

# Soaring to Success

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

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

The winter term is certainly upon us. Please ensure that all children have suitable warm clothing, and shoes and socks. This Saturday is our Casino night. Our Friends of the School have worked very hard organising this event - please support it and purchase your tickets from our office, Bulls Information Centre, or the Bulls, Marton or Feilding libraries. It will be a great night of fun, and there are some amazing prizes up for grabs and available through the auctions.

As part of our staff Professional Development, we work with an educational consultant throughout the year, and part of this involves some professional readings. One recent reading talks of *three huge mistakes* we make in leading kids. Below is a short snippet from the article, "Three Huge Mistakes We Make Leading Kids" by Tim Elmore.

### THE THREE MISTAKES ARE:

#### 1. We risk too little

*We live in a world that warns us of danger at every turn, ie, Toxic! High voltage! Flammable! Slippery when wet! Steep curve ahead! Don't walk! Hazard! This "safety first" preoccupation emerged over thirty years ago with the Tylenol scare and with children's faces appearing on milk cartons. We became fearful of losing our kids so we put knee-pads, safety belts and helmets on them...at the dinner table. (Actually I'm just kidding on that one) But, it's true. We've insulated our kids from risk*

#### 2. We rescue too quickly

*This generation of young people has not developed some of the life skills kids did thirty years ago because adults swoop in and take care of problems for them. We remove the need for them to navigate hardships. May I illustrate? Staff from four universities recently told me they encountered students who had never filled out a form or an application in their life. Desiring to care for their kids, and not disadvantage them, parents or teachers had always done it for them. One freshman received a C- on her project and immediately called her mother, right in the middle of her class. After interrupting the class discussion with her complaint about her poor grade, she handed the cell phone to her professor and said, "She wants to talk to you." Evidently, mom wanted to negotiate the grade.*

#### 3. We rave too easily

*The self-esteem movement has been around since Baby Boomers were kids, but it took root in our school systems in the 1980s. We determined every kid would feel special, regardless of what they did, which meant they began hearing remarks like - "You're awesome! You're smart." "You're gifted." "You're super!" Attend a little league awards ceremony and you soon learn everyone's a winner; everyone gets a trophy. They all get ribbons. We meant well - but research is now indicating this method has unintended consequences.*

Next week, I will share with you the eight steps towards healthy leadership of kids. I have read the full article and saw myself in it throughout and it certainly made interesting reading and thinking. If you are interested in reading the full article (it is short) then please feel free to come and see me and I will have some copies available for you to take away.

Have a good week.

*Adrian Burn, Principal*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 10 August.....	People Savers - Rm5
.....	Photo permission slips due back
Saturday 12 August.....	A Night in Vegas
Tuesday 15 August.....	Stu Duval visits Clifton
Wednesday 16 August.....	Plant to Plate - Rm8
Friday 18 August.....	Mufti day!
Monday 21 August.....	Life Education week
Wednesday 23 August.....	Scholastic orders close
Friday 25 August.....	People Savers - Rm7
Monday 11 September.....	Kids for Kids Concert
Friday 29 September.....	End of term 3

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Olivia (Rm5) is 9 today; Paetyn (Rm2) will be 6 on Wednesday; Amber (Rm8) is 13 this Thursday; and on Friday, Rangiwainui (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: Annabelle Paton for amazing manners.

ROOM 2: Samuel 'Atonaikami-Kimui for a fantastic effort in literacy.

ROOM 3: Eden-Avay Jacobs-Shepherd for fantastic ideas in creative writing.

ROOM 4: Destiny 'Atonaikami-Kimui for showing resilience and growing confidence when answering questions.

ROOM 5: Karanga Bowler for excellent progress in multiplication.

ROOM 7: Blake Sarjant for amazing integrity in art.

ROOM 8: Luca McRae for outstanding effort in all her work.

**Rugby results**

Bulls U9s beat Marist White 55-10. Player of the Day awards went to Kaea Ngamoki and Evander Tupai.

**Mufti Day, Friday 18 August**

Next Friday, kids can wear mufti to school - gold coin donation to your child's teacher, please. Funds raised will go towards the cost of special school performances.



*This week's MVP recipients; Karanga, Blake, Luca, Destiny, Samuel and Annabelle.*

**World Vision Kids for Kids Concert 2017**

Some of our Year 3 to 8 students will be performing at the Kids for Kids Concert, Monday 11 September in Palmerston North. These students should have brought home permission notices with information you need, and forms that need to be signed. If you haven't already done so, please sign the permission slip and return to our school office urgently. Tickets to the show are usually around \$23 and we will let you know when these are on sale. Contact Mrs Beckers on 027 452 5802 if you have any questions.

**The 2017 Hunterville Children's Shemozzle**

Do you want to take part in this year's Shemozzle? If you are between 9 and 13 years old, attend a primary or intermediate school, have what it takes (stamina, courage, mental and physical ability, not to mention a sense of adventure and fun) check out their website and/or Facebook page for more information. The annual Hunterville Huntaway Festival is on 28 October 2017, and this year also marks their 20th anniversary. Entry into the race is only \$20 and registrations are now open - get in quick as this is always a sell out event!

**Mazda Tremendous School makeover**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Clifton School has been selected to go through to Stage 2 of the school makeover applications. We are making progress on the landscape plan and would like to ask our school community to help with the supply of trees and plants to supplement the grant (if successful) from Mazda. To this end, we would really appreciate it if you have any self-sown native trees, shrubs or plants if you could either transfer them into pots and bring to school, or contact our office and we can come and get them. For a list of suggested trees and plants, please pick up a list from our school office or go to our website:

<http://www.cliftonschool.co.nz/cms/page.php?view=tremendous-makeover>

**Is your cat or dog more than seven years old?**

During August, we are offering owners of senior pets a **VERY SPECIAL DEAL:**  
**A discounted Senior Health check plus a HALF PRICE blood test**

Many of the hidden enemies and issues our older pets face can be controlled. There are lots of things we can do to keep your pets active and happy.

Book for an appointment now!

**BULLS CLINIC** 233 State Hwy 1      **06 3222 333**      **MARTON CLINIC** 48 Tutaenui Road

**FOTS CALENDAR FUNDRAISER**

**Would you like your child's photo taken at the school mufti day on Friday, 18 August 2017?**

If yes, please send this form back to school by this Thursday (10 August) so a time can be booked for your family.

If you have other children who don't currently attend Clifton School but you would like to include them in the photo then, please put a tick here [  ].

There is also an option to use your own photos or artwork - more information regarding this to come.

(NB: There is no obligation to buy.)

Child's name and room number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAN YOU HELP WITH "A NIGHT IN VEGAS"?**

"A Night in Vegas" is happening this Saturday at the Bulls Town Hall. If you are not able to come as a guest, perhaps you would consider giving our Friends of the School Group a helping hand on the night. Please text or phone Heidi on 027 848 9125 if you can help. Thanks!

**This event is brought to you by Higgins and Clifton School.**

AUGUST 12th 2017      7.30 till midnight      Black Tie Event      R\$8

**A NIGHT IN VEGAS**  
*brought to you by*  
**HIGGINS & CLIFTON SCHOOL**  
 at BULLS TOWN HALL

\$35 Per Ticket Includes:  
 Bubbles On Entry, Nibbles & Casino Chips To Get You Started

Major auctions on the night include:  
 Airforce simulator rides, jewellery & plenty more

Tickets available from: Bulls Library & Information Centre - Marton & Feilding Library - Clifton School Office Before Lunch  
 Email: [fots@clifton.school.nz](mailto:fots@clifton.school.nz)

*Fundraising for Clifton School Senior Playground*