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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

As the end of the year draws nearer, I am sure that many of you are starting to think about next year and our school's organisation. We are in final deliberations in regards to sorting out classes and teachers, and will hopefully be able to share this with you next week.

Mrs Sharon Spall will be coming in this Friday morning to Room 1 to enable the children (including the 4-year-olds who are having a school visit) to meet her. In the last week of the school, the children will spend a short time with their 2018 teacher for introductions and some fun.

The end of the year is both an exciting as well as apprehensive time. There is always change associated with it and with this sometimes comes anxiety. If you have any concerns or thoughts regarding this, then please don't hesitate to come and see me. I am more than happy to talk you through anything and often a short talk can allay any concerns.

Staff are currently writing reports and tidying up all the end of year work. Please don't be surprised if readers or homework reduces as this is now the ideal opportunity to do something slightly different within the classrooms. Teachers will ensure that routines and engagement are still high as this is important at this time of the year.

Over the next three weeks we have a busy schedule. Please take note of the important dates in our Calendar of Events top right.

It is great to see all the children who make use of the playground and field outside of school hours. Please note though, that children are not allowed in the classrooms outside of school hours.

Last week we sent home a Community Consultation for you to complete. This will only take a few minutes and provides valuable information for our board to ensure that our school's charter, vision, values, etc, are all relevant. Copies are available from our school office and need to be returned by 9:00am this Friday.

This year has been another fantastic year at Clifton School and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your contribution over the year. Next year will bring some changes as every year always does - but we can look forward to this and I will keep you informed as we go.

Have a good week.

Adrian Burn, Principal



Principal's Award winners at last week's Presentation Assembly.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 1 December.....BoT election voting closes
Saturday 2 December.....Bulls Christmas parade
Tuesday 5 December....RSVP due for Leavers' Dinner
Wednesday 6 December..Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 7 December.....Yr8 Leavers' Dinner
Friday 8 December.....Yr 4-8 Athletics Day
Monday 11 December...Farewell assembly @ 2.15pm
Tuesday 12 December.....BIG DAY IN!
Wednesday 13 December...Volunteers' morning tea
.....Board of Trustee meeting
Thursday 14 December.....Prizegiving
Friday 15 December.....School finishes at midday
Tuesday 30 January.....Start of Term 1 2018

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kohere (Rm8) is 12 and Zoe (Rm2) is 6 today. Flynn (Rm2) will be 7 on Thursday, and on Sunday, James (Rm3) turns 8.

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

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Marcus Mitchell for trying really hard to complete all follow up activities.

ROOM 2: Zoe Mudgway for great work learning her words.

ROOM 3: Daniel Klok-Cooper for working hard on his independent writing.

ROOM 4: Charlie Brider for working hard and being helpful.

ROOM 5: Phoenix Lambert for her excellent presentation skills in the play for our Presentation Assembly last Friday.

ROOM 7: Samantha Pryce for excellent progress in writing.

ROOM 8: Luke Hughson for showing Manaakitanga by supporting a fellow student at our Music Showcase.

Year 4 to 8 Clifton School Athletics next Friday

Our senior school will be having their Athletics Day next Friday, 8 December, from 10:15am. Parents, please make sure that children come to school in their PE gear, ie, shorts and t-shirts, no jeans, dresses, etc. Notices will be sent home this afternoon with more information.



Thank you to Koanga Institute

In September, Clifton School was a lucky recipient, along with Marton School and the Marton Community Garden, of a bundle of fruit trees from the Koanga Institute in Wairoa. These trees were gifted by Kay, in honour of the many happy holidays she spent as a child in Bulls! They were delivered to the Community Garden, and as there were so many, in the spirit of providing food to our whole community, we shared with Bulls, Marton Junction and James Cook Schools.

The trees have been potted up, and are growing strongly ready for the next planting season, where they will enhance our school garden and provide healthy food for our children. We thank the Koanga Institute for their generous donation, and look forward to harvesting the different varieties of apples, pears, peaches, plums and figs in years to come. Visit their website <http://www.koanga.org.nz>

YMCA and Blue Light disco next Friday

Year 1 to 8 children are invited to a Disney themed disco next Friday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St James Church Hall. Entry is \$2.00 and parents will need to complete a permission slip (available from our school office or on the night). For more information, phone Kayla Churcher on 027 808 3306.

Christmas trees for \$12.00 each

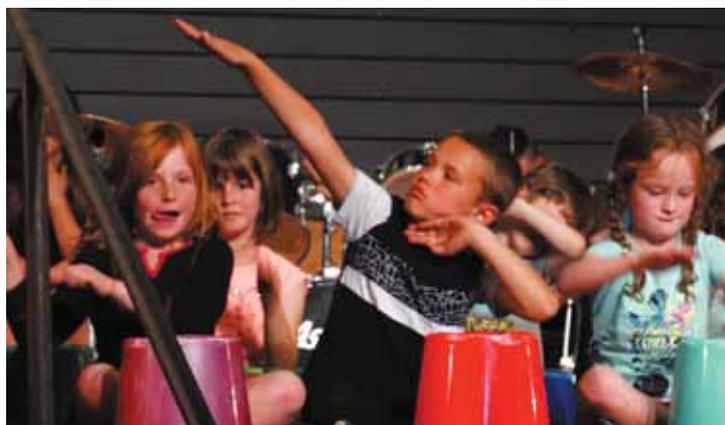
Rotary Club of Marton will be selling Christmas trees (the real sort with pine needles and scent!) at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church car park, Saturday 15 December from 8:30am to midday. More information, phone David Smith 327 6513.

Bulls Toy Library open Tuesdays and Saturdays

Need a portacot, pram or stroller for the grandkids' visit? Don't buy one - hire one from \$10 per fortnight from the Bulls Toy Library. The library is open on Tuesdays from 2:30pm until 4:00pm, and on Saturday from 11:00am until 1:00pm. For more information, please email BULLSTL17@gmail.com or find them on Facebook - Bulls Toy Library.

A magical Music Showcase

We are all very proud of the fabulous performance by our Clifton School kids at last week's Music Showcase. A huge thank you to Mrs Beckers for her tenacity, patience and enthusiasm; the Showcase would not have happened without her. Thank you also to Danelle Whakatihi, Sara Procter, Aroha Ngaau and Denise Rangianewa Barbarich for their work with our kapahaka roopu; the group's performance was amazing! We would also like to acknowledge the effort put in by our staff, and our school community for supporting our school.



Photos courtesy of Nathan Baish.

KAPAHAKA FUNDRAISER



First Prize = \$2,500
Second Prize = \$1,500
Third Prize = \$750
Fourth Prize = \$250

Tickets just \$5.00 each and are available from our school office.

Proceeds go directly to helping purchase new uniforms and resources. Drawn under police supervision on 15 December 2017, winners published on our school Facebook page and notified by phone. Limited to 2000 tickets.

BULLS CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Bulls Christmas Parade will be held this Saturday, 2 December 2017 at 10:00am. If you would like your child to be on the Clifton School float, please ensure they are at school by 9:30am and they are dressed as presents.

