



# Newsletter

Wisdom begins with Wonder



Week 2 Term 2 2026

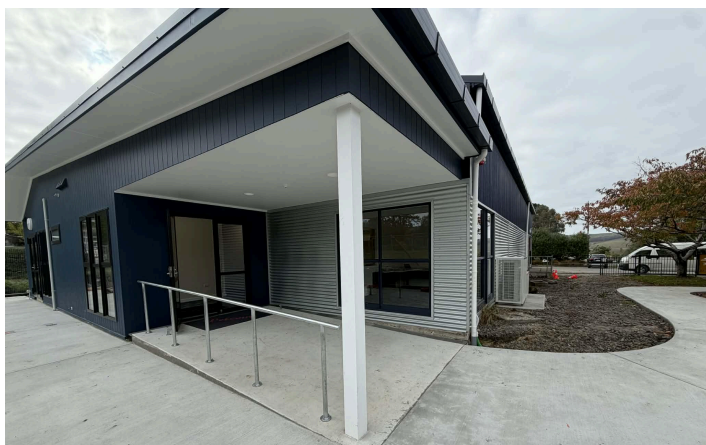
Thursday 30 April

## Principal Korero

Wow, it doesn't feel like we've had an opportunity to catch our breath yet! We're still in a state of 'unpack' as we slowly move into our new administration space while trying to do school. That being said, the new space is great, warm, light, and fresh. Deciding on how to best use the new spaces will be challenging, and there will need to be some serious decluttering and minimising happening before we can fully settle in.

There is also some major remediation work to occur so that the surroundings are returned to a functional, safe, and usable state. Landscaping will add to the aesthetics. We're also excited by the fact that the Hall is now fit for purpose. While slightly smaller, it now has improved access, toilets, and some significant heat pumps for winter and summer. We look forward to our community using this fantastic facility.

There are plans for a couple of school events this term, including the formal opening. Once confirmed, we will invite friends, whānau, and the community.



## Leadership

We are super impressed with our Student Leaders. They are shining, planning and leading whole school activity afternoons with aplomb. Our Enviro Leaders have been meeting with Ms M to brainstorm some projects, and I'm excited by their enthusiasm. The Sports Leaders will be assisting with preparation for the Elsthorpe 5's, and the Cultural Leaders will be assisting with our Marae visit and upcoming opportunities to welcome visitors to school. The great thing is that since our initial tranche of leaders was appointed, more are stepping up, and it's only a matter of time before they are recognised.

Pukehou Whānau and Friends are generously supporting our leaders to attend the National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) in Palmerston North on June 3rd, where they will be inspired by some exceptional motivational speakers!



*Dirmar, Cara, Kayla, Kaoru, Maja, and Cleodie (Jaxon absent) were presented with their Leaders' tops today. Super proud!*

## Thank you, Sport HB

We were fortunate enough to receive a Tū Manawa Grant from Sport HB to purchase two new basketball hoop systems. We have some passionate ballers who contributed their voice to the successful application. The hoops have had lots of use already, and I'd also like to thank Franek and Jaxon for their assistance in the assembly of the systems!

## Assembly Awards



Mrs Strong awarded Class Certificates to welcome Richard and recognise Stella for her fantastic attitude and effort with Maths, and Jaxon for his Leadership and Tuakana-teina.



Ms M awarded Class Certificates to Carter and Bobby to recognise the awesome effort they have both been putting in with their learning.



Mr P presenting Principal Awards to Hugo and Ditmar for being great Kaitiaki who care for our environment.



## WORKING BEE

The Board are planning for a Working Bee on SUNDAY 17th May. We'd love to see you here. More information will be sent home.

## Education Review Office - ERO

We're looking forward to welcoming ERO into our great little school in Week 5, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th of May. Our Evaluative Partner (Reviewer) is Kathi Harris, and we will welcome her with a mihi whakatau on the first morning.

It has been a good opportunity to reflect on all the things we do here at school as the team, staff, and Board have worked through the School Improvement Framework. As part of the process, Kathi will speak to the team, the students, and hopefully parents and families.

## Minivan Update!!

We have purchased a minivan, which is fantastic news! Thanks to Byron for all the work behind the scenes coordinating this. It should arrive next week sometime, but we want to make sure we get it branded and ready for the road before launching it!!



## CHB Technology

Super impressed with our senior Year 7-8 students. With Technology now being delivered at CHB College, they are shining!! Here are the staff comments from the last two sessions 😊

*Your students were ALL outstanding today. Beautiful manners, sense of Manaaki and a fine committee to all of their tasks. They were motivated and keen, with a high standard of mahi being produced in both rooms. Hard to pick standouts, but Richard is settling in, Lucca, Cara and Cloedie all shining.*

*Another shining day from ALL of your students at Tech today. They were settled, focused, great listeners and contributing – and happy in their mahi. Really great games completed. In the Foods Room, they made wraps two ways and Wellness Bowls with their own hummus. Demolished. Hard to choose stars, but Lucca, Jaxon, and Cara really stood out for application.*

## Attendance

Below is a summary of our Term 1 attendance. Attendance remains a focus, and we are committed to working together to improve attendance to meet the aspirational target of 80% of students regularly attending more than 90% of the time. As can be seen, we have some work to do. When looking at the data, 46% of absences were for medical reasons, and 25% were justified under school policy. Reducing the remaining 29% of absences would make a significant difference.

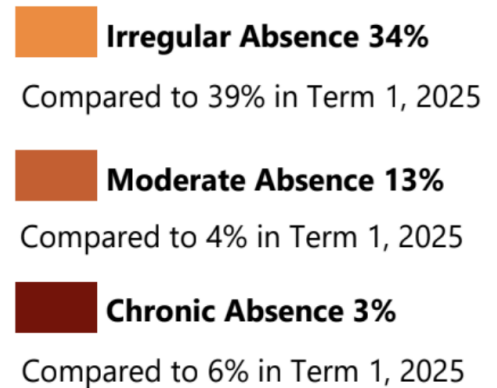
The value of regular attendance can't be understated. When children are away from school, not only do they miss key chunks of learning, which are often difficult to make up, but they also miss the opportunity to connect with their friends and classmates to maintain and strengthen relationships. Learning is social.

### How many students regularly attended school this term?






 Regular Attendance

# 50%

Compared to 52% in Term 1, 2025



### What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

-  (M) Illness / Medical Absence 46%
-  (J) Explained and Approved 25%
-  (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 17%
-  (T) Unexplained / Trivial 4%
-  (?) Unknown (Temporary) 4%

### How many students were on time to class?

**100%** of students are arriving on-time regularly (i.e. over 90% of the time)



*Seasons for Growth is a programme run by Growing Through Grief. It is for tamariki (and adults) who have experienced, change, loss and grief. The educational programme aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children who are dealing with significant life changes such as separation, death, moving school/home, parent in prison, illness and other changes impacting on daily life.*

*If you would like your child to be considered, or to know more - please contact Sally - 021 751 814 or email [gtgcentralhb@acw.org.nz](mailto:gtgcentralhb@acw.org.nz)*

**Māori roll or**



**general roll?**

Make your choice by  
midnight, 6 August 2026

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Kei a tātou  
te mana  
Our choice has mana

ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION  
TE Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
(Check updates on the HERO Calendar)

**MAY**

Mon 4th	Star Wars Day
Tues 5	CHB College Open Day - Yr 8's
Thurs 7	Marae Visit - Maori Hui
Mon 11	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 pm
Wednes 13	ASSEMBLY @ 2.10 pm. All welcome.
Thurs 14	Yr 7 / 8 Technology
Fri 15	Elsthorpe 5's
	<b>PINK</b> shirt day - <i>Stop Bullying</i>
Sun 17	WORKING BEE

**Our Kids Online** with Rob Cope

**2-Minute Tuesdays -  
Parenting Tips and Tricks!**



**“How to Turn Your Kids' Bad Day into a Good Day”.**

Sometimes our kids get stuck in a funk, and no matter how hard we try, they seem determined to have a bad day! But here's a simple way to help turn things around.

If we can teach our children from a young age that, no matter what happens, they always have the power to choose their response, we're setting them up for lifelong resilience and stronger mental health.

Learning that we are responsible for how we navigate life is one of the most valuable lessons we can give them.

**Viktor E. Frankl** captured this idea beautifully in **Man's Search for Meaning:** "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

Helping our kids understand this now will empower them to face life's challenges with strength, grace, and confidence.

[https://youtu.be/\\_aPxntb322A](https://youtu.be/_aPxntb322A)



**At what age should I give my kid a phone?**

It's one of the biggest parenting decisions today!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8n-ecuo07tg&t=1s>



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• **Embrace: Neurodiversity for Parents – Central Hawke's Bay**

- Our eight-week programme for parents and caregivers of neurodiverse tamariki offers tools, strategies, and support to create calmer, more connected whānau life.
- **When:** Begin Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May
- **Where:** Weave Hawke's Bay, Waipukurau
- **Cost:** Free, registrations are essential

• **Embrace: Neurodiversity for Tamariki – Central Hawke's Bay**

- An eight-week programme for neurodiverse tamariki aged 9-12 years old that supports the building of confidence, understanding of their feelings, and strengthening of social / emotional skills.
- **When:** Begin Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May
- **Where:** Weave Hawke's Bay, Waipukurau
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eZlunch.

## Fresh, Easy Lunches

Delivered to School!



Order at [mykindo.co.nz](http://mykindo.co.nz)

### Term 2 Lunch dates:

**Dominos** ~ the following Thursdays

14 May 11 June 2 July

**Pita Pit** ~ the following Wednesdays

27 May 24 June

Mary's inspired guidance through child development is a series of lightbulb moments. Devastating and pragmatic support for all parents.  
— Mary Willow

## Breaking Through

How to Rescue Childhood and Heal the Parent-Child Relationship

MARY WILLOW

### Book Release Announcement!

'[Breaking Through](#) How to Rescue Childhood and Heal the Parent-Child Relationship' by Mary Willow of Plum Parenting will be released as a book/e-book by Bateman Books to all bookstores on **June 1st 2026**. Please visit [PlumParenting.com](http://PlumParenting.com) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) for pre-order and all information on this much-anticipated book.