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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

We are holding our school cross country this Thursday at the Bulls Domain. This is a great opportunity for us all to support the children in their running and activities, so please come and join us for the day. The first race will be at 11:00am and we will return to school at approximately 2:00pm.

As we come towards the end of term there are several trips and excursions for a number of Clifton kids. These include our cross country, quad tournaments for the seniors, and then the Tough Kid Challenge for years 3 to 8 on the last day of term. Please keep an eye out for information relating to these events (updates will be run in this newsletter and notices will go home to participating children). In addition to this, we have a school Open Morning next Friday where you are welcome to come and join in the class activities. You are then invited to stay for tea or coffee afterwards.

Currently, Kerry Robson is working behind the scenes towards winning a grant to help do up our grounds. We have a wonderful plan designed by Martin Garden Contracts Ltd for the front grass area next to the Reading Recovery room (old dental clinic). We are looking for donations of trees and plants to augment this makeover so if you know of anyone who may be able to help, please let us know. There is a wishlist of trees and plants on our website and a printout in our office. If you are interested in seeing the potential plan, then please feel free to pop into the office and have a look.

On the first Friday of Term 4, we will be holding our Show Day so it is time to have a think about whether your child will be having a lamb or a calf for this day. It is a great experience for the children and can be very rewarding. Each class will be undertaking a number of activities which will be on display. More information about this will come home as the term draws to an end.

Thank you very much to everyone (including the children) for the way that you have adapted to changes in the carpark and crossing Clifton Street. Using the Reading Recovery end of the carpark to cross the road has eliminated a lot of the danger and I have contacted the council about extending the footpath on the other side of the road. They appreciate what we are trying to do in keeping the kids safe and hopefully they will then come to the party. I realise that at this stage the grass may be damp and not ideal to walk on, but it is safer than crossing in front of the bus.

Have a good week

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 7 September.....Cross Country/Fun Run
Friday 8 September.....Presentation assembly
Monday 11 September.....Kids for Kids Concert
Wednesday 13 September.....BoT meeting
Friday 15 September.....Open Morning at Clifton
Tuesday 19 September.....Yr7 & 8 Quad Tournament
Thursday 21 September.....Yr5 & 6 Quad Tournament
Friday 29 September.....End of term 3
.....Tough Kid Challenge @ Ohingaiti
Monday 16 October.....Start of term 4
.....HPV immunisations for Yr8
Thursday 19 October.....School photos
Friday 20 October.....SHOW DAY!
Friday 15 December.....End of term 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jaxon (Rm2) is 6 and Noah (Rm4) is 9 today. On Sunday, Sterling (Rm8) will celebrate his 13th birthday.

Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.

Wishing you many happy returns of the day.

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Rangipa Edwards for an excellent attitude to learning.

ROOM 2: Z'del Hopkins-Dalley for fantastic math and writing.

ROOM 3: James Wineera for learning all of the doubles and halves to 20.

ROOM 4: Hanno Pretorius for settling in well at Clifton School.

ROOM 5: Kyla Hughson for doing the right thing in a challenging situation.

ROOM 7: Aiden Carter for excellent presentation of his work.

ROOM 8: Inverness Tocker for huge progress in basic facts.

Sausage sizzle this Wednesday, 6 September

If you would like a sausage, bread and sauce for lunch on Wednesday, please bring \$2.00 to the office and place your order for lunch later that day.

Cross country and Adidas Fun Run

Our annual cross country is this Thursday and it is being combined with the Adidas Fun Run. Remember that Fun Run sponsorship forms and money need to be back at school by 9:00am, Friday 15 September. You can order your prize online or fill in the booklet and prizes will be ordered from school, depending on the amount of sponsorship they have gathered.

Other things to note:

- Year 1 to 3 children will take a bus to the Domain. Years 4 to 8 will walk.
- Racing starts at 11:00am with the 9-year-old girls followed by 9-year-old-boys. Subsequent races will then run in age order, ie, 5 to 13 year-olds in approximately eight minute intervals.
- Juniors will be in sight during the entire course. The seniors' course will run partially out of sight, hence the need for marshals.
- The children need to wear mufti to school and it needs to be appropriate clothing for running in, ie, no long pants; shorts are best. The children will need appropriate shoes for running - no gummies, fancy sandals or dress shoes. They can run in bare feet if they wish.
- The forecast is not great so we will make a decision whether to postpone or not as soon as we can.

We would love to see you at the Bulls Domain supporting your child and our school.

Tough Kid permission slips should have been returned

Thank you to all those families who have already returned their permission slips and payment. ***Please, please, please return these by 9:00am tomorrow (Wednesday) if you haven't already done so as we need to register with the event organisers.*** Even if you do not want your child to take part, we need the slip returned with this indicated so we can organise their school work for that day.

We also need some help with transportation (about 100 kids); if you can help with this fun event, please contact Mrs Whitehouse or our school office. Thanks!

Bulls Toy Library re-opening

You are invited to the re-opening of the Bulls Toy Library from 11:00am to 2:00pm this Saturday (9 September). A colouring-in competition sheet was given out to all 5 to 8-year-olds yesterday afternoon - these need to be returned to Rachael Carter's mail box at 81 Bridge Street, Bulls by this Friday for judging at the re-opening on Saturday. Last chance for \$10 membership, raffle tickets available, colouring-in competition results announced and lots of balloons! The new toys are starting to arrive so go along and see what's available.

World Vision Kids for Kids concert

The Kids for Kids concert is on next Monday, 11 September, at Central Energy Trust Arena, Pascal Street, Palmerston North. Eighteen Clifton students will be performing with the mass choir. Parents, please drop your children at the Arena by 6:45pm. If you are unable to take your child/ren to the show, please contact Sheila Beckers on 027 452 5802 as soon as possible so she can try to arrange alternative transport. Tickets are available from <http://www.kidsforkids.org.nz/dates-and-locations>. NB: These children will also be travelling to Palmerston North earlier in the day for a rehearsal.

Friends of the School calendar fundraiser

Photos can be viewed at our school office. Order forms are also available to be completed and put in the box provided. Orders close Friday, 29 September - calendars, photos, etc ready for pick up early December.

