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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

This week and the end of term is becoming very busy. We have cross country tomorrow and then Open Day this Friday morning. Please feel free to come to both events and support the children. The cross country will be held at the Domain and Mrs Whitehouse requires some marshals for the course so if you can help it would be greatly appreciated. The first race will be at 11:00am with the 9 years olds and then it will go in order from 5 year olds and up. Hopefully, the weather holds off. On Friday is this term's Open Morning. Come and spend time in the classrooms with the children and join in what they are doing. Feel free to stay for tea or coffee afterwards.

Next week the seniors have Quad tourney in Marton. The year 7 and 8s go on Tuesday with the Year 5 and 6s on Thursday. More information about this will come out shortly. The children will be playing soccer, rugby, netball or hockey. It is always a fun and enjoyable day for all, and we will do our best to hold onto the hockey trophy that we won last year! The last week of school sees the Rangitikei Tough Kid being held out at Ohangaiti. The organisation for this is well underway and children are certainly looking forward to this event where they get muddy and wet. It is also a great way to finish the term.

Last week, I received a report from the Ministry of Education about the school attendance for term 2 this year. It was certainly an interesting read. The Ministry has guidelines of what they believe is acceptable. The rules are that a child does not have to attend school in New Zealand until they turn 6, however if they are enrolled prior to this, then they are expected to attend regularly. 'Regularly' in their eyes is above 90%. The report came back and said that only 57% of our children have attended regularly this year. This is a concern as attendance at school is paramount to learning and the children getting the best opportunity for their education. We are well aware that sickness is a key aspect of absence and this year has been particularly bad, but please bear in mind that this is the only acceptable reason for not attending school. Congratulations to year 8 students who had the highest percentage at attendance at 71%. The other years were then all below this with one year level as low as 43% attending regularly. The Ministry will be gathering our data every term and we look forward to comparing this as time goes on.

Have a great week!

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 13 September.....	Cross country
.....	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!

James (Rm8) will be 12 tomorrow;
Sophia (Rm7) celebrates her 10th
birthday this Saturday.

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

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Sophie Smith for great listening and being a fabulous role model on the mat.

ROOM 2: Leia Tikotikoca for great story writing.

ROOM 3: Daniel Klok-Cooper for always showing kindness and concern for children when they're hurt.

ROOM 4: Dayna Mona for working with Mrs Shaw to think of other ways to do our art.

ROOM 5: Wyatt Hill for excellent assembly presentation.

ROOM 7: Kyla Cornish for doing well in Toe by Toe and being helpful in class.

ROOM 8: Amber Barbarich for a great attitude to her learning.



This week's MVP recipients



Brooklyn Cockburn (Rm8) has been selected for a Rangitikei Hockey Representative team. We wish you all the best for the season, Brooklyn, and look forward to hearing how you go!

Cross country and Adidas Fun Run

Our annual cross country is tomorrow (Wednesday) 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, this Friday 15 September. You can order your prize online or fill in the booklet and prizes will be ordered from school. 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.

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

Please return netball uniforms

All netball uniforms need to be returned to Mrs Whitehouse in Room 8 by the end of this week. We need them for our Quad sports days next week.

What will your children be doing these October holidays?

YMCA Central are opening a brand new programme in Bulls offering before and after school care, as well as a school holiday programme for 5 to 13 year olds beginning Monday 2 October. They will be operating out of the St James Church Hall on Daniell Street, Bulls and will have two great staff, Cindy and Kyle who will be leading and running the programme. The school holiday programme will be packed with great activities including rock painting (and hiding!), a Talent Quest, a Master Chef competition and a whole lot more! They are really excited to be part of the Bulls community with these great new programmes and look forward to getting to know you in the near future. For more information, please check out their website www.ymcacentral.org.nz contact our main office at (06) 349-0197 and ask to speak with Ben or Chloe.

Kids for Kids Concert - Mrs Beckers reports

So proud of our Clifton tamariki for their energy at the Kids for Kids concert. After a loooong rehearsal all morning they were still able to put on a smile and sing and move in time with 700 other children for the two hour show. Congratulations to Charlize, Luca, and Phoenix who played in the ukulele group, and congratulations to James, Preston, Te Ao Marama and Seren, who worked very hard to be ready to audition for solo parts. They were all selected to perform in the Mod Squad for the finale. Huge thank you to the Clifton staff for their support through classtime rehearsals and for coming to see the performance. Thank you to all the parents and whanau who also came and supported the event.



Would you like to support our makeover application?

We are looking for support from you, our school community, by way of pledges of trees or plants to include in our "Birds, Bees and Butterflies" native garden. If you would like to help, please indicate which tree or plant you would like to pledge (\$5 or \$10, please indicate), cut out this form and return to our school office by Friday, 22 September. Your pledged contribution will be included in our application and would go a long way towards increasing our chances of success.

Family: _____ Phone: _____

Trees and Shrubs (approx 1.5m to 6m)

- Titoki..... [] Putaputaweta..... []
- Kahikatea..... [] Karamu..... []
- Cabbage Tree..... [] Puriri..... []
- Kohuhu..... [] Five Finger..... []
- Pate..... [] Kaikomako..... []
- Rimu..... [] Kanuka..... []
- Makomako..... [] Coprosma..... []
- Manuka..... [] Rangiora..... []
- Mapou..... [] Flax..... []
- Akiraho..... [] Broadleaf..... []
- Kowhai..... [] Lacebark..... []

Shrubs, low growing plants (approx 500mm to 1.5m)

- Toropapa..... [] Astelia..... []
- Kaka Beak..... [] Hebe..... []
- NZ Iris..... [] Sand coprosma..... []
- NZ Blueberry..... [] Parahebe..... []
- Hebe..... [] Creeping Pratia..... []

Climbers

- Carmine rata..... [] Kohia..... []

NB: Please don't pay yet - we will advise once our application has been processed. Thank you for your support!



Kids for Kids Concert participants