

Soaring to Success

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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Wasn't Saturday a great day for the Christmas parade through Bulls? I want to congratulate all the children, staff and parents who got involved putting our float together - it looked amazing.

There were several categories for the floats to be judged on, and our float won the category of "the best float that embodies what Christmas is all about". Well done to everyone; the kids loved it (and looked good) and so did the judges. It was great to see the streets lined with so many people, all having fun and enjoying themselves.

Next week we are having a farewell assembly for Lori Wyzcawski. This will be held on Monday afternoon at school in our Discovery Centre at 2:00pm. Please feel free to come and be part of this. It will be sad to see her go, but also an exciting time for her and her family, and we have another excellent teacher, Mrs Sharon Spall, coming to join us at the beginning of 2018.

We are well under way for our planning for next year and as I said last week, I am in the process of sorting classes earlier rather than later. At this stage, the makeup of the rooms will **PROBABLY** be as follows:

- Room 1 - New Entrant/Year 1
- Room 2 - Year 2 with a few year 3s
- Room 3 - Year 3
- Room 4 - Year 4
- Room 5 - Year 5
- Room 7 - Year 6
- Room 8 - Year 7 and 8

This is what we believe the classrooms will look like at this stage, however, we can't guarantee there won't be changes. If we receive a number of new enrolments over the summer break or in the final week of school, then things will have to change. The teachers for each class are also still to be confirmed but we will have this sorted by late next week so before the end of the term, children will go to their new class and know who their teacher for 2018 will be. I believe that this will alleviate any concerns the children may have going into the holidays, and it will also enable you to purchase their stationery over the summer break.

This Friday we have Year 4 to 8 Athletics competition, and the Junior School's (Rooms 1, 2 and 3) Athletics Fun Morning.

Next week (the last week of term) is very busy with BIG DAY IN, prizegiving, farewell assemblies, etc. It will be a fun time and a great opportunity to bring together all our successes over the course of the year. Let's hope the sun holds out until at least the end of term.

Please note that this is the last newsletter for 2017; we will be sending an end of year notice home only next week.

Have a good day.

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 6 December..Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 7 December.....Yr8 Leavers' Dinner
Friday 8 December.....Yr 4-8 Athletics Day
.....Junior Athletics Fun Morning
Monday 11 December..Farewell assembly @ 2.00pm
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
Saturday 7 April.....Mazda Tremendous Makeover

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vernelia (Rm4) will be 9 tomorrow and on Friday, Danny (Rm4) turns 9.
Next Saturday, Luca (Rm8) will be 12 and on Monday, Jaeviah (Rm5) turns 10.
On Thursday 14 December, Cadell (Rm2) will be 7.
Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.
Wishing you many happy returns of the day.

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Liam Stickle for always being polite and using fantastic manners.

ROOM 2: Jaxon Nelson for his fantastic art work.

ROOM 3: Shakyna Tupai for working hard on her reading and writing; ka pai!

ROOM 4: Rangiwanui Hudson for always being respectful.

ROOM 5: Seren Evans for excellent acting in her reading group's play.

ROOM 7: Seth Walker for being polite and helping others.

ROOM 8: Charlize Nicholson, for being you!

Statements sent home with this newsletter

School account statements have been sent home for the last time this year with this newsletter. If you have any queries, please contact our school office.

Pool keys available from tomorrow

We have a small number of pool keys available now. The cost is \$50.00 with a \$10.00 refund paid on return of the key at the end of the season next year (approximately 31 March 2018 depending on the weather). If you would like a key, please come into the office before 1:30pm, this Friday.

Year 4 to 8 Clifton School Athletics this Friday

Our senior school will be having their Athletics Day this 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.

Junior Athletics Fun Morning

Rooms 1, 2 and 3 will be participating in a Junior Athletics Fun Morning at school from 10:00am to 11:00am this Friday. Children need to bring water, lots of food, sunscreen and mufti sports clothes, ie, t-shirts, shorts and sneakers.

YMCA and Blue Light disco this Friday

Year 1 to 8 children are invited to a Disney themed disco this 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 16 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.

The Bulls Christmas Parade

Thank you to Heidi Macaulay for these great photos of the Clifton School float at last Saturday's parade. Everyone looked fabulous!

