

# Soaring to Success

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

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

As you may or may not be aware, our school roll has steadily climbed over the past year. This is a fantastic thing for us and proves that we are doing well as a school and as a community. Thank you to all of you for your support and encouragement that you provide us.

With this rising roll, however, comes other considerations such as the need for more teachers, the need for extra teaching spaces and/or classrooms, the congestion on the roads around drop off and pick up times as well as the day-to-day management and organisation of a growing roll.

It is important to highlight the fact that our roll is growing across the school and not just in the new entrant area.

Over the past week, I have enrolled 13 new children to our school - the majority of these were unknown to us. Out of the 13 children, only three of them are 5 years old and when these children start, our roll will reach 177. This number will enable us to hire a new teacher to the teaching staff, which is fantastic.

We are, however, short of teaching spaces. Our staff and board will have to do some very quick thinking and investigations into our options, and what we can do to ensure that all children continue to receive a strong education as they have in the past.

We always knew that the roll was growing and that we may reach this number, however it has happened considerably quicker than any of us thought.

We will continue to keep you updated as we make decisions about classrooms, teachers and teaching spaces.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or thoughts about this.

**Adrian Burn, Principal**

Below: Eva and Kahliah (Rm5) enjoy some Golden Time!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 9 May.....Ohakea Childcare Centre visit  
Wednesday 17 May.....National Young Leaders Day  
Thursday 18 May....Rm1 Presentation Assembly @ 2pm  
Wednesday 24 May.....Board of Trustees meeting  
Monday 29 May.....Book Fair  
Friday 2 June....Teacher Only Day - no school today  
Monday 5 June...Queen's Birthday - no school today  
Tuesday 6 June.....Clifton School's Open Morning  
.....Matariki concert  
Friday 9 June.....Rm7 Presentation Assembly  
Friday 16 June.....Clifton School disco  
Friday 23 June.....Rm5 Presentation Assembly  
Wednesday 28 June.....Parent/teacher interviews  
Thursday 29 June.....Parent/teacher interviews  
Friday 7 July.....End of term 2  
Monday 24 July.....Start of term 3

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Charlee (Rm7) celebrates her 10th birthday today! On Thursday, Phoenix (Rm8) will be 12, Logan (Rm4) will be 8 and Sarah (Rm7) will be 11. This Saturday, Dominik (Rm4) will be 8 years old.

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

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Sophie Smith for a great first week of learning.

ROOM 2: Z'del Hopkins-Dalley for fantastic reading.

ROOM 3: Eden-Avay Jacobs-Shepherd for focusing on, and meeting, her writing goals. Ka pai!

ROOM 4: Dominik Ennis for excellent learning explanations.

ROOM 5: Evander Tupai for using descriptive vocabulary.

ROOM 7: Preston Ngaau-Harnett for amazing reading.

ROOM 8: James Rowling for great personal experience writing.

## Our school uniform

A school uniform creates a sense of pride and belonging in our children. Wearing a uniform puts everyone on an even playing field, allowing all children to feel equal. It showcases our children in the community and is an easy way to identify them as belonging to Clifton School when they are involved in school or community-based activities.

Our uniform consists of a navy and gold polo top with school logo, navy and gold polar fleece with school logo, optional navy and gold reversible jacket with school logo, navy drill skirt with school logo, navy drill trousers, and navy drill shorts. All of these items are available from our school office and are supplied on a cash sale basis, ie, items need to be paid in full before you take them home. You are welcome to pay by internet banking, cash or cheque, or put the items on layby. Please note that we do not have eftpos or credit card facilities.

Now that the weather is becoming colder, navy or black thermals can also be worn under uniform items - no white, stripes or fluoro, please.

All children must wear the approved uniform; non-uniform items including fleeces or jackets, or uniforms with holes or of tatty appearance will not be accepted. Children coming to school in non-uniform fleeces or jackets will be asked to remove them.

## Chewing gum, sweets and fizzy drinks

Chewing gum, sweets and fizzy drinks are not considered part of a healthy diet and are not permitted at our school.

## Junior Rugby result

Bulls Under 9s won 50-40 vs Marist White - well done, the under 9s!

## National Young Leaders Day

Our Year 8 students will be travelling to Wellington next Wednesday to take part in this year's National Young Leaders Day. Notices have gone home today - parents, please make sure you read these as children need to bring the right gear and be on time or they will miss out.

## Room 1 presents!

Room 1 will host our presentation assembly next Thursday at 2:00pm in our Discovery Centre. These assemblies focus on commending good work and behaviour, and engaging in communal activities such as singing and shared reading. Parents, caregivers and families are welcome to attend.

## Road Safety Week 2017: Save lives #SlowDown

In New Zealand, speeding or driving too fast for the conditions, is still a major problem. It causes needless crashes, untold suffering and stops people living safe and healthy lives. Driving is unpredictable and if something unexpected happens on the road ahead, such as a child stepping out from between parked cars it is a driver's speed that will determine whether they can stop in time and, if they can't stop, how hard they will hit. We can all play our part in raising awareness about the dangers of driving too fast - find out more at:

<http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.nz/about-cat/645-our-theme-for-2017-save-lives-slowdown>



This is a story about swimming by Branson Doorey

It was 8:30am. I woke up from my alarm clock. I got up and dressed into a button shirt and trackpants, and a beanie just to keep me warm. I walked out of the room, avoiding my mess, then had breakfast.

Breakfast was bacon and eggs and sausages with barbecue sauce. It tasted like heaven. Then we went to the Lido.

The first thing I did was go to the diving boards. I went on the middle diving board first and did a big SPLASH! The water went high into the air. Then I wanted to break my fear of heights. I was ready. I leapt off - it took me four seconds to hit the water!

I don't know why, but I felt proud of myself.



Left: Room 8 students support each other learning guitar chords.

Below: Amber's amazing ANZAC art.

