

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

It finally looks as if summer has arrived. It is a shame that it has come after the majority of the swimming instruction has been completed here at school. However the children are still enjoying the pool and it would be appreciated if they continued to bring their towels each day.

Over the past few weeks the staff have been reviewing and refining our behaviour management across the school. We are so fortunate here at Clifton to have children who have embraced the family-like atmosphere and who look after one another. As a school, we spend a lot of time focusing on positive behaviour and celebrating this. The children are to be complimented on their manner and the culture they have fostered here at Clifton. There are, however, times when we need to address undesirable behaviour. It is very difficult to be able to link particular consequences with specific behaviour though we all endeavour to be as consistent as possible. The main concern is that there is clear communication between the school and home about behaviour and expectations and that nothing is ever a surprise. A copy of our Behaviour Management will accompany this newsletter today, and there is also a copy in the office for you to have a look at if you wish.

One of the Ministry of Education's pushes is that clusters of schools work together as a Community of Learners. Clifton is part of a strong cluster here in South Rangitikei and this cluster has formed a Community of Learners with a potential focus looking at Maths Achievement and Whanau Engagement. Kim Gordon from Bulls School is in the position of leading our group of schools along this journey. On Monday of next week (6 March 2017) at 7:00pm, the cluster is inviting you as the school community to come along and listen to Kim talk about this initiative. Please see the information in the newsletter about this.

Have a good week and enjoy the sun.

*Adrian Burn, Principal*



Ben (Rm1) enjoys riding his tricycle in the sun!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 28 February.....	Road Patroller training
Friday 3 March.....	FMS starts
Wednesday 8 March.....	Snr swim sports @ Marton
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!

Wyatt (Rm5) is 8 today; Hoana (Rm3) will be 7 tomorrow; and on Thursday, Aaliyah (Rm4) turns 9, and Inverness (Rm8) will be 11.

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

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Bethany Holdaway-Barr for excellent effort in story writing.

ROOM 2: Paetyn Macaulay for her fabulous help around our room and great effort in learning.

ROOM 3: Phillimone Barker for his enthusiasm in our school assembly practices and performance.

ROOM 4: Heather Holdaway-Barr for her great attitude and participation in FMS.

ROOM 5: Amanda Holdaway for excellent effort in "Daily 5" independent activities.

ROOM 7: Sereana Vaqiri for working hard to improve her basic facts knowledge.

ROOM 8: Phoenix Fryer for great survival skills at Sanson Pool.

### Junior swim display cancelled

We regret to advise that due to the poor weather for the first three weeks of school, we have had to cancel our Junior swim display which was scheduled for this Friday. We sincerely apologise for this and hope that next year we have a better swim season.

### Bulb orders due back tomorrow

If you would like to support our school with our bulb fundraiser, please return your order forms (with payment) to our office tomorrow.

### Community of Learners information evening

Our Community of Learners is made up of the following schools: Bulls School, Clifton School, Hunterville School, James Cook School, Marton Junction School, Marton School, Rangitikei College, St Matthew's Catholic School, South Makirikiri School and Turakina School.

We would like to invite the Boards of Trustees and these school communities to attend an informal evening to share our journey thus far, with you. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, meet other members of our learning community and engage with the education sector from across the Rangitikei.

When: Monday, 6 March 2017

Venue: Rangitikei College Library

Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

### Breakfast club starts next week

We will be getting Breakfast Club underway again from next week. Breakfast will be served in the kitchen by Room 8 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:25am to 8:45am. Parents, any help would be gratefully accepted.

### Bulls Toy Library meeting tonight

The future of the Bulls Toy Library is at stake! Attend this public meeting to keep the Toy Library service in Bulls.

Toy Library Federation will be there to provide all the support/templates needed and to answer questions.

The meeting will be held at the Bulls RSA Meeting Room on tonight (Tuesday 28 February) at 7:00pm. We are seeking people who are interested in volunteering some time to keep our library in service for our community.

If you are unable to come to the meeting but would like to help please either private message our Facebook Page: Bulls Toy Library Inc, contact Megan Hammond 06 560 2174 or [president@toylibrary.co.nz](mailto:president@toylibrary.co.nz).

### Mike and Jo looking for your support

Mike and Jo are participating in the Central Plateau Scooter Challenge to help raise funds for Camp Quality, which is a voluntary organisation providing fun for kids living with cancer. ALL funds will be given to Camp Quality. If you would like to give a little online, go to:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/cpscooterchallenge> (look for the smiley face with a yellow background).

Cheques can be made to Camp Quality, and cash donations will be given to Camp Quality on 25 March. You are also welcome to join Mike and Jo - just BYO scooter!

### Name our bovine family competition

Do you have a great idea for names for our new bovine family? Do you want to win great prizes? Then complete the entry form at right, return it to our school office by Friday, 10 March 2017, and check the following Tuesday's newsletter for results. Good luck!



## Name our bovine family entry form

Bull's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cow's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Calf's name: \_\_\_\_\_

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

There is a prize for each winning name. Return this entry form to our school office by Friday, 10 March 2017. Results in next week's newsletter.