

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

We hope that you all enjoyed Waitangi day yesterday and had a good day with your families

We would like to invite you to our school picnic tomorrow evening (Thursday) here at school between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Please bring your families and a picnic tea; there will also be a free sausage sizzle, a bouncy castle and the pool will be open for the kids to enjoy. The evening will provide a great opportunity to meet other families as well as your children's teachers. We look forward to seeing you there!

Also tomorrow, I would like to invite you to join me for a cup of tea or coffee at 9:00am (after you drop your children off) for a chance to sit and meet others. This year, we want to make sure that you all feel welcome, and know that you are welcome to use the resources we have in the school. Tomorrow is the start of that. This will be a regular thing each term - please come and make yourself known.

Senior classes start swimming today and they will be travelling to Sanson pool each day that swimming is on. Please ensure that the children have their togs and towels ready for this. There is a cost and we ask that this is paid by next Friday, or that arrangements are made in the office for an automatic payment. Unfortunately, if the swimming cost is not paid, then your child will have to miss out and remain at school during this time.

At the start of term, routines are being set up within the classes. It has been great seeing the pleasure and enjoyment that the children are showing in what they are doing. One issue that always arises at all school is homework. Please be aware that there are many differing opinions on the value of homework. Above all, it should be relevant and it should complement what is happening in class - not something that is simply added on and certainly not something that the children have not covered in class. If you have any strong opinions or thoughts about homework in general, or about the homework that your child is receiving, then please feel free to come and talk to either myself or the class teacher. I am personally interested in your thoughts as later this year I am spending some time investigating the importance of homework to students and homes.

In three weeks we are holding our annual Whole School Camp here at school. This will be on Thursday, 1 March and school will finish at 12:30pm on Friday, 2 March. Please make a note of this in your diary. More information about this will come out next week.

Have a good week and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at 9:00am for a cuppa or at our school picnic.

*Adrian Burn, Principal*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kiartin (Rm7) will celebrate his 10th birthday this Thursday.

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

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Jairus Tikotikoca-Lal, Manaakitanga; looking after our classroom and having a lovely smile.

ROOM 2: Samuela Afele Maelega for a fabulous start in Room 2.

ROOM 3: Fraser Guerin for being an "outstanding" kid in Room 3 for three days in a row.

ROOM 4: Alita Ama for displaying kotahitanga every day.

ROOM 5: Tyler Sole for showing manaakitanga (caring).

ROOM 7: Luuk Bundle for being a well organised and thoughtful learner.

ROOM 8: Kaitlyn Jewell for having an outstanding start to 2018.



### SCHOOL POOL MUST BE LOCKED AFTER HOURS

On more than one occasion, we have discovered that the pool gate has been left unlocked. This is of real concern. Pool key holders, it is part of your agreement with our school that the pool key gate is kept locked at all times, even while you are using the pool. The conditions of use state:

**7. The pool gate must be locked immediately after use, and kept locked while the pool is being used. Lock the gate as you go in and come out.**

Failure to observe all the conditions set out on the Conditions of Use Agreement may result in the forfeiture of your key.

### 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, KMart 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.

### 2018 SCHOOL COSTS

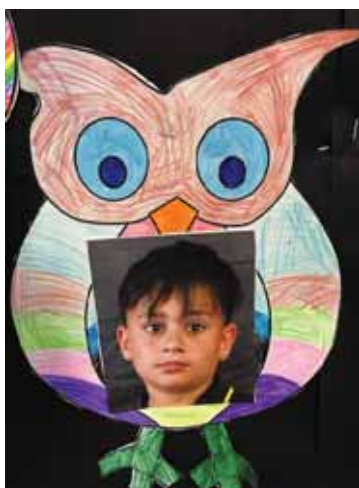
The middle school camp invoices have been sent home with this newsletter. Thank you to those parents who have already paid in full, or who have set up an automatic payment. If you would like to set up an automatic payment now, we would suggest a minimum amount of \$10 per week. If you have any queries, or need help with setting up a payment, please contact Kerry in our school office between 8:30am and 1:30pm. Other invoices (details below) will be sent out on Thursday and Friday:

- Swimming at Sanson for Rm4 to Rm8 children: \$15 per child, \$25 for two, \$35 for a family of three or more children
- Reading Eggs for Rm1 to Rm3 children: \$10 each
- Mathletics for Rm3 to Rm8 children: \$10 each
- Technology for Rm8 children: \$70 (still to be confirmed)
- School donation: \$50 per child, \$80 for a family of two or more children.

Account statements will be sent home on Friday. NB: If you have set up automatic payments, these will be allocated to the most urgent invoice, ie, school camps, swimming, technology first; the school donation will be paid off only when all the other invoices have been paid in full, unless you advise us otherwise.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOUSE LEADERS!

Kahurangi: Corbyn Quader and Owen Evans. Kakariki: James Ngaau-Harnett and Kerrie Daines. Kowhai: Luca McRae and Matthew Pryce. Whero: Tahu Ayers and Luke Hughson.



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Whaia ou huarahi ki te mana

**Clifton Friends Of The School**

*To all parents and care givers at Clifton School, please join the Friends of the School for a casual supper on us.*

*Come along and talk about what we do as a parent group and how you could be involved for as little or as much as you can.*

Anytime between 6.30 and 8pm  
Monday 12th February  
At the Mothered Goose, Bulls

Please rsvp so we have numbers for catering via text 0278489125 or Friends of the School face book page by this Friday the 9th