

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

It looks as if the weather is slowly turning to autumn. Please ensure that your children have a warm top to wear at break times. Everyone is expected to be in a school polar fleece as opposed to their own tops. Polar fleeces are available in the office and if you are quick there may be some second hand ones available.

With the weather changing, the children will no longer be swimming at school so they won't need to bring their swim gear any more. Also, if you have a pool key, please return it to the school office to get your \$10 refund.

We are very fortunate at Clifton to have such a supportive parent and family community. We appreciate everything that you all do for, and with, us. With this in mind, we would like to remind you that we have an open door policy here at Clifton and if you ever want to come and see your children in the class working and have a look at what they are doing, then please don't hesitate to do so. You may even get a job to do with a small group. So often children can benefit from some extra reading here at school but with the hectic timetable and class programmes, it can be hard to find the time or personnel to do this. If you are at all interested in doing this, either on a regular basis or from time to time, then please come and let us know.

I am currently thinking through our reporting to you as parents, and how to best show the progress that your children have made. You are welcome to come for coffee and have a chat about this tomorrow (Wednesday) at 9:00am or, if this isn't convenient, at another time which suits you, and I will share my thoughts so far. I am interested to know what you would like with regards to our school reports, and how we can make them simple to understand and meaningful to you.

Have a good week.

*Adrian Burn, Principal*



*This week's MVP Award recipients*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 14 March.....Yr7 & 8 HPV immunisations  
Thursday 15 March.....Cluster Swim Sports  
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.....Term 1 ends at 2:55pm  
Wednesday 25 April.....ANZAC day  
Monday 30 April.....Term 2 begins at 9:55am

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tia and Hayze (both in Rm4) both turn 8 today. This Thursday, Norah-Jane (Rm2) will be 6, and James and Jesse (Rm8) will be 11. On Friday, Hanno (Rm 4) turns 8 and on Saturday, Kayden (Rm4) will also be 8. Next Monday, Ben (Rm2) turns 7 and Eva (Rm4) will be 8.

*Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.*

*Wishing you many happy returns of the day.*

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Lewshion Dalby for super number work.

ROOM 2: Olivia Hammond for great work on Reading Eggs.

ROOM 3: Layla Kenyon for her enthusiasm and manaakitanga during our inquiry and preparation for assembly.

ROOM 4: Miller Clayton for working hard and completing his learning tasks.

ROOM 5: Danny Ama for helping us with the Samoan alphabet.

ROOM 7: Thalia Kelly for her excellent effort with her camp recount.

ROOM 8: Kohere Te Rupe for outstanding leadership at the Touch Rugby Tournament.



## OUR OFFICE WILL BE UNATTENDED THIS THURSDAY

Due to training commitments, our office will be unattended this Thursday. The phone will be checked periodically throughout the day but please be aware that we may not be able to respond to any calls immediately.

## ICE BLOCKS ON SALE AT LUNCH TIMES

Room 8 is fundraising for their school camp in November. Ice blocks are available every lunch time for the next few weeks, and cost just 50 cents each.

## LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be cleared out this Friday. Parents, caregivers - please check the bin outside the staffroom.

## 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.

## 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/>

## ARE YOU JOINING US THIS SATURDAY?

If you would like to help out this Saturday morning with the next stage of our Mazda Tremendous Makeover, could you please let us know at the office. Email [office@clifton.school.nz](mailto:office@clifton.school.nz) or phone 322 1544.

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

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.

Right: "JAMES RIZZI" inspired art by Room 3 (pastel and water-colour)

