

Christchurch Explorers welcomes new members from the Canterbury Region.

To join our group of 'like-minded' children, please attach evidence that at least one child in the family has intellectual or creative ability in the top 5% of the population. Please note that some children may not be performing in the top 5% at present in a classroom environment, but this is not a barrier to joining if you have alternative evidence of giftedness.

Evidence of Giftedness can be provided in one or more of the following ways:

1. IQ test or other psychological assessment
2. Parent or Teacher recommendation. This will include a letter from pre-school/ school or parent with specific information about the child's learning, social behaviour and development indicating ability in the top 5%.

Information could include a combination of the following:

- Reached developmental milestones very early (or very late e.g., speaking in complex sentences at three after not using much in the way of single word utterances); and
 - Complex play patterns; and
 - PAT (done in most schools after age of 6), assTTle, or other educational assessment; and
 - Reading age (demonstrating comprehension at least 2 years ahead of actual age); and
 - Exceptional creative thinking/work; and
 - Any other relevant information demonstrating an area of outstanding aptitude or competence.
3. Membership at a recognized special ability or accelerant programme, such as:
 - One Day School, Small Poppies, Gifted Kids Programme and GATE;
 - Membership at another branch or similar organisation with similar criteria

Please supply evidence of giftedness as an attachment.

Parents or Guardians (please print)	
Name	Name
Address	Address
Post Code	Post Code
Phone	Phone
Email	Email
Occupation	Occupation
Relationship to child.	Relationship to child.

Children			
The whole family may be involved in Explorers activities once membership of a single child is accepted. Please list all the children in your family, from eldest to youngest. If surnames are different from parents please indicate correct surname.			
Name (known by)	Date of Birth	M/F	School Currently Attending

Privacy Policy:

We collect the information on the attached form to enable us to operate our organisation, deliver services and keep in contact with our members. We will send you regular emails advising you of our services. We will post Tall Poppies to the address you nominate on this form. We will send you reminders if your membership is not current in any future years so you have the opportunity to continue to be a financial member.

From time to time NZAGC needs information to support statistical research, lobbying and other purposes relevant to the aims of the organisation. This information will be used in such a way that individual members/children will not be identified. NZAGC occasionally has requests from professionals/parents seeking members in their area. We will send any such requests for contact to you by email and allow you to determine if you wish to respond.

We will take photographs of children at Explorers events as part of group activities and may include these photographs in Tall Poppies, in promotion of our events to the community, in our local magazine to members or on the local or national website - but we will not name any children unless you give us express permission to do so. **If you do not want your children included in any photographs at all please note that below and advise us at club day events so we can avoid taking photographs of your children wherever reasonably possible.**

NZAGC has a discussion forum where issues affecting gifted children are discussed. You will be sent email communications from this forum and can comment on these if you wish. If you do not wish to continue to receive the forum communications you can "unsubscribe" from this feature.

Important Note! Parents' Responsibilities

You are responsible for your children and any children in your care at Explorers events. Christchurch Explorers is not responsible for any of your children regardless of age at any time during any activities e.g. club days & camps. Christchurch Explorers wants to offer a range of activities that will interest our diverse membership. Some of these activities will require more parental supervision than others and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that they are fully aware of all safety procedures, attend any safety briefings offered in relation to a particular activity, and to ensure the children adhere to all rules and act in the interests of their own safety and the safety of others. Parents must supervise all their own children regardless of age at all times as Christchurch Explorers will not be held liable for your safety or your children's safety during activities. I/we agree to the above and will be fully responsible for our children and any children we might have in our/my care during all Christchurch Explorers activities.

I agree to the Privacy Policy and Parent Responsibilities - Signed.

How did you hear about Christchurch Explorers?

- Regular school/preschool Specialist school/preschool Health professional Web Site/internet Search
- Media Friend/family Psychologist/assessor Other (please give details)

Christchurch Explorers is a voluntary organisation run by members for members. Therefore, you will sometimes be required to help with activities. Please indicate particular areas where you could help. It can be great fun.

- Library Lobbying Committee Magazines Teenage programme Camp organisation Funding Web Site
- Administration Activity/Conference planning Afternoon tea for club days

Other hobbies / skills you have that may be useful to Christchurch Explorers:

Payment

Christchurch Explorers 2016 membership fee: \$70.00 (\$35.00 1 September - 31 December) or \$74 internationally. This includes national membership and a subscription to Tall Poppies magazine. Payment can be made electronically to our Westpac bank account – and you should include your family name as the identifier.

Westpac Bank: Canterbury Explorers: 03 1707 0187336-00

Return this form to **Canterbury Explorers c/o Membership Secretary, PO Box 33 251, Barrington, Christchurch 8244** or scan the signed form and return to membership@canterburyexplorers.org.nz Please note here the date you banked the membership fee. / /2016

If for some reason your application is not accepted, your funds will be returned.

For more information about joining Christchurch Explorers please contact membership@canterburyexplorers.org.nz

For office use only:

Evidence supplied: []

By Whom:

Received:

Date Approved (if different):

Subscription paid: \$

Explorers database membership no.:

NZAGC notified: []

Newsletter sent: []