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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

I hope everyone is wrapping up warm at present. I am not sure what has happened to the weather but it has certainly deteriorated. Hopefully it all blows over and we can finish the term with some good weather.

On that note, we had our school swimming sports last week which went very well. The children certainly enjoyed themselves and Mrs Whitehouse did a fantastic job organising the event. The winning house for the day was Whero and the runner up was Kakariki. We are aware of who won the cups for this year, but will hold off announcing them until we get the cups engraved and can present them to these students which will be in our final end of term assembly. We want to say well done to all students who participated.

This week we have a group going to the Cluster Swimming Sports at Marton pool. We wish these children luck and thank Jan Connelly for the time and effort that she has put in taking these children for some extra swimming practice. We look forward to watching this group compete on Thursday.

The children are now into athletics (for some reason both swimming and athletics are crammed into the first term!). Hopefully the weather improves so this can take place over the next few weeks. All children are practising their running, jumping and throwing with an eye towards firstly our school sports and then the cluster event at the end of the term. We will keep you posted about this as more information comes to hand.

Staff are currently reading a book put out by Graeme Nuthall as part of our own Professional Development. It is titled 'The Hidden Lives of Learners'. At this stage we have only read the first couple of chapters but it has provoked great conversation about assessment, ie, the point of it, whether it is fair and if it is valid. Even though we strongly believe in what we do and how we do it, it is important that we are challenged and have time to sit back and think about our processes. This book has certainly started that process here for the staff. As we work through the book I may come back to you and ask your views on certain aspects. Feel free to come and see me if you are interested in talking about assessment, either as a school-wide thing or for your own children.

Have a good day.

Adrian Burn, Principal



Action at the senior swim sports last Wednesday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 16 March.....	Cluster swimming sports
Friday 17 March.....	School assembly hosted by Rm2
Saturday 18 March.....	Wellington Caravan Club @ school
Wednesday 22 March.....	Scholastic orders due
Tuesday 28 March.....	Room 1 visit to Bulls Kindy
Monday 3 April.....	Clifton School Athletics Day
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
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!

Kayden (Rm3) celebrates his 7th birthday this Friday; on Sunday, Benjamin (Rm1) turns 6 and Eva (Rm3) will be 7.

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

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Kingston Hopkins-Dalley for a great start at Clifton School.

ROOM 2: Brianna Cremen for great stories and for leaving spaces between words.

ROOM 3: Ella Baish for being super helpful and always doing more than expected.

ROOM 4: Aurora Learmonth-Warren for always being respectful in and out of the classroom.

ROOM 5: Kyla Hughson for showing initiative and interest in her learning.

ROOM 7: Montana Fryer for amazing creativity in designing an original game.

ROOM 8: Phoenix Fryer for superb art.

Wellington Caravan Club visits this weekend

We would like to welcome the Wellington Caravan Club who stay at our school biennially. We hope the weather will be fine for their visit this year.

Run, Ride 'n' Slide

Sport Manawatu are hosting a kids' triathlon on Thursday, 16 March 2017. Course distances are:

- Ages 4 to 6: Run 300m, ride 500m, and slip 'n' slide
- Ages 7 to 9: Run 700m, ride 1km, and slip 'n' slide
- Ages 10 to 12: Run 1.1kms, ride 1.5kms, and slip 'n' slide

Where: Timona Park, Simon Street, Feilding. When: First race starts at 5:00pm. Cost: \$2.00 entry. Register online at www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/event/run-ride-n-slide or for more information, contact jessicag@sportmanawatu.org.nz.

Do you want to learn to play squash?

Rangitikei Squash Club (located in Marton) is offering an open week next week, every night from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, and Saturday 18 March from 10:00am until 2.00pm. No charge, gear and opponents provided, just bring non marking shoes.

Bulls Toy Library is the place for your child!

Children's play is their work; children learn by play. Do you want a variety of toys for your children? Do you want to help them learn?

Come to the Bulls RSA on Wednesday, 29 March at 6:30pm and become one of the team! For more information, phone Raewyn on 322 1181.

Marton United Football Club registration days

If you are keen to play soccer and are eight to 13 years old, then come and join the Marton United Football Club (and bring a friend, too)! Registration days will be held on Sunday, 19 March and 26 March from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at Centennial Park in Marton. If neither day suits, then please phone Lauren on 027 323 6626.

You are invited to play junior rugby with Bulls Rugby Club

The Bulls Rugby Club would like to invite boys and girls ages 4+ to join them for the 2017 season.

- Registration Day: 25 March from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Bulls Domain.
- Muster Day: 8 April from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Bulls Domain
- First Game: 6 May 2017

Alternatively you can head to the website to register <http://www.sporty.co.nz/bullsrugbyjnr/>



A small website issue

Our website has experienced a technical glitch. It will be back online as soon as possible.

Canteen this Friday...

...and paninis are on the menu! Choose between Ham, Cheese and Tomato, or Chicken, Cranberry and Brie for just \$3.00 each. Order forms were sent home with Week 5's newsletter but more are available at the school office. Don't forget to complete and return the order form with the correct money in a bag, and place in the canteen order box in the office by 9:00am Thursday morning for Friday's lunch.

Right: Examples of Room 3's multi media Mihi Art. You are most welcome to view more art during our school day.



Thank you to Heidi Macaulay for these great photos of Kaitlyn and Preston at the swim sports last week.

