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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

A big welcome back to all you for 2018. It has already been a great week seeing the big smiles on the children's faces as they reconnected with their friends after the summer holidays. I do however think that some of the parents had even bigger smiles as they walked into the school this week. It has been wonderful seeing how quickly the children and the teachers have settled once again into the routines of school life and seeing the enthusiasm for what is already happening in the classrooms.

Please feel free to come into our school and spend some time in the classes to see what is happening and make yourself known to the teacher. We operate an open door policy here at Clifton; the teachers and I are always happy to have you visit - even if you would simply like a cup of tea or coffee.

We want to acknowledge the great work that our parent body do for our school (often behind the scenes). This year, we want to ensure that all of you feel welcome at any stage to come in to the school and make use of the resources we have available. This may involve the use of a computer if you don't have the internet at home, the photocopier in the office or simply somewhere to sit and talk to others over a cup of coffee. Schools are often the hubs of a community and we have a great school here. Let's make use of what we have and that involves you, as parents, as well.

Next week we would like to invite you to a school barbecue/picnic from 5:00pm until 7:00pm on Thursday 8 February on our school field. The swimming pool will be open and sports equipment available to use. Come with your family and your picnic dinner for a fun time and an opportunity to meet and greet with new families and staff. There will be a free sausage sizzle on as well during the evening. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Next Thursday morning at 9:00am (once you have dropped your children to class) please feel free to make your way to the staff room for a cuppa. There will be tea and coffee available and this will provide a good opportunity to meet other parents. We would like to especially invite new parents to the Clifton School family.

Please take note of all the notices in this newsletter. At the start of the year there is a lot of information about coming events and our newsletter is an important part of getting this information across. We would greatly appreciate it if you could take time to read it. The newsletter is also uploaded to our website, sent out on our school app and a copy sent to everyone on our email address list.

Have a good week and if you ever want to ask about anything or offer ideas then please feel free to come and see me.

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 30 January.....	Start of Term 1 2018
Tuesday 6 February...	Waitangi Day; no school today
Friday 16 February.....	Swimming costs need to be paid
Tuesday 20 February.....	Rm7 leaves for camp
Thursday 1 March.....	Whole School camp
Friday 2 March.....	School finishes at 12:30pm today
Friday 9 March.....	Assembly hosted by Rm3
Thursday 15 March.....	Cluster Swim Sports (TBC)
Thursday 29 March.....	Assembly hosted by Rm2
Friday 30 March.....	Good Friday; no school today
Monday 2 April.....	Easter Monday; no school today
Tuesday 3 April.....	Easter Tuesday; no school today
Saturday 7 April.....	Mazda Tremendous Makeover
Friday 13 April.....	End of Term 1

Below: Owen and Sophia model our school uniform.



UPDATED SWIMMING NOTICE

Please refer the attached notice regarding our senior swim season. This notice replaces the one that was sent home earlier this week - please put it on your fridge!

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

The beginning of the year is always the best time to reinforce expectations. With that in mind I would like to remind you of the school uniform. The children are all expected to be in the school polo shirt which can be bought from the office. Shorts are expected to be blue drill shorts which are available from our office, postie plus, K Mart or The Warehouse. If you want your child in long pants then blue drill trousers can also be bought from the aforementioned places. Children are free to choose shoes of their choice. As the weather cools over the year they will be expected to be in a school fleece. The school hat is provided by the school.

Jeans, black shorts or other coloured shorts are unacceptable. Thank you for your co-operation with this and I am sure you will agree that when everyone is in uniform the kids all look smart.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

In week 5 we will once again hold our annual whole school camp. This year it will be held on the evening of Thursday 1 March. At this stage we aim to sleep in tents but if the weather is at all dodgy we will move indoors like last year. We will once again start the camp with a picnic tea on Thursday evening after which parents and younger children go home. Please be aware that school will finish on Friday at 12:30pm. We will send more information home regarding this camp in due course.

2018 STATIONERY

Feedback from parents indicates that ordering our school stationery online through OfficeMax is going well. One of our parents advised that they bought their stationery through another supplier, and ended up paying significantly more for the pack than what they would have done if they had gone through OfficeMax. Please note that children need to have their stationery by the end of this week. If you are having any difficulty with this, please let us know - we are happy to help!

2018 SCHOOL COSTS

Please find below a list of costs that will be added to your school account. If you have any queries regarding any of these costs, please contact us - we would be happy to discuss any concerns or address any queries that you may have:

- School donation: \$50 per child or \$80 for a family
- Reading Eggs for Rm 1 to 3 children: \$10 each
- Athletics for Rm 3 to 8 children: \$10 each
- Swimming for Rm 4 to Rm 8 children: \$15 per child; \$25 for two children, \$35 for a family of three or more.

(Please note that this invoice needs to be paid in full by the end of week 3.)

- Rm 7 camp in February (approximately \$160 tbc)
- Technology for Room 8 students \$70 (tbc)
- Room 8 camp in Term 4 - Mrs Whitehouse is working on costs and will be sending more notices home later.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT STATEMENTS

As our school office has been closed for six weeks, it will take a little time for Kerry to catch up with processing. She is making this a priority and hopes to send up-to-date statements home (with 2018 costs included) by the end of next week. If you have any queries regarding your statement, please contact her on 322 1544 or email office@clifton.school.nz.

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU!

As you are aware, we received the exciting news that our application for a \$10,000 Mazda Tremendous Makeover had been successful.

On 21 and 22 January, the first stage of the makeover was implemented, with the help of many of our school community. A big thank you to everyone who came along to help out, and to Sara Procter for the great photos; your names will be included in the "thank you" signage which will be put on the archways.

Have a look at the area just past our Reading Recovery room at the front of the school to see how much we have already achieved. The full landscape plan is in the office if you would like to come in and have a look.

We will be having another project day late February or March (we will keep you posted), and the actual planting day is on Saturday, 7 April 2018.



This photo taken 9:30am, Saturday 21 January



The progress made by Sunday afternoon



Down tools on Sunday at 5pm (ish)