



# Christchurch South Intermediate

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## Newsletter (Panui)

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora tatou

Hopefully, you are aware, school is closed on Friday 2 June for a Teacher Only Day. Christchurch South Intermediate is hosting a Kahukura Community of Practice conference.

New Zealand schools are required to be open for a set number of days during the year and have the ability to extend the school year in order to close on occasions to accommodate professional learning opportunities for staff. Our staff will be participating in the Kahukura Conference along with staff from Addington, West Spreydon, Somerfield, Thorrington and Sacred Heart Schools.

The conference is titled "Taking the Deep Deeper" and will focus on sharing best practice from across the cluster of schools. The first part of our cluster teacher only day morning will be spent with Whaea Maata Wharekoa from New Plymouth who will share the documentary "The Children of Parihaka" with us. The schools in the cluster are working towards a cluster wide learning focus on "Making a Difference". This will include looking at the Parihaki story of peaceful resistance in the mid 1860s from Parihaka Māori to protest against European settlement on land confiscated from Māori. During Term 3 students will also look at the influence of other change makers throughout history and consider ways in which they can make a positive difference to a social issue that resonates with them.

After morning tea, we will have a presentation from three of our cluster teachers who have recently returned from presenting at a "Deep Learning Lab" international conference in Toronto. At the conference they shared aspects of the initiatives and commitment schools in the cluster have had towards ensuring that students are learning in rich and meaningful ways that enhance deeper learning. This includes the skills students need to be critical, creative and contributing citizens.

During the afternoon, teachers will attend workshops presented by their colleagues from across the cluster. The sixteen workshops provide opportunities for best practice and initiatives from within our cluster to be shared and celebrated.

The opportunity for teachers from all the schools in our cluster to meet, network and strengthen relationships is another valuable outcome from the day. The teacher only day conference supports the strong commitment the Kahukura Community of Practice has to providing high quality education for all students in the south of Christchurch.

Ngā mihi nui

Ross Hastings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hastings", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Principal

Mr D Harrison  
*Board of Trustees*  
Christchurch South Intermediate  
204 Selwyn Street  
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1 June 2017

Christchurch South Intermediate Board of Trustees  
***Casual vacancy for an elected trustee***

Dear Parent/Caregiver

This letter has been written to communicate two important matters regarding the Board of Trustees at Christchurch South Intermediate.

- 1) A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by Board selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

- 2) Should the Board's intention of filling the vacancy by selection proceed and you are interested in being considered for selection to the Board or would like more information, please contact me by email ([office@chchsouth.ac.nz](mailto:office@chchsouth.ac.nz)) or via the school office **by Wednesday 28 June 2017.**

Yours sincerely



Dave Harrison  
Board Chair

# School Uniform

The vast majority of our students are well presented and correctly attired every day.

Our school uniform promotes a sense of belonging and pride and removes competition in dress.

All students are required to wear correct school uniform at all times, this includes correct PE uniform.

If your child is unable to wear correct uniform, we require a note from home in order to issue a Uniform Card. This card shows that the student has followed our process.

If a student does not have a note from home, a Uniform Card will be issued and it will be recorded that there was no supporting explanatory note from a parent.

If a student presents for a second uniform Card without a note, they will be required to forfeit twenty minutes of their lunchtime re-visiting the School's Uniform requirements.

To support this we ask that parents ensure all uniform items are well named and that PE gear is brought to school every day. There are a large number of un-named polar fleeces and jerseys, shorts and boys' socks on our Lost Property rack.

If any family is having difficulty providing correct school uniform please contact the school as we may be able to help.

## School Cross Country 2017



On Wednesday 24th May, after some horrible weather and a venue change, we had our annual school cross country at school! Conditions were perfect with the sun shining, and running in Year 8 and 7 Girls and Boys, students embraced the challenge of the 3km course or 1km walk. The afternoon produced some very close results, and the team for the inter-school cross country at Halswell Quarry is looking very promising!

Results were:

### Year 7 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Esther Pratten  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elise Jackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brooke Goldsmith

### Year 7 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Josh Craythorne  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hamish Sherratt  
3<sup>rd</sup> Louis Hamilton

### Year 8 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Gracie Pratten  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reilly Kane  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ita Salvado

### Year 8 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Jesse Beeforth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Wenmoth  
3<sup>rd</sup> Noah Smith

Congratulations to Ngata pod who won the overall pod competition! Good luck to our interschool team, competing on the 21st June at Halswell Quarry.

## **The Lions have Roared**



We are so grateful to the team of men from the Wigram Lions Chapter for the hard work they are putting into roofing the old changing sheds. They have kindly donated their time and materials for this job and the quality of their workmanship is a joy to behold. We will soon have a wonderful potting shed for us to grow our own plants from seed for the school garden. The support from our community continues to delight and encourage us. We are always happy to accept packets of seeds, plants and garden tools for our great team of garden club members.

## **Tweens to Teens Community Evening**

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May we hosted James from Attitude with his 'Tweens to Teens' presentation. An engaging speaker, James discussed changes in our adolescents focussing on Changing Brains, Changing Friends and Changing Technology.



Over seventy parents and grandparents attended the evening and left with tips on communicating well, the importance of spending quality time with family especially sharing meals and time outside, as well as access to great resources from The Parenting Place.

A special thanks to the Lions Club of South Christchurch for sponsoring Attitude at South Intermediate. Attitude is back at South in the first week of Term 3 working with students on "Being Me" a program where students examine their personal strengths, learn more about decision making and have their uniqueness affirmed.

## **Performance at Bishop Selwyn Lifecare Centre**

On Tuesday 9th March, 67 students walked down to Bishop Selwyn Lifecare Centre to perform to residents. Ukulele and Guitar Ensemble kicked off the concert, giving a strong performance with vocal solos by Jack MacDonald, Archie MacDonald, Peppa Munro and Nicole Chenery. A number of residents were seen bopping their heads and tapping their feet in time. Thanks to Matt Stevenson for arranging the songs and leading the group.



The Girls' and Boys' Hip Hop Crew then demonstrated their moves in a set choreographed by Tash Higginson. Before the performance, Lynne Hollands, from Bishop Selwyn Lifecare Centre, asked the audience who had heard of 'hip hop' dance. Only two audience members had heard of the dance style, so the crews had the pleasure of giving the residents an energetic introduction to hip hop!

Chorale finished the concert with performances of 'Riversong' and 'Fight Song'. The acoustics in the Residents' Lounge were great, and the singers were buoyed along by how great the harmonies sounded.

Well done to all the students involved, and a huge thanks to the parental helpers who came along to support.

## **Absence**

If your child is unwell, unable to attend school or late **it is essential** caregivers phone and advise the office by **pressing 1** on our telephone voicemail before 8.40am. When leaving a message please ensure that you give the office your child's name, room number and the reason for the absence. Alternatively you can

email the office on [absent@chchsouth.ac.nz](mailto:absent@chchsouth.ac.nz) or send an absence through the School App.

It is a Ministry of Education requirement that if a child is going to be absent from school for whatever reason a parent or caregiver must make contact with the school explaining the reason for the absence.

We ask that if you email your child's classroom teacher with regard to an absence that you also inform the office.

### **Lateness**

If your child is late to school for any reason, they are required to come to the office to sign in and receive a late pass **before** they make their way to their classroom. We thank you for your assistance in helping us to keep your children healthy and safe.

### **Leaving school during school hours**

If your child needs to leave school for any reason during school hours, please provide a note for the classroom teacher, which is also shown to the office staff before the student leaves school. Their name, class and time of leaving will be recorded when they sign out. If your child is returning to school they must come back through the office to sign back in.

### **Leaving School due to Illness**

If your child is unwell during school hours the procedure is for them to come to the school office and be admitted into the sick bay area. The school office will then ring the parent/caregiver if they are required to go home. **Please discourage your child from texting asking to be picked up because they are feeling unwell.**

### **Wet Day Procedure**

If the weather is cold, wet or inclement and restricts student activity the school will shorten the lunch hour by 15 minutes. School will finish at 2.45pm on such a day. To confirm that the day has been shortened telephone the school on 3322408 then press 2

as the office will leave a message on the voicemail under "school notices, early finishes and cancellations".

### **Cellphones**

Below is our school's current policy on cellphones. Any home-school contact (phone call or text) is to be through the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Procedure 5.06

##### 1. Cell phones

- a. Should a student bring a cell phone to school it is not to be used during the school day unless under direct supervision of a teacher when the device is used to assist learning. The basic rule is "Invisible, inaudible or in the office."
- b. Cell phones brought to school can be handed in to the school office for safe keeping and collected at the end of the day.
- c. Emergency messages for students are dealt with through the school office.

### **Naming of School Clothing**

Please ensure that **all** school clothing is clearly named this should also include school hats, socks and shoes.

### **Concerns**

If you have any concerns about your child's welfare or any situation which is impacting on your child that you feel needs addressing please do not hesitate to contact Polly Hutchinson, Associate Principal at any time.

### **Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards**

We encourage students to build their independence by cycling, skating or scooting to school. Cycles are locked in the cycle compound and scooters and skateboards have a lock up behind Rutherford Pod. It's important that the cycle, skateboard or scooter is locked independently as the compounds are unlocked from 2:55pm to 8:50am the following morning. Any item left in overnight

is at risk of being stolen. Please discuss this with your child, if they have e.g. Theatre Sports after school and their padlock isn't working, encourage them to take their wheels with them, it's not safe leaving them in an unlocked compound.

### **School Canteen**

The school canteen is located at the end of the hall opposite the library. The canteen is open every morning from 8.20am. If you wish to order your lunch please do so **before** school. Order forms are available from the office, online from our website under the Home tab, General Information tab, Canteen tab and then double clicking the Canteen Price List and Order Form or from the canteen at the School. Snacks are available at morning and lunch breaks. Please remember juices are only available at lunch break. Please be patient when coming to purchase items, remember a smile, a please and thank you make our day a happy one. *Maryanne Mills– Canteen Manager*

### **School Uniform Donations**

Donations of used school uniforms and shoes are always greatly appreciated at the school. If you have any of these items especially shoes, they can be made at the school office.

### **2017 TERM DATES**

Term 1	Monday 30 January	-	Friday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 1 May	-	Friday 7 July
Term 3	Monday 24 July	-	Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October	-	Friday 15 December

**Christchurch South Intermediate PTA**  
**School Uniform Trade**

**Do you have a uniform you wish to sell?**

Great!! List your items with us and we'll advertise them for you and put you in touch with interested buyers.

**To list an item please email Jo Harrison at [uniforms@chchsouth.ac.nz](mailto:uniforms@chchsouth.ac.nz) or phone 981 8136.**

**Do you wish to purchase  
a second hand uniform?**

We can help!! Go to our school website:

[www.chchsouth.ac.nz/PTA/UniformSales](http://www.chchsouth.ac.nz/PTA/UniformSales)

to download the list of items for sale. You will then be able to make contact with the seller directly to make your purchase.

# COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

*These are printed at the request of the organiser involved and we do not necessarily associate ourselves with the organisation or condone what they are offering.*

## AquaGym Swim Club

The Aqua Gym Swim Club has a strong history of outstanding individual and team results at international, national and regional swim meets and our swimmers always feature prominently in local Canterbury events. We are always looking for swimmers with great attitudes to join our club. We swim all year round at our local facilities in Eastern Christchurch. For more information visit the AquaGym Swim Club website, or our Facebook page. Alternatively for an assessment contact Dave Prattley the Head Coach or email [membership@aquagymswimclub.co.nz](mailto:membership@aquagymswimclub.co.nz).

## National Cat Show

4<sup>th</sup> June YMCA Bishopdale Harewood Road. Admission Family \$20, Adult \$8.00, Child \$5.00 (Family is 2 Adults and up to 3 Children). Follow us on Facebook Canterbury All Breeds Cat Club.

## Dyspraxia Support Group

The Dyspraxia Support Group holds fun groups for children aged between 5 to 13 years of age on Saturday afternoons during term time. The groups participate in a programme put together and delivered by a team of enthusiastic supervisors. If you have a child or know a child with Developmental Dyspraxia/DCD who would be interested in attending, please contact Sue on 358 3249 or email [dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz).

## Lyttelton Rugby Club

We are looking for some new members to join our great club. We need children that are born in 2011, 2009, 2008, 2005, 2006, 2004, 2001 boys & girls. We are also starting an under 7's all girls ripper team so if you are born in 2010 come & join in the fun. All new members will receive a gear bag, beanie, socks, mouth guard and a

jacket. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda on 328 7471 or 027 3859392.

### Dr Graham's Blow Up Science

Can you really launch marshmallows out of a vacuum cleaner, make rockets from common household items, or launch teddy bears using liquid nitrogen? Prepare yourself for some seriously mind-bending science, as Dr Graham explodes his way through the chemistry and physics of things that go bubble, boom, bang and occasionally catch on fire! Dr Graham Walker has been performing science shows for the past 15 years and regularly thrills audiences around the world with his unique brand of entertaining and engaging science. He has been brought to New Zealand by Royal Society Te Apārangi to celebrate their 150th anniversary. This show will appeal to primary school children but all are welcome to attend. Royal Society Te Apārangi is grateful for the support of their partners. CHRISTCHURCH | 11.30am Wednesday 19 July, University of Canterbury, Jack Mann Auditorium, Dovedale Campus. This show is FREE but you must book your tickets online to avoid disappointment. To book tickets visit: [royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham](http://royalsociety.org.nz/drgraham). Children under 14 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

### Team Hutt

Team Hutt is an outstanding provider of Alpine Ski Race Programs in New Zealand and offer programs from under 8 years of age through to full time athlete programs at FIS level. For the 2017 season they are offering 15 different programs, incorporating more Junior Team Hutt programs, and for the first time a Masters Training program. Team Hutt's programs have an emphasis on introducing children at the junior levels to the sport of ski racing (developing a passion and love of skiing) and full programs provide the opportunity for children to advance their alpine skiing skills to a competitive level - right through to the international FIS level. Team Hutt is run by the Canterbury Alpine Sports Trust, a not for profit trust where all funds are re-invested into supporting the alpine programs, and is directed and led by experienced and world class coaches. For more information or to apply for a programme

please visit [www.teamhutt.com](http://www.teamhutt.com). The first of their programs start on Friday 16th June.

### Chisnallwood Intermediate School 50th Jubilee

Dates: 27-28 October 2017. Save the date and join us for a weekend of celebrations. All past pupils, staff, board members and parents are invited to attend. Check out our website [www.chisnallwood.school.nz](http://www.chisnallwood.school.nz) or email [info@chisnallwood.school.nz](mailto:info@chisnallwood.school.nz) for further information.

### Impulse Kids

Classes begin at 5 years old and run through to 18 year olds. They are split into 4 groups as follows. Sparklers: Ages 5 - 7 years - Saturdays, 9.30 am - 10.30 am. Searchlights: Ages 8 - 11 years - Fridays, 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm. Star-lights: Ages 12 - 14 years - Fridays, 4.30pm - 5.30 pm. Spotlights: Ages 15 - 18 years - Fridays, 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm. Prices are per term. Each term is split into 8 weeks of teaching and one final week for presentation day. Fees are priced at: \$100 per child per term, \$190 for 2 siblings per term, \$90 per additional child. i.e. \$280 for 3 siblings, \$370 for 4 siblings. We meet at Phillipstown Community Hub, 29 Nursery Road, Phillipstown. The website is [www.impulsekids.co.nz](http://www.impulsekids.co.nz) and contact email is [info@impulsekids.co.nz](mailto:info@impulsekids.co.nz)

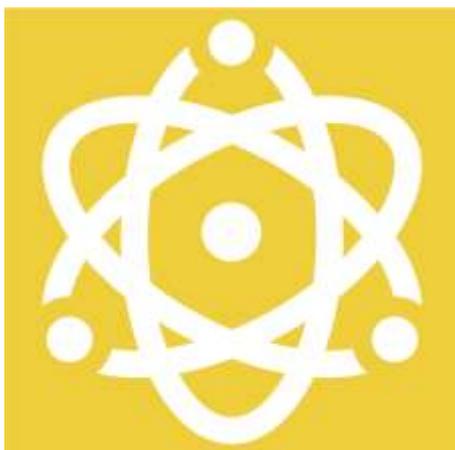
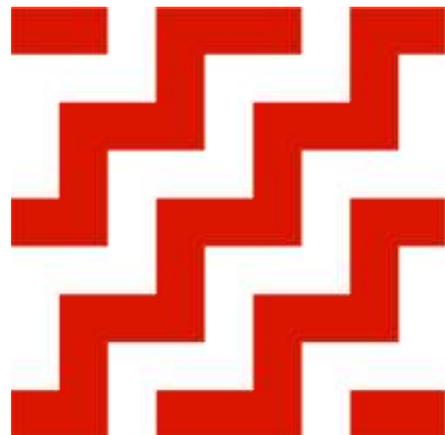
### Voices in the Community Concert

Presented by The Vocal Network, Voices in the Community will showcase some of the best vocal talent Christchurch has to offer. This year 8 vocal groups will bring their love for music and passion for singing to the stage. This is a unique opportunity for Christchurch and Canterbury people to experience the unplugged brilliance of vocal music at its finest. It will be an evening full of entertainment, with the line-up for this year featuring the Christchurch Pops Choir, Ravil & Amanda Atlas, Malestrom Chorus from Burnside High School, Christchurch City Chorus of Sweet Adelines, SALT, The Vocal Network, Emily Twemlow, and more. Early-bird tickets are on sale until 31 May for \$15 (students and seniors), and \$20 (general admission). From 1 June, tickets will be available at full price until sold-out. Tickets can be purchased from The Vocal Network [www.thevocalnetwork.co.nz](http://www.thevocalnetwork.co.nz) or found on

[Eventfinda](#). When: Saturday 1 July 7:30 pm Where: The Piano: Centre for Music and the Arts, 56 Armagh St, Christchurch City  
Tickets: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/voices-in-the-community/christchurch> Phone Sales: 0800 BUY TIX (289 849)

**Female Footballers Desperately Needed!**

Halswell United is in need of more girls aged 13-15 years to play in our U15 team. This team has a fantastic female coach, they train on Thursday afternoons and play Saturday mornings 9.15am. It would suit new players and players that wish to return to the game. For further information, please contact Craig Crawford: 021 325 611 or email: [huafcgm@gmail.com](mailto:huafcgm@gmail.com)



## **CALENDAR 2017**

2 June	<b>Teacher Only Day – school closed</b>
5 June	<b>Queen’s Birthday – school closed</b>
12 – 16 June	ICAS digital writing exam
13 June	Epro8 science competition
14 June	ICAS spelling exam
20-21 June	Kahukura music festival
21 June	Inter interschool cross country
29 June	Reports home
3-6 July	Parent/Teacher interviews
3 July	Korfball Tournament
7 July	Battle of the Bands
7 July	<b>Last day Term 3</b>
27 July	Open Evening 6.30 – 8.00pm