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DECEMBER / JANUARY 2010

NEWS DECEMBER-JANUARY 2010

Term dates 2009

Term 1	2 Feb—	1 April
Term 2	19 April—	2 July
Term 3	19 July—	24 Sept
Term 4	11 Oct—	10 Dec, <i>end date to be confirmed</i>

Term 1 dates

2 Feb	Full school 8.40am
8 Feb	School swimming sports, <i>postponement day</i>
9th Feb	
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

News updates

For news and updates check the school web site www.cheviot.school.nz or the school message line on 319 8787.

Library Books

Parents, if you have found any overdue library books over the holidays, please return to the library as soon as possible, books may be returned during the school holidays during normal library hours, Thank you.

New Staff

We welcome Mr D Poulgrain teacher of Science, Chemistry and Biology. Mr Poulgrain comes from Karamu High School in Hawke's Bay. Mr Poulgrain is an experienced and successful teacher whom we are pleased to have on board.

We welcome also Miss P Mallinson as our full time teacher of ART. Welcome to both our new teachers.

Start of School (Tuesday)

8.40am start, 5 minutes earlier than previous years, buses will continue to run at the same time. **New Entrant and year 1 students** will go straight to their class, room 1 with Mrs Elsie Duncan. **All other students** report to the school Gymnasium where students will be collected by their home room or vertical form teachers.

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.



Buses

The safety and comfort of everyone travelling on buses 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.

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.

Property

During the school holidays the middle (intermediate block rooms 8,9 and 10 are being internally renovated along with the installation of new water fountains ready for the summer months.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is now open for key holders / swimming club members, see previous issue of the "budget" for more details.

School Uniform

Every student is expected to be wearing the correct and full uniform from day one. Please read carefully the attached school uniform requirements. The Cheviot Area School uniform has undergone a couple of minor changes, the changes have been notified in past newsletters and are;

The **White PE top** is no longer available, the white top is replaced by a new (black and white) sport top available from the school office for purchase, cost \$30.00. The old white tops may be worn up to and including the end of term one 2010, after this date they will cease to be part of school uniform.

School blazers have been manufactured; these will be an **OPTIONAL** purchase i.e. not compulsory. The school will hold an initial but small quantity of loan blazers for issue to secondary aged students on official duties / trips etc, the quantity of blazers will be increased over time to cater for a wider range of ages and sizes.

Read the Uniform requirements carefully to ensure correct uniform is purchased and worn placing particular emphasis on correct shoes and shorts.

Stationery

The 2010 stationery lists were attached to your child's school report or included with this newsletter. Please ensure your child has all stationery items for the start of school on Tuesday 2nd February. If you have misplaced a stationery list please phone and leave a message on 3198787 with your child's name and we will post out another.

Office hours

The school office will be closed from Monday 21st December and reopens on Monday 25th January for enrolments and general queries.

School contact information

Office: General enquires
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email office@cheviot.school.nz

Principal:

Mr I Murray, imurray@cheviot.school.nz

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Mrs McGuire, kmcquire@cheviot.school.nz

Deputy Principal—Primary

Mrs R Leef, rleef@cheviot.school.nz

Deputy Principal—Secondary

Mrs M Burgess, mburgess@cheviot.school.nz

Executive Officer / Accounts

Mrs L Davies, ldavies@cheviot.school.nz

Emergency contact: 027 427 9135

Music Lessons 2010

Tamara Smith is considering teaching music at Cheviot Area School in 2010, at least once a fortnight or possibly once a week depending on interest. Tamara is an ex-pupil and is enthusiastic about rural children having the opportunity to learn music, she was an itinerant music teacher at Cheviot Area School in 2002. Tamara is a qualified music teacher as well as a qualified secondary teacher, she and has been teaching music at Burnside High School this year. The instruments she can teach are flute, recorder, saxophone, keyboard, piano and basic guitar. If your child is interested in lessons please phone 021 02790783, or leave a message on the school office

phone 3198787 or email office@cheviot.school.nz

SEARCH FOR A SMILE CHEVIOT AREA SCHOOL'S 2009 MAJOR STAGE PRODUCTION.

Set in medieval times the jolly and frivolous King and Queen strive to 'cure' Princess Jane of her inability to smile. While they scour the land far and wide for a remedy the studious Princess and the ever-faithful butler James search for their own solution. The King and Queen are unsuccessful with the quest but have managed to fritter away their royal funds and the King was 'too busy' to collect the taxes. Princess Jane, ably supported by James, saves the day with her fiscal ability and frugal nature. The King and Queen show true admiration for their daughter, who is now appreciated for being herself, and breaks out in a huge smile to end the quest.



School production a great success

Merry Christmas one and all, safe travelling and we all look forward to seeing you again in 2010