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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Isn't it nice to see some sun after the past week that we have had? Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the extra day off last week. It showed that, on the whole, our communication system here at Clifton seems to work effectively.

Just a reminder that in situations like this, the school Facebook page, Friends of the school Facebook page and the schoolApp are the most reliable forms of communication. Samantha Colville, Heidi Macaulay and myself will pass on the information. We may also use text messages sometimes, or ask others to text people for contacts that we may not have.

It is a good reminder to sign up for the School App if you have a smartphone and haven't signed up already. To do so follow the steps below:

- Go to your App Store or Google Play
- Search for School App by Snapp
- Select the one with this icon....→
- Download this to your phone.
- Open it and go through the instructions, search for Clifton School (Bulls) and select this option.



The App is a great way of communication for the school and enables you to send texts for absences as well as read the latest newsletter. If you have any difficulties with loading this on your phone, then please feel free to come and see me and I may be able to help.

Have a great week and we hope that the second cyclone that is forecast over the next few days stays away.

Have a good Easter and a refreshing break with your family. See you all on Monday 1 May for the start of Term 2.

Adrian Burn, Principal



The weather today is raining. It feels so freezing cold that you might turn into an ice-block. I don't like the rain because we can't play outside on the playground. Rain is so boring. It makes me feel sad.  
By Ella



The weather today is rainy and cloudy. The weather today sounds like pitter patter pitter patter. The weather feels very cold. The weather today looks like it is going to hail very hard. The weather feels so cold I might turn into an ice-block. The weather might stay like this for a week or two. It makes me feel bored and happy.  
By Emma

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 13 April.....	End of term 1
.....	OSCAR survey due back at 9:00am
.....	Muffi Day, House Colours
.....	Clifton School Senior Athletics Day
Friday 14 April.....	Good Friday
Monday 17 April.....	Easter Monday
Tuesday 25 April.....	ANZAC Day
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!

Te Ao Marama (Rm7) will be 10 this Thursday and Kyla (Rm7) will be 11 on Saturday. On Monday 17th, Preston (Rm7) will be 10, and on Tuesday 18th, Gilbie (Rm7) also turns 10. Thursday 27th April, Arapeta and Phillimone (Rm3) will both be 7. On Monday 1 May, Dante (Rm7) will turn 10.

Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.

Wishing you many happy returns of the day.

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Owen Berg-McKinnon for a great start at Clifton School.

ROOM 2: RJ Lafoia for fabulous all-round enthusiasm and progress in all areas of learning.

ROOM 3: Devon Uncles for working hard on his reading skills and strategies.

ROOM 4: Vernelia Lafoia for her growing confidence in learning and sharing in front of an audience.

ROOM 5: Evander Tupai for sharing his wonderful personal memory (see next page for his recount).

ROOM 7: Montana Doorey for amazing progress in maths.

ROOM 8: Corbyn Quader for his improved focus in all areas of his learning.

## MUFTI DAY FOR LAST DAY OF TERM!

Children can wear mufti for the last day of term, ie, this Thursday. Come dressed in your house colours - Kahurangi, Kakariki, Kowhai or Whero (gold coin to your teacher, please).

### Clifton School Senior Athletics this Thursday...

...weather permitting. The programme will start at 10:30am and run until 1:00pm. Please ensure that children have suitable clothing, shoes, etc., and enough water and food for the day.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us and support the children.

### Don't forget to check and treat for 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. This was printed in full in last week's newsletter - if you missed it go to:

<http://www.kidspot.co.nz/familyhealth/Healthy-Living-Top-ways-to-get-rid-of-head-lice+2488+164+article.htm>

### ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25 April 2017

Clifton School children are invited to join Mrs Dear and Mrs Whitehouse at the Bulls Cenotaph at 5:40am on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

Children should be in full school uniform, please.

### Maybe we can help

We have noticed that some children have been absent from school quite a lot over term 1.

If you are having trouble with providing school lunches or breakfast before school and are keeping your child home because of this, then please contact us as we may be able to help.

It is important that kids come to school to learn and we would much rather help with breakfast or lunch than have them miss out on the day's learning.

Please talk to your child's teacher or Mr Burn in full confidence if we can help.



### A Happy Family Memory by Evander Tupai

One of my favourite memories is my uncle taking me fishing in Samoa. My uncle lives behind my house. Behind my uncle's house is a stream with eels in it. One morning, my uncle came and picked me up to go fishing in the stream behind his house.

The eels were hiding because they hate people. Sometimes they jump out and bite people. We jump in the water and stamp our feet to make the eels come out. There are holes in the ground where the eels live and hide. When the eel comes out of the hole, we splash it with water and stamp on its head so it can't run away.

We put the eels in the basket. The eel was still alive and scratching the basket. We cut its head off. We get its guts out and take its skin off. We cut the eel into rings. We cook them in a bowl on the fire. I really like eating eels. You can put them on your hands and eat them. We eat the eel's head, too. We take out its eyes and teeth. We take out its teeth so they don't get caught in your throat. We make necklaces with the teeth. We put the eel's head on a stick like a mushroom and cook it on the fire.

I feel happy in Samoa because I have lots of fun catching eels, finding coconuts and getting chickens. That's my job, my mum said, and cleaning the house.

I miss Samoa and want to go back sometime.



The weather is gloomy when it rains and when it rains it feels like it's freezing and we are in Antarctica where polar bears and huskies live. It sounds like it is hail when I am in bed. I fall asleep to the noise of it. It feels safe inside. It makes me feel cosy inside.

By Contessa

**OSCAR Survey:** If there was an option of Before/After School Care and Holiday programme at Clifton School, would you make use of them? Please circle the answer for each item then return the completed form to the school office by 9:00am this Thursday: **Breakfast Club** YES / NO **After School Care** YES / NO **Holiday Programme** YES / NO

How many children do you have (please circle): 1 2 3 4 5 or more?

What are the ages of each of your children: \_\_\_\_\_