excitement, challenge and learning along with the introduction to National Standards for years 1-8 and the revised New Zealand curriculum starting to flow into the classroom and through the school. Our school roll is continuing to grow with a number of new enrolments in years 6,7,8,9 along with many new entrants.

Term dates 2010

Term 1	2 Feb—	1 April
Term 2	19 April—	2 July
Term 3	19 July—	24 Sept
Term 4	11 Oct—	10 Dec, to be confirmed

Term 1 dates

2 Feb	Full school 8.40am
8 Feb	School swimming sports, <i>postponement day 9th Feb</i>
11 Feb	Home and School 7.30pm
17 Feb	CCHS—Combined country high schools swimming QEII, Christchurch
25 Feb	Board of Trustees meeting
1 Mar	Progressive achievement testing (PATs) commences years 4-10
2 Mar	HPSSA Hurunui Primary Schools Swimming sports, Hurunui College, <i>postponement day 4th March</i>
3 Mar	CCHS Combined country high school Athletics QEII
9 Mar	Canterbury Secondary School Athletic Championships Prelims QEII
13 Mar	Canterbury Secondary School Athletic Championships Finals QEII—Saturday
29 Mar	Students of the month assembly
30 Mar	3 way conferences (interviews), school closed 12.30pm, conferences start 1.30pm
1 Apr	End of term Assembly 2.30pm school Gymnasium
1 Apr	Board of Trustees meeting

Education outside the classroom (EOTC)

There have been a number of changes to legislation and documentation required for EOTC Activities for 2010, this means some change to school documentation and procedures we use. Further simplification of our school documentation and time lines will be the result. Because this coincides with the installation of our new school database we will be taking the opportunity to not only update our school documentation but also the information the school holds on your child. During term one we will be sending out a range of forms to you to update and check the accuracy on the information we hold, EOTC Permission Forms for regular out of school activities will also be sent out at the same time.

Library Books

Parents, if you have found any overdue library books over the holidays, please return to the library as soon as possible. Thank you.

Best Holiday Photograph Competition— First Chance for House Points!

If you or someone in your family took a really cool photo during the holidays and you would like to share it with others then enter our competition to have your picture chosen to go on the School's intranet home page. Entries can be submitted to the school office as a good quality print, by email or by memory stick/CD. All pictures will be placed on the school display board by the office and the best will be selected to go on the intranet page. All entries must include your name and House. If you send in a picture you will receive 5 house points and if yours is then selected to go on the intranet page you will receive a further 10 points. Closing date will be end of lunchtime on Friday 5th February.

ONE ENTRY PER PERSON



Japan Fundraiser— Burger Sizzle

Starts this Wednesday lunchtime
\$3.00

School fees

For 2010 the school donations are set at \$40.00 per child per year
\$65.00 for two children
\$85.00 per family of three or more
\$10.00 Activity Fee, \$14.00 Performance Fee
An account is mailed in term one, the Activity and Performance Fee pays for the materials children use in specialist technology rooms and extra curricular learning and cultural programs. If anyone is having difficulty paying the donation or fee please contact the Principal directly 319 8787, to discuss payment arrangements.

Smoke Free School

Please note that under the Smoke Free Environments Act smoking is not permitted in any area of our school buildings or grounds at any time.



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Adult Students

There a number of places available for Adult students wishing to study Spanish and Digital photography. Please see Karen at school reception for course details, be in quick as the courses start soon.

PAT testing

Progressive Achievement tests (1st -5th March)

Teachers use a range of assessment tools to find out how well students are doing. PAT testing is conducted in March each year. Teachers use PATs (Progressive Achievement Tests) to assess listening comprehension in years 3 to 9 and to assess reading vocabulary, reading comprehension and maths in years 4 to 9. PATs are marked according to specific standards, which give three types of results: stanines and percentiles, The stanine and percentile marks give teachers a snapshot of the student's progress compared to the New Zealand National average. The data helps teachers understand the areas they need to focus on and what students need to learn next. PATs are only one tool teachers use to identify students learning needs.

Christian Religious Education Programme

For the past five years the children have been receiving 25 minutes per week of an interdenominational religious programme called "Look and Wonder!" This is on Friday mornings from 8:45 to 9.10am. This Australian resource is used throughout New Zealand in schools and was approved by the Board of Trustees. The parents have the option of withdrawing their children should they feel the religious instruction inappropriate for their child. To do so MUST be in writing to the child's classroom teacher. The programme is extra to the prescriptive curriculum. We have had a very positive response from children and the teachers taking it, as well as the parents of these children. A copy of the programme will be available at the school office shortly if you wish to look at it. The teach-

ers have all been recently certified and approved following their training. They aim to begin this programme near the end of February.

Teachers are as follows for 2010:

Year 0-1 Room 1:

Mrs Pamela Lagan and Mrs Maureen Fitzgibbon

Year 2/3: Room 2:

Mrs Kathryn Lancaster and Mrs Mary Burnett

Year 3/4: Room 3:

Mrs Barbara Barnes and Mrs Marion Daly

Year 4/5: Room 5

Mrs Jesse Moffit and Mr Steve Knight

Absence from school

Parents and Caregivers of children who are absent are asked to ring the school by 9.00am every day your child is absent. Please leave a message on the absence line. All children must bring a note to their classroom teacher on your child's return to school.

Stationery

Please ensure your child has all stationery items before the end of week one. Stationery lists were sent out with end of year reports.

Buses

The safety and comfort of everyone travelling on busses is paramount to our school. It is important that students travelling by bus behave appropriately and consider others at all



times. Parents, a reminder of the need to advise the school office if children are not catching their normal bus home or are being collected after school. Major upheavals are caused by non-notification as we hold buses to look for children who have already gone home with parents. Thank you for your consideration

New Teachers

We welcome to Cheviot Area School our new teachers. Mr D Poulgrain—Science who comes to us from Karamu High School Hawke's Bay, Miss P Mallinson—Art from Wellington and Mr D Gill—English who returns after a year away. Welcome to you all.

Property

Rooms 8,9, and 10 have now been completed with an internal upgrade along with the installation of three new water fountains around the school. The sun canopies for installation and extension out from rooms 1,2 and 3 are due to start shortly, unfortunately this project was delayed due to the council consents process.



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Vertical Form Class / House Leaders 2010



Campbell House

(Yellow)

Sylvia Nikolaison

Hamish Maxwell



Robinson House

(Green)

Carlos Knight

Jessica Morton



McKenzie House

(Red)

Michael Murray

Bayleigh McGuire



Head Boy

Dylan Pugh

Congratulations to ALL our year 11 students of 2009

100% NCEA PASS RATE

not many schools in NZ have this enviable record two years in a row.