



Christchurch South Intermediate

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Newsletter (Panui)

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

The North Canterbury earthquake, that woke many of us just after midnight on Monday morning, left us all shocked and once again in awe of the incredible power of the natural forces that have ironically shaped the rugged beauty of our country.

While our thoughts were immediately with those directly affected by the earthquake and widespread aftershocks, it wasn't long before we started to deal with our own implications. These included facing evacuation from coastal areas, uncertainty about school, work, exams, not being able to make contact with loved ones, lack of sleep, fear and anxiety.

Quickly we saw, experienced and participated in, demonstrations of people supporting and looking after each other and we were horrified by news of looters. People worked hard in the hours that followed to keep life as normal as possible because we know this helps in a time of crisis.

I talked about this at our assembly on Tuesday. I thanked the students and staff for their efforts, in trying circumstances, to support each other to get life back to normal as soon as possible. I suggested a few things they could continue to do to help each other:

- Smile.
- Include others in conversations, games and activities.
- Be patient and remember our manners.
- Apologise – when stressed we might be more likely to make mistakes so take responsibility.
- Keep things in perspective – don't let little things become big issues.
- And ... smile.

After the assembly a couple of staff members shared poems about smiling. Here is one that I hope gives you a lift and that you enjoy.

A SMILE

A SMILE costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A SMILE craves happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a SMILE. Give them one of yours, as none needs a SMILE so much as he who has no more to give.

Author unknown

Our thoughts continue to be with those who have to face the dramatic changes to their lives brought on by the sudden devastation of Monday morning's earthquakes, and all the aftershocks that follow.

Ngā mihi nui

Ross Hastings



Principal

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.

Congratulations

To **Bella Gruindelingh** who competed at the New Zealand Gynsports Championships. She came 2nd Overall in Rhythmic Gymnastics. She came 1st in her Rope routine and 3rd in her Free Routine, earning herself a gold, silver and bronze medals. She is a national champion! Well done Bella.



To **Harrison Craythorne** who competed in the New Zealand National Taekwondo champs held in Christchurch. Harrison won a silver in sparring for his weight and grade. He also won x2 bronze medals in teams and pairs poomsae. Harrison also fought at the South Island Champs in Blenheim and won x4 silver medals and a bronze medal. Well done Harrison.



To **Emily Cropp** who compete at the South Island Regional competition for Taekwondo at Labour Weekend. Emily added x1 gold, x1 silver and x2 bronze medals to her growing collection and was selected to compete in an individual poomsae-play off. Well done Emily.



To **Hana Hollister** who achieved a good pass in her Grade Four violin exam. Well done Hana

Absence

If your child is unwell, unable to attend school or is going to be 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 or enter the absent via 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

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.

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.

Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to Jeremy Kinley, Monty Kemp, Julius Hlavac and Alana Topping who have each been awarded scholarships for 2017 from their respective secondary schools. Jeremy has won a General Excellence Scholarship for Christs' College. Monty Kemp and Julius Hlavac have won Leadership Scholarships from Cashmere High School and Alana Topping has been awarded a Sport Scholarship for Cashmere High School.

ICAS Spelling, Science and Digital Technologies Results

We had 68 students sit the ICAS Mathematics exam and 60 students sit the ICAS English exam this year. To receive a Merit Certificate students need to score in the top 50% of all students in the NZ and Pacific region, Credit - top 30%, Distinction - top 10% and High Distinction - Top 1%. Congratulations to all students who sat these exams.

Year 7 Mathematics

Merit – Jesse Beeforth, Gemma Quigley,

Credit – Jayden Olsen, Tyler Brown, Zain Gould, Trelise Harrison, Tom Strong, Harry Weston

Distinction – Emily Cropp, Ethan Doughty, Ben Higgins, Sam Le Lievre, Annabel Morison, Fergus Ord, Mason Youngman

Year 7 English

Merit – Tara Gregg

Credit – Jayden Olsen, Emily Cropp, Madeleine Simons, George Thompson

Distinction – Isabelle Bowen, Ethan Doughty, Ben Higgins, Same le Lievre, Annabel Morison, Fergus Ord, Leah Parfitt, Elise Stockman

High Distinction – Jack Gunn

Year 8 Mathematics

Merit - Tessa Bennett, James Clelland, Zoe Ferfolja, Amelie Mackay, Jayden Rosanowski, Kan Shin, Jacob Stevenson,

Credit – Lauren Bennett, Scarlett Bown, Benjamin Crisp, Cory Dean, George Gearry, Vaughan Harris, Ethan Howard, Amelia Kirkness, Matthew Phillips, Bradley Robins, Sophia Rutherford

Distinction – Harrison Craythorne, Sophie Hartshaw, Julius Hlavac

High Distinction – Ryan Hamilton

Year 8 English

Merit – Shifa Ahmed, Lauren Bennett, Francesca Bryant-Brown, Henry Collecutt, Zoe Ferfolja, Natasha Frame, Kate Lyall, Alex Traylen

Credit – Tyla Boyd, Ciara Foley, Anna Gibbs, Julius Hlavac, Ethan Howard, Jeremy Kinley, Amelie Mackay, Elise Mann, Lilianne Nicholl, Jacob Stevenson

Distinction – Scarlett Bown, Henry Clathworthy, Harrison Craythorne, George Gearry, Ryan Hamilton, Emma McLean, Sophia Rutherford,

High Distinction – Amelia Kirkness, Ludo Paris,

ICAS Spelling Year 8 Results

In the last newsletter we printed that Amelia Kirkness received a credit result in the spelling exam. This was a misprint, Amelia received a High Distinction result. Well done Amelia.

Broadgreen/South Exchange



During the last week of Term 3, 90 students from Broadgreen Intermediate in Nelson, were welcomed into our school for 4 days of excitement, fun, sharing, not to mention competition! The visiting students were hosted by South families and returned home with many enjoyable tales of their trip. The event has been happening for 42 years and is said to be one of the longest running exchanges in New Zealand.

It was a busy week, packed with cultural, social and sporting activities. South students once again demonstrated their true character by welcoming and supporting our visitors throughout the exchange. New friendships were forged and many Year 7 students are looking forward to the opportunity of travelling to Nelson next year. A fantastic week in our fantastic school!

Athletics Sports – 2016

For the first time in ages we have managed to complete our school sports on the allocated days due to good weather. On Tuesday, 1st November the Year 8's started us off with the Year 7's on Wednesday 2nd and Championship Day on Thursday 3rd. All students competed in high jump, shot put, discus, long jump, 1200m, hurdles and 100m on their respective days, with the children who excelled in particular events

competing on Championship Day. It was fantastic seeing all of the students taking part and trying their best.



There were some excellent results for some of our Year 8 students on Championship Day. In the boys Cornelius achieved three firsts, a second and a third. Joe achieved two seconds and three thirds. Avelima achieved two firsts and Zach achieved one first, two seconds and two thirds. In the girls, Phoebe achieved one first, a second and two thirds, Alyssa achieved two firsts and a third, Georgia two firsts and Sophia one first, a second and a third.

Not to be out done, some of our Year 7 students also achieved some excellent results. In the boys Jesse achieved three firsts, a second and two thirds. Noah achieved one first, two seconds and a third and Ben achieved a first and a third. In the girls Gracie achieved five firsts, Samantha achieved one first and three thirds and Gemma a first and a second.

Good luck to the students who will represent South at the inter-school competition in Ashburton this year. I am sure you will do yourself and us proud.

Congratulations to all who achieved placings –

Year 7 Girls

Discus

1 st	Gracie Pratten	21.08m
2 nd	Narada Kusiri	
3 rd	Sam McCloy	

Shot Put

1 st	Gracie Pratten	7.70m
2 nd	Jaze Jones	
3 rd	Samantha Ross	

Year 7 Boys

1 st	Ben Higgins	28.69m
2 nd	Jesse Beeforth	
3 rd	Alex Burrowes	

1 st	Hunter Ryan-Biddick	8.37m
2 nd	Will Anderson	
3 rd	Jesse Beeforth	

Long Jump

1st Gracie Pratten **3.90m**
2nd Delta Falconer
3rd Gemma Quigley

1st Jesse Beeforth **3.83m**
2nd Avishnal Chand
3rd Noah Smith

High Jump

1st Samantha Ross **1.25m**
2nd Jorja Loose
3rd Laura Phillips

1st Jesse Beeforth **1.50m**
2nd Noah Smith
3rd Dallas Crowe

Hurdles

1st Gemma Quigley **15.71s**
2nd Nadia Jayet
3rd Samantha Ross

1st Noah Smith **14.93s**
2nd Xavier Fidow
3rd Ben Higgins

1200m

1st Gracie Pratten **4.46s**
2nd Ita Salvado Lozano
3rd Nadia Jayet

1st Jesse Beeforth **4.15s**
2nd Noah Smith
3rd Tom Strong

100m Sprints

1st Gracie Pratten **14.44s**
2nd Gemma Quigley
3rd Samantha Ross

1st Hamish Judd **14.68s**
2nd Marcus Blair
3rd Jesse Beeforth

Year 8 Girls

Discus

1st Phoebe Watson **25.39m** 1st
2nd Sophia Rutherford
3rd Amelie Mackay

Year 8 Boys

Avelima Loua **26.62m**
2nd Joseph Waiti
3rd Cornelius Kaufuti

Shot Put

1st Georgia Fitzpatrick **10.10m**
2nd Phoebe Watson
3rd Sophia Rutherford

1st Avelima Loua **10.92m**
2nd Cornelius Kaufuti
3rd Zach Goldsmith

Long Jump

1st Alyssa Whinham **4.16m**
2nd Riana van Berkel
3rd Phoebe Watson

1st Cornelius Kaufuti **4.78m**
2nd Joesph Waiti
3rd Zach Goldsmith

High Jump

1 st =	Lose Faingaanuku	1.32m	1 st	Zach Goldsmith	1.55m
1 st	Sophia Rutherford		2 nd	Oliver Smith	
3 rd	Phoebe Watson		3 rd	Joseph Waiti	

Hurdles

1 st	Georgia Brown	15.12s	1 st	Cornelius Kaufuti	12.77s
2 nd	Lucie Chretien		2 nd	Zach Goldsmith	
3 rd =	Amelie Mackay		3 rd	Joseph Waiti	
3 rd	Victoria Venkataya				

1200m

1 st	Alyssa Whinham	4.26s	1 st	Oscar Owen	4.05s
2 nd	Alana Topping		2 nd	Zach Goldsmith	
3 rd	Nicole Campbell		3 rd	Josh Podmore	

100m Sprints

1 st	Georgia Brown	13.66s	1 st	Cornelius Kaufuti	12.93s
2 nd	Emma Elston		2 nd	Noah Mauchline	
3 rd	Alyssa Whinham		3 rd	Joseph Waiti	

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival 2016



Christchurch South Massed Choir

A huge congratulations to the 102 students who took part in this year's Christchurch Schools' Music Festival at Horncastle Arena. The theme this year was 'All Creatures Great and Small', and included well-known songs such as 'The Bare Necessities', 'Joy to the World' and 'Circle of Life'.

Christchurch South was extremely well-represented, with 91 students in the massed choir, 10 students in Special Choir and 1 student in the orchestra. A special mention must go to the following five students who achieved their four-year medals: Monty Kemp, Julius Hlavac, Florence Nathan, Yuyu Saito and Anna Gibbs. It was also great to see three of our students act as MCs; well done to Yuyu Saito, Isobel Ford and Julius Hlavac - it can't have been easy addressing thousands of people each night!

Junior Theatre Sports Team



On Sunday 30th October our top Theatre Sports students competed in The Court Theatre Junior Theatre Sports Competition. We were up against year 9 and 10 students from Papanui High, St. Bedes and Avonside Girls' School.

In the 'blind' round we were given the game 'Shared Story' and the title 'The Angry Dog'. We were thrilled to gain the top score of the round - nine points. Things were looking good!

In the second round we chose to play 'Torture Puppets' and were given the ask-for of 'homework'. Again, we put in a strong performance and were still leading the competition at the end of the round.

With a 1.5 point lead going into the third and final round, we were cautiously optimistic that we might win the heat and get through to the final. We played 'Typewriter' and were given the title 'The Angry Dog'. Unfortunately, we lost out to Papanui High by just half a point.

At the end of the competition we had mixed feelings; we were very proud of our achievements (we were up against tough competition and had scored very highly!), but were also gutted to have been pipped to the post in the final round. Better luck next year, guys!

South Sharks Water Polo Success



South Sharks Respond to Coaching Advice

Congratulations to the South Sharks water polo team who finished 3rd in the B grade at the Canterbury Year 7/8 tournament. They demonstrated an "embracing challenge" attitude throughout the tournament, improving with each game. Their final game was a thriller with the Sharks scoring the winning goal in the final second of the game. This has been the first season of playing water polo for many of the team. A big thanks to coach Joh and other parents for their support.

Christchurch South Intermediate – Major Production 2016

With only a few weeks to go until our 2016 school production of 'Time Lord' hits the stage, why not check your calendar and choose a night to come and watch. Performances take place on:

Tuesday 29 November

Wednesday 30 November

Thursday 1 December

All performances start at 7.00 pm and tickets are now on sale.

But what is 'Time Lord' all about? Imagine what it would be like to travel back in time; to be able to visit any historical figure you liked from any era. Unbelievable? But this is exactly what happens to Molly, Harriet and Sam as they explore a rambling old house that's their new home and discover a hidden cupboard that's been sealed up for over 70 years. Inside the cupboard they discover an old board game called 'Time Lord' which leads them to meet a real Time Lord and go on an incredible journey into the past.

This amazing adventure story is bursting with catchy songs, fascinating characters and a healthy dose of comedy. On their journey the time

travellers meet some fantastic historical characters like Cleopatra, Beethoven, and Al Capone. Each of the historical figures gives the travellers a magical object. When combined, these objects give the holder incredible powers.

As in all adventure stories, danger lurks in every corner; the time travellers are being chased by a group of medieval warlocks who are determined to capture the objects and take over the world. Can the time travellers collect the objects ahead of the medieval warlocks, or will the evil powers gain control and take over the world? To find out, watch out for ticket information and secure your seats. We look forward to seeing you later this month!"

******* 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*

2016 TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday 1 February	-	Friday 15 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May	-	Friday 8 July
Term 3	Monday 25 July	-	Friday 23 September
Term 4	Monday 10 October	-	Friday 16 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.

Summer Writing School

January 16-20, 2017 10.00am to 3.00pm daily. Hagley Community College, Christchurch. Five days of writing with fabulous guest tutors. 1:1 mentor time. A chapbook launched on the last day. A selection of daily workshops including flash fiction, fantasy world building, song lyrics, slam poetry...Places strictly limited so be in quick to register your interest. More exciting details to come. Please register your interest here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPu5G9EeGW9hdCJnTFQtrFMW1N3CZC7bbycqV7_21_KNiL_Q/viewform?c=0&w=1

Reading and Writing Tuition

Alison Cross B.Ed., Dip. Teaching. 19 Riverview School (behind Thorrrington School). If interested please phone 332 4680 or text 027 374 5528

Community Bootmarket and Thorrrington School Kids Market

Saturday 26th November, 10am-12pm. Come along and join in the fantastic fun and entertainment at Thorrrington School, 22a Colombo St. There will be live music, a huge variety of stalls, games and activities, food, coffee and much, much more! If you would like to book a \$25 bootmarket site please email: bootmarket@thorrrington.ac.nz

Drum Lessons

Fun for all levels, from beginner to advanced. \$20 per half hour. Tutor with more than 20 years' experience, teaching most contemporary drumming styles. Phone Matt 960 8462 or 027 6771938

Starfish Swim School

Bookings for January holiday program are now open! Week one: 16th – 20th January. Week two: 23rd – 27th January. Cost is \$60 for the week. Email: info@starfishswimschool.co.nz or phone us at: 03 3381795. 2 Nash Road, Halswell

CALENDAR 2016

11 November	Canterbury Show Day – School Closed
22 November	Inter Intermediate Athletics – Ashburton
23 November	Music Soiree (Ngata Pod)
29 November – 1 December	Major Production
12 December	Reports home
13 December	Leavers' Dance
15 December	Year 7 Certificate Assembly 11.15am – 12.15pm Year 8 Certificate Assembly 1.00pm – 2.45pm
16 December	Final Assembly 11am – 12pm
16 December	Last day Term 4