

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Over the past few weeks, many Clifton School kids, staff and parents have been very busy preparing our Mazda Tremendous Makeover area. We are mulching the area in preparation for the planting of 864 plants next Saturday, 7 April. Please do come and join in - it will be a wonderful time for the school and a great celebration of all the hard work that has gone upon already. A huge thank you needs to go to Kerry Robson and Nathan Baish for all the work they put into this event; firstly in the application process itself and then the organisation of the work so far. I am sure that they can't wait for this to be over and they can sit back and enjoy looking at the fruits of their labour.

This week we have introduced a new system to our intervals and lunch. In the past, the bell has gone for interval and lunch, with children expected to immediately sit and eat for about 10 minutes before being released to go and play. This week we have flipped the order; children will be released to play immediately the bell goes, and upon returning to class at the end of break or lunch, they will eat while either reading or being read to. We envisage that this will be of benefit on two fronts. Firstly, after working for long periods of time, the children simply want to go out and run around and burn off their energy. Secondly, the children will feel like eating and are more likely to eat all their food instead of eating the bare minimum before playing. It will also limit the rubbish left outside as most of the eating will occur inside the classroom. We hope that this system works as well as we are expecting it will, and look forward to the results.

This weekend is, of course, Easter with no school on Friday. Please note that both Monday and Tuesday are school holidays as stipulated by the Ministry of Education. We realise that Tuesday is not a public holiday, but it has been included as a school holiday. Enjoy the extended long weekend with your families, and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday.

Have a good week.

*Adrian Burn, Principal*



*This week's MVP recipients - well done to you all!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.....Ruud Kleinpaste visits Clifton  
.....Cluster Athletics (TBC)  
.....Canteen - American hotdogs  
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 8:55am

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Harper (Rm2) turns 6 and Max (Rm5) turns 9 today. On Thursday, Carolyn-Rose (Rm4) will be 8, and on Friday, RJ (Rm3) will be 7. Next Monday, Zavier (Rm2) will celebrate his 7th birthday.

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

## Most Valuable Pupil

ROOM 1: Eva Till for super literacy learning.

ROOM 2: Marshall Uncles for his great story about, and illustration of, the campervan.

ROOM 3: Arapeta Barker for his immense concentration at writing time. Arapeta's stories are improving a lot - ka pai!

ROOM 4: Cairo Rowe-Dalley for her wonderful story writing.

ROOM 5: Eva Drellozis for doing a great job as our lead milk monitor.

ROOM 7: Tom Guerin for a great effort in maths.

ROOM 8: Matthew Pryce for excellent written language.

## CLUSTER SWIMMING RESULTS

- 11yo Girls 50m Freestyle: 1st Sarah Connelly
- 11yo Girls 50m Backstroke: 1st Sarah Connelly
- 11yo Girls 50m Breaststroke: 1st Sarah Connelly
- 10yo Girls 50m Breaststroke: 1st Seren Evans, 3rd Jade Ngamoki

Congratulations to everyone who participated, and special congratulations to Sarah Connelly who is this year's Cluster Champion for 11 year old girls freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

## FOTS MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY IN THE STAFF ROOM

Our Friends of the School Group will be meeting at 9:05am this Wednesday to discuss:

- disco date and possible venue change
- follow up on canteen term 1
- term 2 canteen menu and send out last week of term
- breakfast club roster term 2
- big event for term 3

All welcome!!

## NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY

There is no canteen this Friday as school is closed for Good Friday.

## NEED KINDLING? BOXED PINE CONES NOW AVAILABLE

Room 8 (in conjunction with the RNZAF Base) have boxed pine cones for sale at \$1.00 per kilogram and \$0.50 per part kilogram, ie, for a 9.85 kilogram box the cost will be \$9.50. These are now available from our school office. NB: Cash only payments, please.

Room 8 parents - would you like to take part in this fundraiser? Please contact Scotty Cameron at SCOTT.CAMERON@nzdf.mil.nz. There are two collection dates available: Sunday 8 April and Sunday 15 April.

## MAZDA TREMENDOUS MAKEOVER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who brought in cardboard. We have enough for now, but may be looking for more after the holidays. We are now on the lookout for some "stepping stones" to create an informal path. If you have some tree stumps cut into rounds with a diameter of approximately 600mm to 900mm, and perhaps 300mm deep, we would love to have 24 or so to put into the garden. The kids can use these to jump from one area to another, through the plantings. Please contact our school office if you have any available.

We have also been asked if we can provide some home baking for the morning tea on the 7th. If you can help, please let us know.

*As part of the application process, we asked for your support with pledges to help out with the cost of the project. Thank you to all those families and staff members who did make a pledge - these can be paid direct to our bank account using "Tremendous" or similar as the reference, or you are welcome to bring your pledge into the office (we will give you a receipt). If your family would like to make a pledge, please let us know - we'd love to have your support!*

With the Makeover Day less than two weeks away, we really need to know how many of you, our school community, are coming to help plant a few trees, and who will be joining us for the barbecue afterwards. If you haven't already done so, please contact our school office by this Thursday so we can ensure that we have enough sausages for the barbecue.

Below is the plan for the day - please note that our finish time will be around 12:30pm though this may vary depending on the weather, etc:

- 8:45am: Volunteers start arriving, tea and coffee served.
- 9:00am: Welcome and Karakia
- 9:20am: Planting begins
- 10:15am: Break for morning tea
- 10:45am: Back to work, complete makeover
- 12:00pm (midday): Clean up and photos
- 12:10pm: Speeches
- 12:30pm: Lunch, finish work, clean up and go home

Room 5  
students  
with their  
constructions  
made from  
newspaper

