

Soaring to Success

We Value Integrity, Respect, Curiosity, Risk-Taking, Resilience, Diversity

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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

It was great to see the large number of people who came to our picnic/barbecue last week; we had a very relaxed and enjoyable evening. Also, thank you to everyone who took the time to answer the question about reporting - your thoughts are appreciated and will be very helpful in our planning going forward. Overall, the biggest thing that people want to be told is the progress that their child is making, or has made, over the year. This is something that our reports haven't covered in the past but is in line with what we were thinking anyway, so it is great to see that we are all on the same page.

As you will have seen last week we are having some issues with bikes and scooters. Someone is unfortunately letting down tyres or taking hand grips. This is causing much consternation for the children and parents whose property is being tampered with. We are currently looking at getting a bike cage put in behind on the grass area behind the Reading Recover room. This will be locked during the day so that the bikes are safe. Children are, of course, welcome to continue to bring their wheels to school until this has been completed, but please understand that there is a risk in doing so. Overall it is wonderful to see the large number of bikes and scooters that are enjoyed here and we don't want this to stop. Please know that we are doing what we can to solve this issue.

This Friday, we will hold our first school assembly in our Discovery Centre from 2:00pm. It will be led by Sheila Beckers with a music focus. Please feel free to come and celebrate with the children.

Have a good week.

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!

Z'del (Rm3) is 7 today and Gabrielle (Rm2) will be 6 on Wednesday. Next Monday, Zander (Rm2) will turn 6 and Samantha (Rm7) will be 11.

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

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Lilly Tricker for bravery and resilience in the swimming pool.

ROOM 2: Oscar Brider for great resilience when things go wrong.

ROOM 3: Cadence Whakatihi for demonstrating kindness and whanaungatanga when working with others.

ROOM 4: Isla McNeil for her honesty and integrity.

ROOM 5: Zac Tindall for taking care of our environment.

ROOM 7: Blake Sarjant for showing resilience in the face of a tricky situation.

ROOM 8: Sarah Connelly for her superb support during swimming.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended our Friends of the School Group's get together on Monday; it was a lovely evening. If you would like to join the group but couldn't make it on Monday, please email fots@clifton.school.nz or contact Heidi on 027 848 9125. We hope to hear from you soon!

SWIMMING IS PART OF THE CURRICULUM

It has been great to see the large number of children who are enjoying the swimming lessons, either in our pool or at the Sanson pool. Please remember that the money travel to Sanson for lessons needs to be paid by the end of this week. Swimming is part of the school curriculum and there is an expectation that all children will swim unless there is a medical reason. Opting out simply because it is cold is not an option. We are fortunate that the Sanson pool is indoor and, therefore very warm. In New Zealand, with so much water around us, it is important that all children have the opportunity to build their skills and become water-confident. Thank you for your understanding with this issue.

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURE FORM

It is our school policy that a Medical Information and Emergency Procedure form is sent out each year for every student (except those who have just started at Clifton). A form will be sent home with this newsletter and we would appreciate it if these could be returned by the end of this week so we can update our records. This information is kept confidential but it is also paramount that we have your correct contact phone numbers in case of emergencies. If you have any queries, please contact our school office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENTS

Thank you to all our parents who have already paid their school accounts in full, or who have contacted us regarding setting up automatic payments. If you need help or have any queries regarding this, please contact our school office by email: office@clifton.school.nz or phone 322 1544.

MAZDA TREMENDOUS MAKEOVER UPDATE

Our next project day will be held on Saturday, 17 March 2018. Nathan and Kerry will be at school from 8:00am - you are welcome to join us whenever you like.

Goals for the day are:

- complete the pathways, ie, edging, shell rock put in and compacted
- two archways assembled and installed
- more cardboard and mulch laid
- general tidy up of other school gardens

What you need to bring:

- BE SUNSAFE! Hats and sunblock are a must
- Lots of water (our water fountains are filtered and cooled but you might prefer to bring water from home)
- Shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves, possibly electric drills

If you would like to join us, please contact Kerry in our school office by emailing office@clifton.school.nz.

(Planting day is Saturday 7 April 2018).

We hope to see you there!

What Room 5 learnt about the Treaty of Waitangi:

By Max Skates

On the 6th February 1840 (223 years and two days ago) the Treaty of Waitangi was signed.

Short version - Maori had a great life doing their thing. The British came to New Zealand to start new lives. They signed the Treaty by taking it around New Zealand, and finally in Waitangi where they made the Maori sign it. But the British kept taking land. Soon the Maori didn't have enough food for their families. They thought they could carry on with the things they were doing.

By 1900, a lot of Maori land had been confiscated. Now today (9 February 2018) we celebrate by going to galas. News has Jacinda Ardern making a speech.

By Logan Till

When the British Empire and more than 500 Maori chiefs did the Treaty, they were both very different.

The Maori version said, we will make rules and laws.

But the British version said, can we have your land?

But the Maori chiefs accidentally signed it.

