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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Well one camp is down and from all accounts the kids thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Rms 5 and 7 have settled back into school life and are enjoying the opportunity to talk about what they did and the experiences they had.

Our whole school camp will be held this Thursday evening. This is another opportunity for the children to sleep over and have some fun. Below is the information you need for this camp.

We wish to thank everyone for the offer of tents as this would provide a fantastic opportunity for the children, however, after looking at the weather forecast for Thursday evening and Friday morning (it does not look flash and there is nothing worse than taking down tents in the rain) we have decided that to make everything easier, we will all sleep inside regardless. So tents will not be required.

Below is another copy of what the children will need to bring (tick off the items as you pack them) and a timetable for the Thursday night:

- Pyjamas [] • Pillow [] • Sleeping bag [] • Mattress or stretcher []
- Change of clothes for next day [] • Togs and towel [] • Torch []
- Warm clothing for in the evening [] • Toothbrush and toothpaste []
- Breakfast in a bag, (plastic bag with a spoon, plate, cup and cereal - milk will be provided). This will be the children's breakfast, there will be no toast, etc, and it must be brought from home []

THURSDAY 1 MARCH

- 2:55pm: children return home as normal.
- 5:00pm: Children return to school with gear.
- 6:00pm: Shared picnic tea with the school community. Dinner is to be brought from home. Baking will be available to purchase from Room 8's cake stall (camp fundraiser).
- 6:30pm: Fun activities start
- From 8:00pm parents and those not staying the night go home. All Rm 1 and 2 children go home; Rm 3 children have a choice to stay but must have returned a permission slip. Rm 5 to 8 children stay.
- 9:30pm: Bathroom, bed, lights out.

FRIDAY 2 MARCH

- 7:00am: Up and at 'em! Morning walk.
- 7:15am: Breakfast - will be Breakfast in a Bag. School will provide the milk. Those children who did not stay the night are welcome to return to school anytime from 7:30am.
- 9:00am: We are still looking at finalizing the activity for the morning and are waiting upon some information from outside of the school.
- 11:45am: Parents arrive to collect bedding and gear, and pick up children.
- 12:30pm Lost property. Go home. Please note there will not be a bus; please ensure you have made arrangements to pick up your kids if they usually go home by bus.

Our whole school camp will be a great time and something for the children to talk about all year.

Once again please feel free to come and have coffee tomorrow morning at 9:00am in the staffroom. All welcome.

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday 28 February.....Jnr school swim display
- Thursday 1 March.....Whole School camp
- Friday 2 March.....School finishes at 12:30pm today
- Tuesday 6 March....Clifton School senior swim sports
- Friday 9 March.....Mufti day
.....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
- Friday 6 April.....Cluster Athletics (tbc)
- Saturday 7 April.....Mazda Tremendous Makeover
- Friday 13 April.....End of Term 1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Seth (Rm5) is 9 today and Wyatt (Rm5) will be 9 on Wednesday. This Thursday, Hoana (Rm4) turns 8, and Kingston (Rm2) will be 6. Inverness (Rm8) turns 12, and Aaliyah (Rm5) will be 10 on Friday.

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

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Eva Till for her lovely story writing.

ROOM 2: Samuel 'Atonaikami-Kimui for his positive attitude and effort in learning, and for being a good role model for others.

ROOM 3: Z'del Hopkins-Dalley for his positive attitude in reading and writing.

ROOM 4: Tia Clayton for her enthusiastic contributions during guided reading.

ROOM 5: Victor Tikotikoca-Lal for an excellent display of energy on our camp "Fern Walk".

ROOM 7: Seth Walker for his excellent help on camp.

ROOM 8: Montana Fryer for his attitude and effort during survival swimming.

OFFICE HOURS

Just a reminder that our school office is open from 8:15am to 1:30pm, Monday to Friday. Please ensure that you contact us before 1:30pm if you need to put your child on the bus, or if you are picking them up early. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that there will be someone in the office after 1:30pm to answer the phone.

STATEMENTS SENT HOME WITH NEWSLETTER

Parent statements will be sent home with this newsletter. Please check your oldest child's bag, and if you have any queries, please contact our school office.

JUNIOR SWIMMING DISPLAY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY)

Our Junior Swimming Display will be held on Wednesday 28 February at 1:30pm in our school pool. Please note that this event will only be held if the weather permits and **a notice will also be sent home this afternoon.**

Everyone is welcome to join us and help us celebrate the children's achievements. Children will need their togs and two towels in a named bag, please. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!

SWIMMING UPDATE

This is the last week that children will be travelling to Sanson pool for swimming. Swimming at school will continue if/when the weather permits, so please ensure that children bring their gear to school every day. Also, if you purchased a key to our pool, a reminder that these will need to be returned by 31 March 2018 to collect your \$10 refund.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL CATCH UP THIS THURSDAY

FoTS will be meeting in the staffroom at 9:05am to discuss canteen for the year, discos, breakfast club and different events they would like to run. ALL WELCOME! Come along for a coffee and see what they are all about (pre-schoolers are welcome).

ROOM 8 CAKE STALL FOR WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP THIS THURSDAY

Would you like some yummy baking for your dessert at the Whole School Camp picnic this Thursday? Bring along some money and help support Rm8's fundraising for their camp in term 4.

BREAKFAST CLUB STARTS NEXT MONDAY

Breakfast club starts next Monday. It will be held in the kitchen after the first bell goes (not before) for three days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MUFTI DAY ON FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018

Children are welcome to come to school in mufti on Friday 9 March. This is a fundraiser for the Rm8 camp in Term 4 so a gold coin donation to the class teacher, please.

TIME TO CHECK FOR NITS

We have had reports from some parents that nits are on the prowl again. Please check your children's hair and treat them if required. Don't forget that most treatments require a repeat in two weeks time.

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. (Planting day is Saturday 7 April 2018).

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 SUN SMART! 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

