

# Soaring to Success

We Value Integrity, Respect, Curiosity, Risk-Taking, Resilience, Diversity

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

As swimming has come to a close, athletics is steadily climbing in focus. The children are active outside throwing, jumping and running. Please make sure that they have suitable clothing for these activities and enough water to drink to keep them hydrated. Our school athletics will be held on Monday, 3 April so please pencil that into your diaries and come along to watch and support the children. An information note will go home over the next couple of days to confirm details and ask for help with timings and measuring. Please keep an eye out for this.

Also, if you had a pool key over the school holidays, don't forget to return this to get your \$10.00 deposit refunded.

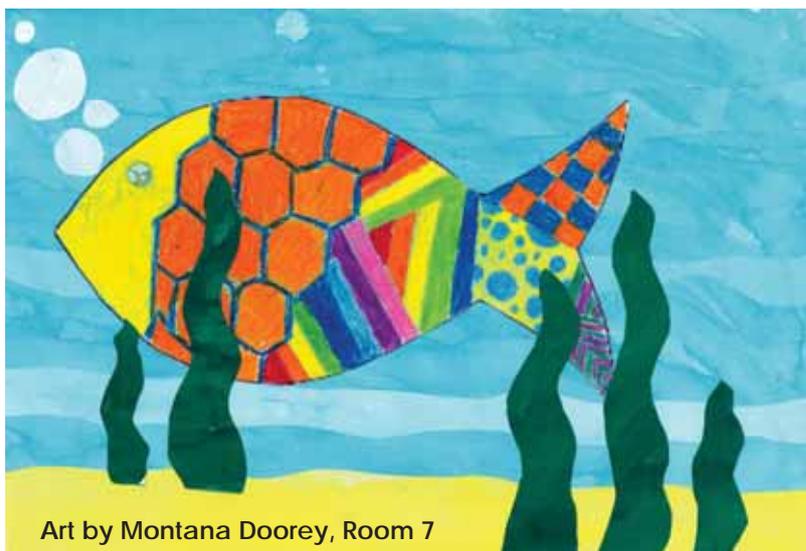
At present there is a bug going round and a large number of children have been off school. To stop sickness from spreading, it is important for you to keep your child at home when they are ill, and not let them come to school or preschool. How long they should be home depends on what sickness they have. The Ministry of Health advise that children are infectious while vomiting or have diarrhoea, and they should be kept at home until well, and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

I realise that for working parents this is sometimes inconvenient, however, in the long run it is far better for the sick child as well as their classmates, and also for teachers and teacher aides (if too many staff get sick, school would have to be closed).

Staff have also had difficulty in getting hold of parents to let them know that their child needs to be picked up from school. Emergency contact forms were sent home earlier this term requesting updated phone numbers and/or medical information. If your phone numbers have changed, please let us know as this is how we contact you when your child is unwell or has had an accident at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a good week.

*Adrian Burn, Principal*



Art by Montana Doorey, Room 7

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!

Carolyn-Rose (Rm3) will be 7 tomorrow;  
RJ (Rm2) turns 6 on Thursday;  
Jahvarnalya (Rm8) will be 12 on Friday;  
Zavier (Rm2) celebrates his 6th birthday  
on Sunday.

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

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Olivia Hammond for a great first day at Clifton School.

ROOM 2: Kwynntrell Down for great use of different words to start sentences.

ROOM 3: Phillimone Barker for working hard and completing his tasks - ka pai!

ROOM 4: Logan Bishara for excellent writing ideas.

ROOM 5: Olivia Neal for fabulous work with Mrs Musella.

ROOM 7: Derek Katene for wonderful use of personification in story writing.

ROOM 8: Kerrie Daines for great personal letter writing.

### Statements going home with this newsletter

Statements for school accounts will be sent home with this newsletter. If you have any queries regarding these, or would like help with setting up an automatic payment, please contact our school office.

### School absences

Don't forget that we need to know if your child is going to be absent from school. You can phone, email, text or send a notice via our school app, or send a note to school with a sibling. If we don't hear from you, we will endeavour to contact you. If we are unsuccessful, your child will be marked truant for that day.

### Rangitikei students offer tuition to Room 7 students

Jonty Whale and Jodie Daines are offering basic piano and drum tuition to Room 7 students as part of their IQ day. A notice has been sent home to parents - if you are happy for your child to receive these extra lessons, please complete the form at the bottom of the notice and return to our school office.

### Canteen this Friday

This Friday, Macaroni Cheese is available from our canteen - a small serving is just \$3.00 and large is \$5.00. Order forms were sent home earlier this term or you can pick one up from the office, complete it and return with the correct money by 9:00am Thursday for lunch on Friday. Sorry, no late orders can be accepted.

### Did you know? (from our Behaviour Management plan)

The focus for our classroom and school is to positively reward children who always display appropriate behaviour and make sensible choices. We endeavour to reward children who "are caught being good."

Learning is enhanced through all children following the Golden Rules that are an integral part of the self-esteem Circle Time philosophy used throughout the school. As part of Circle Time the children will be able to participate in weekly class Golden Time as part of the class behaviour management programme as outlined below.

All learning is enhanced through children being caring towards each other through the class circle time used throughout the school.

We expect children to show responsibility, respect and understand the rights of others.

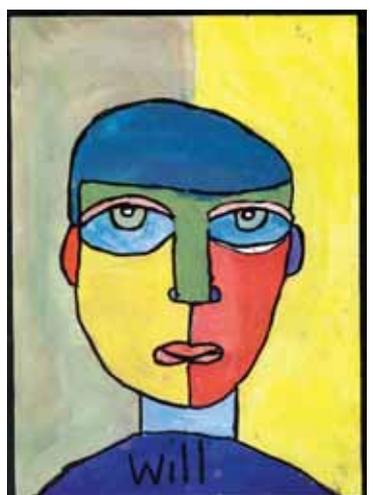
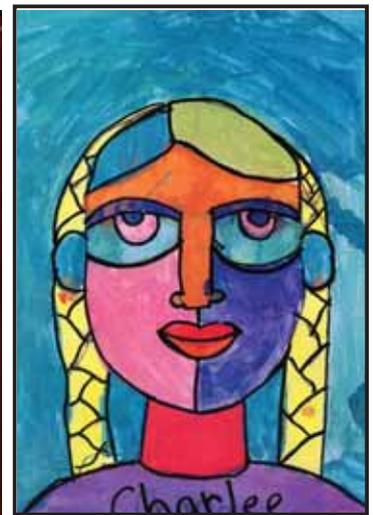
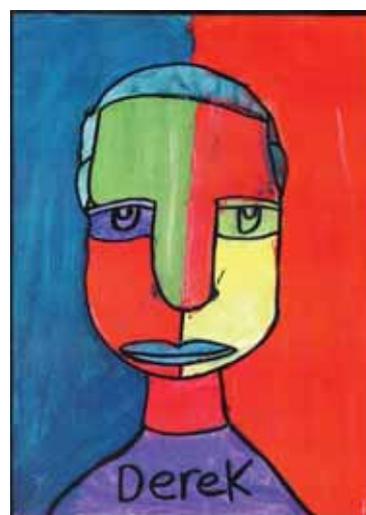
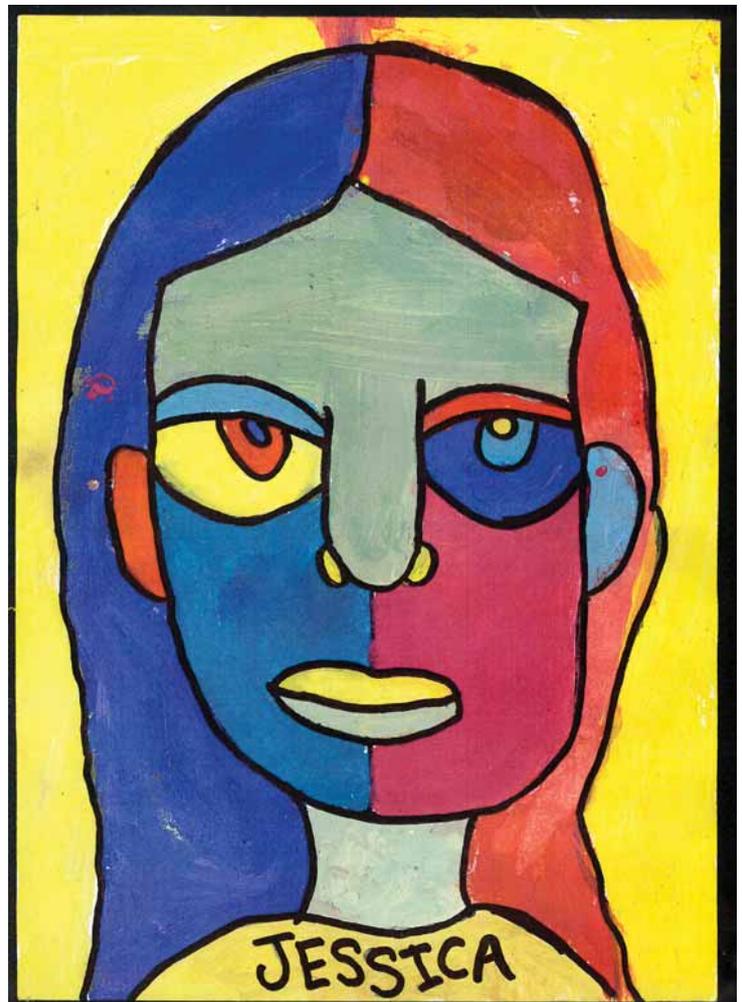
The Clifton School values (respect, resilience, risk-taking, diversity, integrity and curiosity) are interwoven into the Clifton School curriculum through the Circle Time philosophy.

### Golden Rules for Our School

- Do be gentle; do not hurt anybody.
- Do be kind and helpful; do not hurt people's feelings.
- Do work hard; do not waste your and other people's time.

Bang! goes the starter's gun. We started to run around the track. I was coming first! Then, that moment, my legs started to get sore. I thought I wasn't going to beat my personal best score. Then I sucked up the pain and kept running.

By Preston Ngaau-Harnett



Portrait art by Room 7