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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

What a fantastic way to end last week with whole school camp on Thursday and Friday. We had a great time and I hope that the children, and all the parents and caregivers who came along, did too. I spoke to several of you who seemed very happy to be dropping children off at school for the night, and then heading home for a night off. The children were all great and it was fantastic to see the smiles and laughter that were still on their faces when we reached the Lido the next day.

Thank you all for coming to join in the school picnic. We realise that it was very informal but I believe that this is what makes the evening so successful. Families and children simply sitting and being together, talking and laughing. It's what we do so well here at Clifton.

A special thank you to Gary Davis and Nick Fellingham for joining us for the evening to help out. Their effort and time was greatly appreciated.

I am currently looking at ways to report to you, as parents, about the progress of your children for the end of year report. On Wednesday, 14 March, I would like to invite parents in again for a cup of tea and coffee at 9:00am in the staffroom; you are all welcome. Please come and share your thoughts with me about the reporting process and I will share with you what we have so far.

I have also sent home with this newsletter a copy of a new procedure for Clifton School. So often incidents occur, either at school or after school, which impact the children and their relationships with others. Our school and parents need to share responsibility for dealing with these incidents and, depending on the scenario, will determine who has the bigger responsibility of the issue.

We are lucky at Clifton in that there is a strong relationship between the school and families, and we work closely together. This procedure has not been put in place due to increased incidents but rather we are simply planning for the future.

Have a good week.

Adrian Burn, Principal



This week's MVP Award recipients

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 6 March....Clifton School senior swim sports
Friday 9 March.....Mufti day
.....Assembly hosted by Rm3
Wednesday 14 March.....Yr7 & 8 HPV immunisations
Thursday 15 March.....Cluster Swim Sports (TBC)
Saturday 17 March.....Makeover project day
Thursday 29 March.....Assembly hosted by Rm2
Friday 30 March.....Good Friday; no school today
Sunday 1 April.....Daylight savings ends
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!

Tegan (Rm7) will be 10 this Friday. Myley (Rm8) celebrates her 11th birthday next Monday.

Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.

Wishing you many happy returns of the day.

Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Osten Kenyon for consistently making good choices.

ROOM 2: Jahzaria Temomo-Smith Cliffe; wow, what a fabulous, colourful Paper Batik Fish!

ROOM 3: Cadence Whakatihi for being an amazing support to others in Room 3.

ROOM 4: Eva Mudgway for being fabulous company on the night of the Whole School Camp.

ROOM 5: Olivia Neal for her fabulous effort and attitude during our swimming survival skills session.

ROOM 7: Luuk Bundle for his excellent work and attitude in class.

ROOM 8: James Leask for an amazing cake stall poster.

THANK YOU FROM OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMERS

We were thrilled with the number of parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends who joined our junior school students at their swimming display last Wednesday. We hoped you enjoyed the event as much as the children enjoyed "showing off" their confidence and skills.

CANTEEN ORDER FORMS COMING HOME WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

Canteen will be available this Friday. Please complete the attached form and return with the correct money by 9:00am this Thursday.

LOST PROPERTY

As part of our "Caring for Our Environment" focus, Mrs Karaynidis will be trying to reduce the lost property pile. Un-named school uniform items will be washed and put in the office for re-sale. Un-named mufti clothing will be washed and given to Marton Christian Welfare. Please ensure that your child's clothing is named, and check the lost property items that will be displayed outside Room 5 each week.

BREAKFAST CLUB HAS STARTED

Breakfast Club is available for three days each week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is served in the school kitchen by Room 8. Weetbix and milk is available after the first bell at 8:25am. A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered to run the club; it wouldn't happen without your support.

MUFTI DAY ON FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018

Children are welcome to come to school in mufti this 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

Have you checked your child's hair for nits yet? 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.

BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY

We invite boys and girls ages 4+ to join us for the 2018 season.

- Muster Day, Sunday 18 March, 10:30am to midday at the Bulls Domain, includes a free sausage sizzle
- First game: May 5th 2018

Go to the website to register

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/bullsrugbyjnr/>

MAZDA TREMENDOUS MAKEOVER UPDATE

Our next project day will be held on Saturday, 17 March (planting day is Saturday 7 April 2018). Plan for the day:

- 8:00am start, 10.30am morning tea (coffee, tea, etc, provided), midday finish
- 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 if it isn't raining
- 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!

IS YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND CARRYING TOO MUCH WEIGHT?

Southern Rangitikei Veterinary Services invite you to bring your pet along to SLIM JIM'S in their Marton or Bulls clinics and take the first step to giving them a healthier, happier life. Slim Jim's has now begun and there will be a final weigh in in November. Excellent prizes for the biggest losers are on offer, and they will give you some great tricks and treats (low calorie of course!) plus some super discounts on selected foods. For more information, contact SRVS on 06 3222 333.

