



# Christchurch South Intermediate

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## Newsletter (Panui)

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the start of a new school year at Christchurch South Intermediate. A special welcome to parents, students and whanau who are making your first association with our school – I trust it will be a positive and rewarding relationship.

We also welcome new staff to our school – Cade Englefield (Learning Director), Kate Wilkinson (R2), Ian Harrison (R1), Hazel Stokes (Rutherford Teacher Aide)

Regular newsletters are emailed home at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> week and on the last day of each term. This newsletter is an additional one at the start of the year.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our "Team Up" evening tonight from 7:00-7:45pm - a chance for parents to meet homeroom teachers to learn about programmes and expectations etc for the year and how we can partner with you to achieve the best possible outcomes for your children.

Our school website ([www.chchsouth.ac.nz](http://www.chchsouth.ac.nz)) is kept up to date and is a valuable source of information. The "News" page on the website is particularly important as this is where the daily notices can be found and also where copies of correspondence and newsletters are located.

The school's public calendar has information about key school dates and events throughout the year and can be accessed a few different ways:

1. Via the school website  
<http://chchsouth.ultranet.school.nz/Web/279/>
2. By searching the following link in your web browser  
<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=office%40chchsouth.ac.nz&ctz=Pacific/Auckland>
3. The calendar is a public Google calendar so you should be able to add it to your Google calendars if you are a Google calendar user.

We have a school app which we use to send important messages. This facility is our primary form of communication in the case of an emergency. We strongly encourage parents and students to download the free app to their smartphones and register to receive alerts. The app also provides easy access to the daily notices and other features such as reporting a student absence. Information on how to easily download the app can be found on our website <http://www.chchsouth.ac.nz/Web/1001/>

We also use our school Facebook page to communicate with our school community from time to time. Facebook users should find the school Facebook page fairly easily by doing a Facebook search for Christchurch South Intermediate School.

During their two years at South students have access to a terrific number of opportunities to support their development as early adolescents. When these opportunities are offered during the year, in the majority of cases students register their interest via online registration forms. These forms are available via the school website. Students are notified about the opportunity through the daily notices and in most cases an email is also sent home to parents. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about these opportunities and discuss their commitments with them while also encouraging them to "embrace the challenge" of possibly trying a new activity. The links are added under the "Learning" heading on our website.

Thank you for your involvement on Admission Day. We hope you appreciated the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. We realise there is plenty of information to take in, especially those of you who are new to our school community. Please be reassured that we have your child's best interests at the forefront of everything we do and that their home room teacher is the first and most critical point of contact for you. You should have their email address. I encourage you to make contact with them should you wish to discuss the specific learning needs of your child. Please don't feel you have to wait until a scheduled parent teacher interview.

At South we like to sort out any concerns or issues students and/or parents may have as soon as possible. We have an "Open Door" policy which means we want you to contact us at any stage during the year. You can phone or email the office and be assured that we will respond promptly. We do however ask that you don't interrupt the staff while they are teaching but instead work through the office to make an appointment or email the teacher directly. Staff are expected to check emails at least once every 24 hours.

We are once again looking forward to a very full and engaging year of learning and to celebrating with students and their families as they make the most of the terrific range of opportunities on offer at our school.

Ngā mihi nui

Ross Hastings

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

Principal

# **Christchurch South Intermediate**

**Warmly invites parents and caregivers to**

## **"TEAM UP" EVENING** **(Meet the Teacher)**

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**7.00 - 7.45pm      Meet in your  
child's POD and hear from the  
teachers about class and school  
expectations, plans for teaching and  
learning, Education Outside the  
Classroom, homework, timetable etc.**

# 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 bought 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.

## **STAFFING 2017**

### **Hillary Syndicate**

H3	<b>Steve Prescott</b>	Y7
H1	Aaron Nixon	Y8
H2	Kelly McIntosh	Y7
H4	Jimaya Te Rangi	Y8

### **Ngata Syndicate**

N2	<b>Diana Nelis-Smith</b>	Y8
N1	James Sagar	Y7
N3	Margaret Lipscombe	Y8
N4	Nicole Lloyd	Y7

### **Rutherford Syndicate**

R3	<b>Melody McCombe</b>	Y7
R1	Ian Harrison	Y8
R2	Kate Wilkinson	Y7
R4	Gae Johns	Y8

### **Sheppard Syndicate**

S2	<b>Libby Aitken</b>	Y8
S1	Charlotte Grant	Y7
S3	Chloe Riches	Y8
S4	Nick McBrearty	Y7

### **Management**

Mr Ross Hastings	Principal
Ms Polly Hutchinson	Associate Principal
Mr Cade Englefield	Learning Director
Mrs Rebecca Marryatt	Learning Director

## **Specialists**

**Jesse Callaghan**

Dean Keetly

Helen Adams

Margaret Calder

Peter Laing

Nikki Wallace-Bell

Kate Revell

Wendy Lynch

Digitech

Science

Science

Foods/Fabric Technology

Materials Technology

Art

Performing Arts

ESOL/International Students/

Beckenham Fabric Technology

## **Teacher Aide Student Support**

Sarah Wright

Cathie Prebble

Hazel Stokes

Maria Haggerty

Sue Blackmore

Hillary

Ngata

Rutherford

Sheppard

ESOL Teacher Aide

## **Support Staff**

Dorothy van der Kley

Nicola Greenhalgh

Tracy Barron

Rod McLeod

Maryanne Mills

Emma Small

Principal's PA

Financial Assistant /EOTC & Sports

Administrator

Reception/ Library Support

Caretaker

Canteen Manager

Multimedia Support

## Mihi Whākatau



New students and staff to Christchurch South Intermediate were welcomed to the school community with a mihi whākatau. Whaikorero and waiata were followed by hongis between student and staff representatives. Head Boy, Toby, showed terrific leadership speaking on behalf of existing students. Our Year 8 students grabbed the opportunity to demonstrate support for our new Year 7 students by supporting them in the singing of waiata.

## 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@chcsouth.ac.nz](mailto:absent@chcsouth.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, would you 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

#### 4. 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.

## **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 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*

### **Public Health Nurse Service**

Are you worried about your child's mental or physical health? We have a Public Health Nurse whom you can talk with about your child's health concerns. This is a free and confidential health service provided by the Canterbury District Health Board. The Public Health Nurse for our school is Makayla Haughey. She is a registered nurse who specialises in child and family health. Kate can arrange with you to meet at home, school or work to provide health support, child and family assessments, advice and coordinate any other family health or support services if required. Makayla can be contacted through the school or by phoning the Public Health Nursing Service on 383 6877.

### **Class Photos**

These will be taken on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. This year's photographer is Heritage Productions Ltd. A proof of your child's class photo will be sent home for you to consider purchasing. Orders with payment may be placed by your child to the school office or placed online.

## **School Swim Sports**

To be held at the Wharenui Pool on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am till 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Those children taking part will travel by bus from school to the pool at 9.50am and return to school by bus at 2.40pm.

## **ICAS**

Each year, Christchurch South Intermediate offers Year 7 and 8 students the chance to participate in The University of New South Wales' International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) programme. These tests have been conducted for over 20 years and provide students with the chance to challenge themselves and monitor their achievement in a range of subjects. While the tests are administered by the school, they are independent of the school programme. Should you wish your child to participate please fill out a slip from our website and return to the school office with the money by Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Leisure Education**

### **What is Leisure Education?**

Each year at South, we run a Leisure Education (L.E.) programme on Tuesday afternoons during Terms 2 & 3. This is a unique opportunity for our students to participate in exciting and challenging extra-curricular activities, many of which they may not have tried before. The children are given a chance to sign up for activities that interest them. As choices may alter term by term, we encourage *everyone* to try something new each rotation.

There may be a cost associated with some activities; however, we strive to provide a balance of fee-paying and free activities each term. Options for Terms 2 & 3 will be announced later in Term 1.

If you (parents/caregivers) have a skill, trade or hobby that you would be keen to share with a small group of pupils during our L.E. programme, we would be delighted to hear from you. This is another **excellent** opportunity to become involved in our school community.

***Please note:*** *If your child tries out (and is selected) for one of the Hagley Winter Sport teams, they will be committed to this team for all of Terms 2 & 3. Winter sport trials will be run towards the end of Term 1 as well.*

### **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.

### **“COMMON SENSE” (One of our South values)**

Thank you for role modelling and using “common sense” as you drop your children off in the morning and particularly as you pick them up after school.

You have shown “common sense” when you;

- use the patrolled crossing to cross Selwyn Street
- insist on your children using the crossing too
- don't attempt a U turn outside school on Selwyn Street but find an alternative route instead.

We have a wonderful group of student Road Patrol Monitors (well supported by our staff) who do a magnificent job of improving the safe crossing of Selwyn Street. Thank you for your support of their efforts



## **Christchurch South Intermediate School Road Crossing**

Morning: 8.10am – 8.30am **and** Afternoon: 3.00pm – 3.15pm

- Students are reminded to arrive at school by 8.30am in readiness to begin classes at 8.40am
- **Yellow lines**, signifying **no stopping or parking**, have been painted on either side of the crossing. Please do not park on these lines or bus stops as this impedes the ability of our students to view traffic
- Legally, vehicles must **stop** when **one** or **both signs** are extended. The white line on the road is there to indicate where you should stop
- Students operating the crossing have received extensive training from the NZ Police. Please be patient as they perform their required duties
- Students crossing Selwyn Street must cross at the crossing. They may not cross at any other point along Selwyn Street or outside the school
- If students arrive or leave when the patrol team are not on duty, they must wait until both sides are clear before crossing the road. Vehicles should not stop for them at this time

Thank you for your support and co-operation to ensure the safety of our students.

### **Collecting and dropping off students outside the school**

The "South Way" outlines the attributes we value which make our school a better place for us to learn and work together in: Self Discipline, Common Sense, Respect, Commitment, Support, Involvement, and Honesty. We ask that parents take every opportunity to role model these values for their children. With that in mind I would like to thank parents for role modelling "common sense" as they drop their children off in the morning and particularly as they pick them up after school. We ask that parents and visitors parking near the school to drop off or collect children, please not park across our driveways. We have concerns for the safety of anyone entering or leaving the school grounds, cyclists, pedestrians and motorists, because of inadequate visibility when

vehicles are not parked at least a metre away from our driveways. We ask also that you do not park in designated bus stop areas.

It is very important that **parents** use the patrolled crossing and insist on their children going to the crossing too. Attempting U turns outside school on Selwyn Street presents a real risk to students and road users so we thank parents for using “common sense” in finding alternative routes.

**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.

**New Year, New Classroom...**

Whether your child is about to start school for the first time, or you've been through it all before, here are a few tips to help make the transition out of holidays a little easier on the whole family:

- Get back in the habit of homework by having regular reading time every day. Ask questions about what they've read, and get them to write a little bit too.
- Start gradually making bedtime earlier; late sleep-ins or bleary-eyed children won't help stress levels in that first week back.
- Get the family thinking about ways to make school mornings run more smoothly. A personalised chart is a great way to make sure kids know what they need to do and can check it off as they go. They'll grow in responsibility, and you can break the nagging cycle!

### **Preparing your kids to deal with others**

Parents want to know that their kids are starting a new school year with the resources they need to manage both friendships, and also unkind or bullying behaviour. It's a good idea to be honest with children; they may hear cruel comments from others or be treated unfairly by someone, at some point. Encourage them to put the responsibility for this behaviour with the person who dealt it, rather than assume the blame themselves. And always, a sense of humour and a good natured answer will be your child's best defence against cruelty. Making a game of practicing quick and confident come-backs is a great exercise to inoculate your kids for the challenges ahead. *Kirsten Wyllie, Canterbury Parenting Place Co-Ordinator – [www.theparentingplace.com](http://www.theparentingplace.com)*

### **2017 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme**

Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting the disease. While girls and boys in Canterbury can get this through their general practice at age 11, a number of girls and boys have not completed the three doses needed for full protection. So from 2017, Canterbury DHB will be offering a School Based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme. This programme is available for all girls and boys in Year 8.

Parents will need to consent to their daughter or son receiving the vaccinations at school, so look out for the consent form and supporting information in your daughter or son's school bag.

**\*\*\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\*\*\***

*The wearing of sun hats is compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. Hats should be **plain navy blue and either with a wide brim or bucket style.***

*Thank you  
Christchurch South Intermediate Board of  
Trustees*

**2017 TERM DATES**

Term 1	Monday 30 January	-	Thursday 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

# 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.*

## 14th CHCH Boys' Brigade

BB is an action packed programme geared for Young Kiwi guys. Boys' Brigade is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-19 yrs old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more. We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham. New members welcome for 2017, interested contact Stephen 337 2296, [admin@14thbb.org.nz](mailto:admin@14thbb.org.nz) or visit [www.14thbb.org.nz](http://www.14thbb.org.nz) Accept the Challenge.

## Halswell United Football Club

Summer Football - Online registrations are OPEN for TERM 1, 2017. First Kicks/Fun Football (ages 4-8). Skill Centres (ages 8-16). Girls Only HUB (ages 5-12). Please visit our website for more information: [www.hawkfootball.org.nz/summer](http://www.hawkfootball.org.nz/summer) Winter Season – Online registrations OPEN 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017. For more information please visit our website at: [www.hawkfootball.org.nz/register](http://www.hawkfootball.org.nz/register). Any questions/queries please email Sam Bunn (General Manager): [huafcGM@gmail.com](mailto:huafcGM@gmail.com)

## Christchurch United Football Club - Registration

Opens in mid-February for the 2017 winter season. For more information and to register please go to [www.cufc.co.nz/programmes/#community](http://www.cufc.co.nz/programmes/#community) Youth Football (ages U12-U19) \$115, Under 10 \$105

## Lyttelton Rugby Club

Family Fun day. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 11.00 – 2.00. At the Lyttelton Rugby grounds. Registrations dates 21<sup>st</sup> February , 26<sup>th</sup> February & 18<sup>th</sup> March. For more information contact Linda on 027 385 9392.

## Cashmere Technical Football Club

Registration is now open for Cashmere Technical FC. Please register online at [www.ctfc.co.nz](http://www.ctfc.co.nz) Registration will close on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Trial dates for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade and above are on our website.

## Weens and Teens Parenting Course

This is an invitation for a parent or parents to attend a Tweens and Teens Toolbox Parenting Course. The course commences Wednesday 15th

February in Tainui Street, Somerfield. 7.30pm - 9.30pm for 6 weeks. Topics covered include: Atmosphere, Boundaries, Communication, Discipline, Self-esteem, Future focus. For further information and to register interest please phone Kirsten Wyllie 03 379 6053 or email [canterbury@parentingplace.nz](mailto:canterbury@parentingplace.nz) or click on the following link: <http://www.theparentingplace.com/event/tweens-and-teens-toolbox-somerfield-venue-to-be-advised-2/>

### Pioneer Basketball

2017 Pacers Basketball term 1. We are having a Pacers league in Term 1 to give players competition game experience in the lead up to Allstar trials (Sun 26 March) for the South Island Primary Tournament Rangiora (Sat 22 – Mon 24 April) and Primary winter competition starting in Term 2. For more information visit our website <http://www.sporty.co.nz/pioneerbasketballclub.Pacers-for-Y56-and-Yr78/PacerspTerm-1-2017>

### Act2 Drama Group

Registrations are now being taken for your child aged 6-13, or yourself aged 13 and over for our 2017 Drama Stars Program. This course commences Friday 17th February and runs weekly for six weeks. Juniors 5-5.50pm, Seniors 6-6.50pm. Venue is the St Albans Community Centre, 1047 Colombo St, St Albans, Christchurch. Cost is \$75. For registrations or query's please call Fay on 0210431108 or email [act2dramagroup@gmail.com](mailto:act2dramagroup@gmail.com)

### Children's Day 2017

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – 11am till 3pm Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event at the green space, corner of New Brighton Road and Locksley Ave. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along friends and family. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on all the excitement. Check out the be there website for more information <http://bethere.co.nz/event/24257>

### Get your Game On! – Global Football Festival 2017

Fun football festival – Ages 6-12 years old, Free, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 1-4pm at Christchurch Football Centre, 466 Yaldhurst Road, Yaldhurst 7676. To register please email [Emily.Toase@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Emily.Toase@ccc.govt.nz)

## **CALENDAR 2017**

9 February	'Team Up' evening 7.00-7.45pm
15 February	School photos
20 February	S1 – Sailing at Lake Rua S4 – River crossing at Lake Rua
20 – 22 February	N2 & N3 – Camp at Orton Bradley
21 February	N1 – Sailing at Lake Rua N4 – River crossing at Lake Rua R2 & R3 – Quail Island visit
22 February	H2 – Sailing at Lake Rua H3 – River crossing at Lake Rua S1 & S4 – Quail Island visit
22 – 24 February	S2 & S3 – Camp at Orton Bradley
23 February	N1 & N4 – Quail Island visit
24 February	H2 & H3 – Quail Island visit
27 February	R2 – Sailing at Lake Rua R3 – River crossing at Lake Rua
27 February – 1 March	H1 & H4 – Camp at Orton Bradley
28 February	S4 – Sailing at Lake Rua S1 – River crossing at Lake Rua
1 March	N4 – Sailing at Lake Rua N1 – River crossing at Lake Rua
1 March – 3 March	R1 & R4 – Camp at Orton Bradley
2 March	H3 – Sailing at Lake Rua H2 – River crossing at Lake Rua
3 March	R3 – Sailing at Lake Rua R2 – River crossing at Lake Rua
11 March	PTA car boot sale
13 March	CSIS swimming sports
13 – 17 March	Parent/Teacher interviews
27 March	Inter school duathlon
13 April	<b>Last Day Term 1</b>
1 May	<b>First Day Term 2</b>