

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our school athletics due to the weather. At this stage, the week's forecast looks terrible so we will have to wait for a break in the weather, and for the ground to dry out, before we can hold this event. We will keep you updated with any decisions that are made.

At this stage there is still Cluster Athletics on Friday in Hunterville. Again, the forecast for this day isn't flash so we will have to wait and see what happens.

Thank you to those of you who have given us feedback about our uniforms. We have actually found a supplier in Palmerston North who can provide the same products for a slightly cheaper price. Therefore, we will switch our supplier to them immediately. From now on we are going to hold a couple of each size of each item of uniform here at school so that instead of placing an order and waiting, we should be able to provide you with the item immediately. In the case of us not having a particular size here at school, the turn around should only be a week (except for polar fleeces which may still take up to three weeks). This is a big improvement on the delivery time from our previous supplier.

Polo tees are \$25.00, shorts \$22.00, skort \$26.00, trousers \$27.00, and the polar fleece is \$47.00.

As we go into winter, please be aware that the children will require a warm top over their uniform and this should be our school polar fleece. The children look considerably smarter in uniform and we would like to see children wearing these fleeces instead of their own non-uniform tops. Children may require a couple of polo tees given that during the winter months laundry may take longer to dry. However, the fabric that ours are made of will dry overnight if hung inside over a chair in a warm room, or in the hot water cupboard.

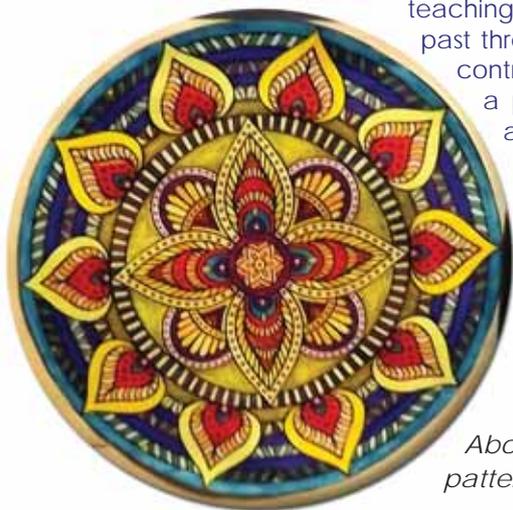
Thank you for your understanding with this issue. I am sure that you will no doubt agree that having all children in the school uniform only makes us look a lot smarter and the children take pride in their school.

I would like to congratulate Samantha Colville. She has been teaching at Clifton School for the past three years on a fixed term contract. Last week, she won a permanent position here at Clifton and we look forward to her continuing to teach here in the future.

Have a good week, and dodge the rain the best you can!

**Adrian Burn, Principal**

Above: A sample of pattern art by Room 7.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday 7 April.....Cluster athletics (subject to weather)
- .....Presentation Assembly at 2pm
- Thursday 13 April.....End of term 1
- Friday 14 April.....Good Friday
- Monday 17 April.....Easter Monday
- Monday 1 May.....Start of term 2
- Friday 7 July.....End of term 2
- Monday 24 July.....Start of term 3
- Friday 29 September.....End of term 3
- Monday 16 October.....Start of term 4
- Friday 15 December.....End of term 4

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kyla (Rm5) celebrates her 9th birthday on Wednesday, and Ella (Rm4) will be 8 on Friday.

Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.  
Wishing you many happy returns of the day.

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Korbyn Hirst for being a great friend to others.

ROOM 2: Joel Stickle for being a great help in the garden, and for his fabulous story about watering the garden.

ROOM 3: Cade Roux De Buisson for his awesome work with spelling.

ROOM 4: Ryley Herdson for his amazing story writing.

ROOM 5: Luuk Bundle for showing perseverance in reaching his long distance running goals.

ROOM 7: Dante Davis-Smith for effort in improving his handwriting.

ROOM 8: Imani Gerasimov-Graham for his help with the Chrome Books.

## Playing hockey this season?

Those children that have said they are interested have been given registration forms today to take home. Please complete then return the forms to the school office by this Thursday.

## Check the lost property bin before the end of term

The lost property bin by the staffroom is overflowing with fleeces, jackets, socks, shoes and other assorted items. If your child is missing something, please check the bin.

## School holidays a good time to treat nits

Nits aren't going to go away by themselves! In fact, there is evidence that they have been enjoying snacking on human scalps since ancient Egyptian times. Some parents have been actively treating their children only to have them re-infested by untreated classmates. Please check your child's hair and scalp these holidays. If you see evidence of nits, either live little critters or their eggs, then please treat with one of the numerous options available from your pharmacist or doctor. If these are too expensive, there are many alternatives that you can try using common household items, for example, the New Zealand Kidspot website suggests the cheap conditioner and comb cure for headlice.

What you need to know before you begin:

- Wear gloves.
- All combs should soak in hot water and disinfectant after use.
- Lice die in hot water at 60C in 30 seconds.
- Scrub the combs and check that they are clean before reuse.
- Try to use a very fine comb, and after use you will need to scrub it with an old hard toothbrush and perhaps a pin or dental floss used to remove eggs caught in the base of the comb. Check in good light that the job is done properly.

It does need to be followed precisely to be effective:

- Apply plain white conditioner liberally to dry hair.
- Cover scalp to the ends of the hair.
- De-tangle hair with regular comb – if you do it with the nit comb straight away, your child will squeal and never co-operate again!
- Leave conditioner in hair for five minutes
- Separate hair into sections.
- Comb through with the fine comb.
- Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a tissue and look for lice and eggs (nits).
- Remove all nits to assure total lice treatment.
- Rinse conditioner from hair and clean the fine comb in accordance with instructions above.
- Repeat this if active cases of head lice reappear. They do come back! Check your child's hair regularly.



Above: Thank you to Mrs Whitehouse's mum, Mrs Caldwell, who came in last week to show Clifton kids how to bake chocolate cake. Tegan and Olivia (above) enjoyed the result!



Right: Mr Harnett and Kohere work on their wood working skills.

Below: Portrait art by Room 8 students.



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