



Week 6, Term 3, 26 August 2026



Kia ora, talofa lava, malo e lelei, 问候, namaste, 인사, 拜啓, mabuhay, bem vindo, fakalofa lahi atu, kia orana, kohomada, bula vinaka, huān yin, foon ying, marhaba, oso oseyo, olà, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!



Parent Group – Quiz Night

A huge thank you to Kathryn Jackson and the Parent Group for running an outstanding Quiz Night on Saturday 15 August. It was an evening full of fun and fabulous fundraising. We raised an outstanding \$12,500. Thank you to all who attended the evening and for all the generous donations. Our next Parent Group meeting is next Wednesday 2 September.

A huge thank you to our major event sponsor, Manas Nanda of Barfoot and Thompson Royal Oak.

Parent Group – Raffle Tickets – coming next week....

Look out for the notices about our annual raffle that will be going out next week – fabulous prizes to be won!!!!

Walking School Bus Hui Thursday 27 August 3pm in the Staffroom

Walking School Bus - Our Travelwise Leaders did a great job yesterday morning at the school gates promoting the Walking School Buses. If you're interested in finding out more about this fun, free and enviro-friendly programme, please join us tomorrow in the staffroom at 3pm.



Trees for Survival 2026

Last week our Year 6 Rōpū Taiao planted the 850 trees we have been nurturing at school over the past year, at a farm in Clevedon. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 Rōpū all contribute to caring for these trees and the Year 6 group plant them along waterway banks to improve water quality and biodiversity of plants, birds and insects. This year we returned to a farm after a few years of planting at a regional park. As well as experiencing planting along muddy banks and tracks, the students saw many farm animals and even patted and fed two lambs. The Rōpū Taiao students work tirelessly around the school and the TFS Programme is a great example of how their work makes a difference in our wider community. We will be receiving our next batch of seedlings to 'pot on' and nurture in

Term 4, ready for planting next year!

Thank you, Adam, Hannah, Ben, Laura, Dean, Bushra, Dan and Jen, for your excellent parent support. Also thank you to Charlotte from TFS and our hosts Stephanie and Ben for allowing our students on their farm and supplying a yummy sausage sizzle and sweet treats after the planting! A huge thank you to Whaea Robyn for the mahi that she puts into organising this each year.



Book Parade



Thursday 3rd September

Start time 11.45am

Family and friends, you are welcome to come and watch the children at the Book Parade. The tamariki will be parading with their class on the courts outside the Music Room, starting at 11.45am.

Children may come dressed as a character or something from a favourite book. Bring along the book

to share in class if possible.

During the week there will be multiple competitions the children can enter, organised by the Library Committee.

Second Hand Uniform Sale:

Our next second-hand uniform sale is Thursday 10 September, at the Chandler Ave gate at 8.30am.

Yummy School Sticker Promo

In Term 3 we will continue to collect Yummy stickers for the Yummy School Sticker Promo. Now into it's 28th Year, this initiative provides free sports gear to schools in NZ. Simply collect Yummy stickers, or 'cut-out labels' from 1.5kg bags and add them to your class's collection sheets. The more stickers we collect, the more gear we will get.



Attendance

Consistency gives children the best chance to understand their subjects deeply, remain engaged, and feel a sense of belonging. How You Can Help

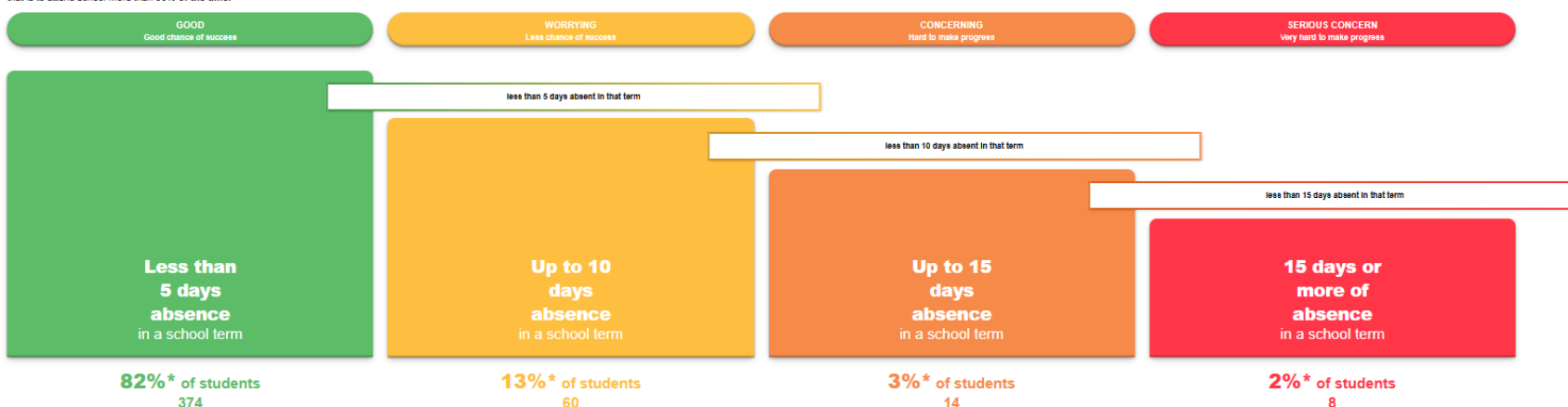
- Establish morning routines that reduce stress and support smooth transitions.
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Reach out to us if your child is having difficulty attending—we're here to support your family.

Please see the chart below for our most recent attendance data. This week we have 5% of our tamariki who have concerning attendance for this term so far – this is a great result this week!!! If your child is well, please ensure that they get to school each day. If they are unwell, please ensure that you keep them home and that you contact the school to let us know.

Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.



What's coming up?

Please do check the calendar in each newsletter as sometimes events do change.

Week 6	24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug 8am WSB hui with parents in the staffroom with Delia from AT.	28 Aug Sat 29 Aug TOM Regional finals
Week 7 BOOK WEEK	31 Aug Year 0 enrolments starting day PG Raffle out	1 Sep	2 Sep Parent Group Oaks Cross Country	3 Sep Book Parade	4 Sep School Assembly (Y5 & 6 Choir Performs)

Week 8	7 Sep	8 Sep Kids Sing 2026 Competition (7.30am - 1.00pm) Kids Sing Gala Concert (6.00pm for 6.30pm performance)	9 Sep	10 Sep Second Hand Uniform Sale Champion of Champions Gymnastics – Tristar Violin/Cello Reh. 3 - 4pm	11 Sep Sat 12 Sep TOM Nationals
Week 9 Te wiki o te reo Māori	14 Sep Year 0 enrolments starting day	15 Sep	16 Sep	17 Sep Violin/Cello Reh. 3 – 4pm Hui 5.30pm	18 Sep PG Raffle closes Sun 20 Sep String Programme Term 3 Recital – Parkside Village 2.30 for 3.00pm Concert
Week 10 Keep NZ Beautiful Week (Lead by Rōpū Taiao leaders)	21 Sep Board Meeting 6pm	22 Sep PG Raffle drawn Zone Cross-Country (TBC) Acorns' Cross Country	23 Sep Clean up around the school and local community (afternoon)	24 Sep Saving day for school / community cleanup	25 Sep School Assembly

Board Meeting:

Our next Board meeting is on, **Monday 21 September 2026** at **6.00pm**. You are always most welcome to attend.

Ngā mihi nui



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Community Notices



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Photos from last week!





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Kia mataara!
Be alert!

Safety at the school gate

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone. Parking correctly helps everyone stay safe. Thank you for doing your part!



A few ways you can help to keep our children safe



Park legally to ensure visibility for children



Slow down, be aware and prepare to stop. Children are unpredictable



Stop and give way to pedestrians at crossings



Use the crossing where available

Infringement fee for parking on:	- a broken yellow line.....\$100 - a footpath.....\$70 - a marked bus stop, bus lane, transit or cycle lane.....\$100 - a clearway.....\$100
or	- within 0.5m of a fire hydrant.....\$70 - within 1m of a driveway.....\$70 - within 6m of a bus stop sign.....\$70 - within 6m of an intersection.....\$100 - within 6m of pedestrian crossing.....\$100 - being double parked.....\$100 - blocking other road users and pedestrians.....\$100




For more information scan the QR code or visit at.govt.nz/times-and-infringements



Teach your child to swim with us



Learning to swim is a vital life skill for enjoyment and survival. At St Cuthbert's Swim School we offer swimming lessons in state-of-the-art facilities for Baby, Preschool and School Age Children - weekday mornings, afternoons and weekends

Baby and Preschool lessons

Our Baby, Preschool and Beginner lessons are held in our small private learner's pool. This is set to a higher temperature than our main pool, its UV-treated water means reduced chlorine levels and fewer irritants for young, sensitive skin and eyes.

School Age lessons and Squads

Once children have built up their swimming confidence they can move to our larger 20 x 25 metre swimming pool. Swimming lessons at school age focus on developing a sound technical swimming base so your child is confident with different strokes. When they reach a proficient level in all their strokes they can move up to our 1 hour Swim Squads.

GET IN TOUCH

For bookings or to make an appointment to visit our facilities:
Phone: 09 520 8272
Email: swimbookings@stcuthbertsschool.nz
Address: 122 Market Road, Epsom, (inside College grounds).
 Parking in underground carpark off Market Road and Puriri Ave.
Website: www.stcuthbertsswimschool.co.nz



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 PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Free Fun Art Activities for the Family

This spring, Ngā Hapori Ngaruru is teaming up with Squiggla for a series of creative art community pop-up events right here in Onehunga.

Ngā Hapori Ngaruru is all about growing connection between neighbours – less about plans and reports, and more about people, relationships, local ideas, and getting folks mixing through things happening in their own neighbourhood. Squiggla is the community art arm of the Chartwell Trust, and they're all about making art playful and open to everyone. Together we're bringing free creative sessions to a space near you.

There are two kinds of get-togethers:

Pop-ups — drop in any time, add your mark to the big collaborative artwork, and wander on whenever you like.

Workshops — a slightly more structured couple of hours to make your own sensory map of the neighbourhood, alongside others from your community.

WHEN & WHERE

Onehunga:

- Sat 5 Sept, 11am–2pm — Onehunga Community Centre, 83 Church Street (*pop-up*)
- Sat 12 Sept, 11:15am–2:15pm — Onehunga Community House, 83 Selwyn Street (*workshop*)
- Sat 26 Sept, 11am–2pm — Laka Art Gallery, 169 Onehunga Mall (*pop-up*)
- Sat 10 Oct, 11am–2pm — The Chartwell Trust / Squiggla, 4 Princes Street (*workshop + wrap-up celebration & gallery visit*)

Good to know

- It's free!
- All ages welcome – tamariki under 14 just need to bring a grown-up along.
- No experience needed to join in – just come and give it a go.
- Bring a friend, a neighbour, or the whole whānau.

RSVP so we know how many to expect (and how many snacks to bring!): <https://form.jotform.com/262277362703862>

Ngā mihi maioha,

Ngā Hapori Ngaruru & Squiggla crew