

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Wasn't it great to have some wonderful weather over the long weekend? Finally a little bit of sun and warmth for our summer. However, even with the overcast conditions that seem to come back for the school week, the children are thoroughly enjoying the pool and the temperature is still warm so that makes it ok.

I am sure that you will have seen that the school is being painted. This will give us a refreshed look and I am sure that when it is completed it will look wonderful. Please bear in mind that as it is being painted, the painters have some scaffolding around the school on wheels. If you allow your child to play here after school or in the weekends then please reiterate to them that they are to stay away from this. Scaffolding is not a toy and the children are not to be anywhere near it for their own safety.

With that in mind, just a reminder that no children should be arriving to school in the morning prior to 8:25am and should have all left school by 3:30pm. We realise that in the afternoons some children will want to return to school and play in the playground. This is fine, however, they should have an adult or guardian with them as the staff are working in classrooms and cannot supervise the children outside.

Next week we are having our Whole School Camp. This will happen on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th. A separate note has been sent home with this newsletter regarding this. The camp is completely weather dependent and if it isn't conducive to camping then it will be cancelled. There will be no postponement date and school will run as normal on Friday 17th. We will make a call about this on the Thursday prior to 3:00pm. **WE WILL NEED TENTS FOR THIS NIGHT (mid-sized, ie, around 4 person) AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THAT YOU COULD LOAN US. PLEASE LET US KNOW IN THE OFFICE OR RETURN THE SLIP ON THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER.**

It was so good to see the large number of children arrive last week with their stationery from Office Max. We hope that you found this system helpful and easy. The classes are now well underway and the children and staff have quickly and easily settled into the new year. We look forward to next week's camp as well as everything else that this term holds. Have a good week.

*Adrian Burn, Principal*



Wyatt (Rm5) makes as start to his learning with chalk spelling

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 9 February.....	Snr swimming at Sanson
Friday 10 February.....	Snr swimming at Sanson
Thursday 16 February.....	Whole school camp
Friday 17 February.....	Sanson swimming fees due
.....	School finishes at 12.30pm
Friday 23 February..	School assembly hosted by Rm3
Tuesday 28 February.....	Senior Swim sports
Wednesday 1 March.....	Road Patroller training
Thursday, 16 March.....	Cluster swimming sports
Friday 17 March.....	School assembly hosted by Rm2
Wednesday 22 March.....	Scholastic orders due
Friday 7 April.....	Cluster athletics
Thursday 13 April.....	End of term 1
Monday 1 May.....	Start of term 2
Friday 7 July.....	End of term 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 24 July.....	Start of term 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday 29 September.....	End of term 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 16 October.....	Start of term 4 <input type="checkbox"/>
Friday 15 December.....	End of term 4

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kiarin (Rm5) is 9 today; Z'del (Rm2) will be 6 next Monday.

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

## Most Valuable Pupil

**ROOM 1:** Rangiparoro Edwards for a great effort in all her learning.

**ROOM 2:** Jayjay Holland for excellent remembering to put his hand up before speaking.

**ROOM 3:** Kayden Michie for excellently following the rules of Room 3.

**ROOM 4:** Noah Wade for such a positive start to the year.

**ROOM 5:** Kyla Hughson for showing leadership skills in Room 5.

**ROOM 7:** Aiden Carter for great effort in presenting his work tidily.

**ROOM 8:** Tristan Doorey for great ignoring muscles and tolerance.

### Please let us know if your child is absent or late

We need to know if your child is going to be away from school or arriving late. If we don't hear from you, Kerry will try to make contact with parents of absent pupils from 9:30am. If we cannot contact you, your child will be marked truant on the online attendance register. You can phone us on 322 1544 and leave a message on the answerphone, use our School App if you have a smartphone, text our school mobile on 027 478 3417, email office@clifton.school.nz or send a signed note with another family member.

If a child is late, please ensure that they come to the office first to let us know that they have arrived at school.

### Boomerang lunches have begun

Clifton School has implemented Boomerang lunches. A boomerang lunch is a lunch that has every piece of it return to its source. In other words, everything in the lunch goes back home at the end of the day. No matter if it is leftover food, containers, recyclables or rubbish, it all goes back. Yes, even the rubbish! Boomerang lunches allow parents and families to see what has or has not been eaten. A large part of waste is due to unopened packaged food, uneaten fruit, juice boxes that are never opened and half-eaten sandwiches. In order to make this successful, we will need the participation and support of all our Clifton School families. Some tips to help prepare a Boomerang lunch for your child/children:

- Use reusable containers for packaging snacks and sandwiches
- Cut fruit and veges into slices so that they can be eaten at different times during the day
- Label all containers so that they are easy to identify
- Avoid drinks in containers that cannot be resealed - **no glass bottles please**
- The dollar store and some specialty stores now have an assortment of reusable containers at great prices. Please help make a difference and support this initiative at our school.

### Statements to go out this week

We will be sending out statements to families later this week. A reminder that your Sanson swimming fee needs to be paid by Friday 17 February. We will also include emergency contact forms for your child and would appreciate it if you could update, sign and return these to our school office as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact us on 322 1544 or email office@clifton.school.nz.

### Bulls Kindergarten's waiting list

A reminder that Bulls Kindergarten takes enrolments for their waiting list for children two years and over. If you would like to enrol your pre-schooler, please call into the kindy on Wilson Street or phone 322 1466.

### Yoga in our Discovery Centre

Yoga classes will be starting in our Discovery Centre from Monday 13 February, facilitated by Peter McDermott. If your new year's resolution was to start a new activity this year, this might be for you. For more information on class times and cost, please go to the facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/be.still.yoga.pn](http://www.facebook.com/be.still.yoga.pn)

### Would you like to learn to play bowls?

The Bulls Bowling Club is offering a "Learn to Play" session for our Room 5, 7 and 8 students on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm. All you need to bring is a pair of flat soled shoes or jandals, everything else is supplied by the club. Parents are welcome to come to the sessions and watch or participate. If you are interested, please fill in your name on the form given to your teacher or let our school office know. For more information, please phone Marilyn on 322 1924 or 021 025 08045.

### No dogs on our grounds, please

It has come to our attention that dogs are being brought into our school grounds and into the pool area. Please be aware that this does pose a health risk to our children and would appreciate it if you could leave your dog at home.

