

Soaring to Success

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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Thank you very much to all of you who have organised a hat for your children this term. It has been great to see the children (and staff) in their hats while outside. All children are required to wear a bucket hat outside during terms 1 and 4 regardless of the weather as it is too hard to decide whether it is fine enough, and the sun's rays can get through the cloud anyway. It was also pleasing to stand in front of the school yesterday and see how good the school looks when they are all in their polo shirts. I think the old style has certainly done its dash and there don't seem to be any left, which is great.

Just a reminder that all children are required to wear a school polo shirt with navy blue drill shorts, trousers or skorts. Jeans and hoodies should not be worn as these are not part of our uniform, and polar fleeces should be the school uniform fleece. Children wearing non-uniform fleeces or hoodies, will be asked to remove them for the rest of this term.

In terms of clothing under the polo tee, these need to be tucked in so that they are not visible and, if they are long sleeved, we ask that they are navy blue or black as other colours stand out and detract from the smartness of the uniform.

At present, the school orders uniform items from a supplier in Auckland, and the time delay between ordering and receiving the orders seems to fluctuate greatly. Since our agreement with the current uniform supplier started three years ago, their processes and supplier have also changed, which directly impacts us. I have watched both parents and Kerry (in the office) get frustrated with orders and time delays, so Kerry and I are both looking into alternative suppliers closer to home, ie, Palmerston North and/or Feilding. Please don't panic, however, about an imminent change in uniform as this is not about to happen in the immediately. To help us make the best decision about going forward with uniform supply, we are interested to know what is important to you. Is it price or quality? Is \$30 too much or would you be happy to pay that or a little more for a much better quality shirt? Is ease of purchasing important, ie, would you like to be able to walk into a shop in Palmerston North and simply purchase items off the shelf?

I would appreciate it if you could also let me know your thoughts, good or bad (and any good or bad experiences) you have had with the current uniform or supplier. Don't forget, this is something we are looking into over the course of this year and we are not going to rush into any decisions.

Have a good week.

Adrian Burn, Principal



Eva, Gabrielle, Cairo, Cadell, Isabelle, Tahu and Branson (not in photo) received Principal's Awards last Friday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 22 March.....	Scholastic orders due
Tuesday 28 March.....	Room 1 visit to Bulls Kindy
Sunday 2 April.....	Daylight savings end
Monday 3 April.....	Clifton School Athletics Day
Friday 7 April.....	Cluster athletics
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!

Joel (Rm2) turns 6 today; on Thursday Lucas (Rm5) will be 9 and Brooklyn (Rm8) will be 12. This Sunday, Connor (Rm4) turns 8 and Eden-Avay (Rm3) will be 7. Next Monday, Max (Rm4) celebrates his 8th birthday.

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

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Irihapeti Brooks-Cootes for great effort and perseverance in phonics and writing.

ROOM 2: Aleasha Davis for great confidence in her "Little Old Woman" role and other speaking parts at assembly.

ROOM 3: Tylah Tourni for having a great work attitude and completing his work.

ROOM 4: Max Skates for excellence in following instructions and trying his hardest at FMS.

ROOM 5: Branson Doorey for having a positive attitude to learning and for producing some excellent writing.

ROOM 7: Amarni Macaulay for working hard on his spelling.

ROOM 8: Kohere Te Rupe for fabulous role modelling during assembly.

Please ensure your child is wearing their own hat

NITS are still making their presence felt at school and we don't want them spreading through shared hats. Please check your child's hair and scalp regularly and treat immediately if you find evidence of nits. Whatever treatment you use, you will need to **REPEAT IT** for two weeks.

Scholastic orders due tomorrow

Issue 1 orders and payment are due at our school office by 9:00am tomorrow morning (Wednesday) to ensure delivery before the end of term.

Healthy brain food snacks and lunches

We have noticed an increase in unhealthy items sneaking into children's snacks and lunches over the course of the term. Our water fountains have filtered water so there is no need for children to bring sugary drinks to school. The best snacks for brain food break include boiled eggs, cheese, fruit, veges (ie, carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes), small amounts of dried fruit, low sugar/fat muesli bars, chicken wings or meatballs left over from last night's dinner... Packets of chips, twisties, lollies, etc, should not be included as part of your child's school lunches.

Marton United Football Club registration day

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)! The last registration day is on Sunday, 26 March from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at Centennial Park in Marton. If this doesn't suit, then please phone Laureen 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/>



Website is back up and running

And don't forget that notices and newsletters are uploaded to our website each week.

And the winners are...

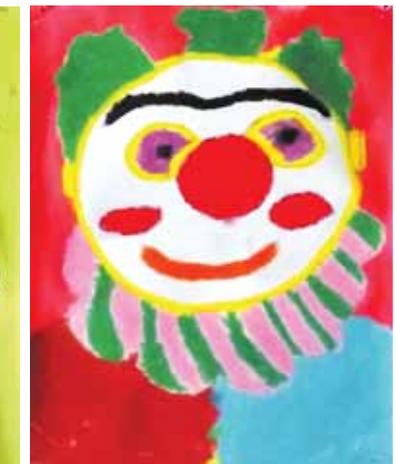
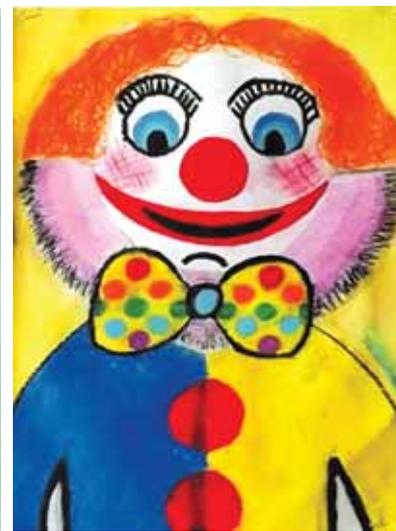
- Miriana Lambert, Rm8 - Cliff (the bull)
 - James Ngaau-Harnett, Rm8 - Miraka (the cow)
 - Ms Robson, office - Bobby (the calf)
- As voted by students and staff.

Did you know? (from our Parent's Handbook)

Parents will be contacted if, in a staff member's opinion, a student is in discomfort or needs medical treatment. If parents or an emergency contact person cannot be contacted the student will remain at school until contact can be made or taken directly to the medical centre in Bulls if serious. We ask for parents' co-operation in not sending already unwell children to school.

Staff are not permitted to administer drugs or medicines to pupils without prior written permission from parents.

Please contact the school if this is required.



Above: Clowns by Room 8. Below: Room 5 takes part in FMS facilitated by Sport Whanganui.

