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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava

Thank you so much to the Friends of the School members for everything that you do for us. Last week, you were all frantically busy organising the Mother's Day stall as well as the school disco. Word is that all the dads loved not having to take the kids out shopping as it was already done for them here - I know I appreciated that! The disco was another great success with the kids thoroughly enjoying the night and the dancing. Thank you all once again for what you do. It is so good to know that we have such a wonderful group of parents behind us, supporting the kids and the school.

Over the past few weeks I have been thinking about ways to better enhance the pastoral care at Clifton School. Our staff are all wonderful at looking after all the children, both academically as well as emotionally, but I want to further enhance this in line with the whanaungatanga and kotahitanga that has already been established. It is with this in mind that over the next couple of weeks, I will look at hiring someone to our staff with the sole purpose of pastoral care for the children. This person will probably work one day each week at Clifton, with a focus on supporting the children and families emotionally rather than academically. This may involve looking at the values of the school with groups of children, working with families to help with any needs you may have, counselling or talking with children and/or families. This role will develop over time and we will let you know more about it as it eventuates. I am particularly excited about this, as are our staff and board.

Clifton School operates an account system for parents which makes it easier for parents to pay for items and events, especially at the start of the school year. As a rule, accounts always operate in the deficit and it is then up to the person to pay the account to keep it as close to zero as possible. Thank you to the many parents who have already set up automatic payments to our school bank account (some for as little as \$5 per week) to pay off their balance; please refer the item overleaf for more on accounts.

I would like to invite you to join me for a coffee this Friday morning in the staffroom at 9:00am - all welcome! Come in, sit in the warmth and have a chat.

Have a good week.

Adrian Burn, Principal

Left: The Wiggles at last Friday's disco

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 22 May.....National Young Leaders Day
Tuesday 29 May.....Open morning
Friday 1 June.....Teacher Only Day; no school today
Saturday 2 June.....Working bee at school
Monday 4 June...Queen's birthday; no school today
Wednesday 20 June.....Board meeting
Wednesday 27 June.....Parent/Teacher interviews
Thursday 28 June.....Parent/Teacher interviews
Friday 6 July.....End of term 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Corbyn (Rm8) will be 13 on Saturday 19 May.
Zagen (Rm2a) will turn 7 on Monday 21 May.
Kanye (Rm4) celebrates his 9th birthday on Thursday 24 May; and on Saturday 26 May,
Kaitlyn (Rm8) turns 12.

Most Valuable Pupil

WEEKS TWO AND THREE

ROOM 1: Lawrence Ngaau-Harnett for shining during Reading time. Slayde Blackwell for awesome "Relating to Others" during our Discovery Time.

ROOM 2: Norah-Jane Dunn for working hard at reading harder books. Kingston Hopkins-Dalley for a great effort in learning and for being a fantastic role model.

ROOM 2a: Caitlin McDonald for having a fabulous first week in Room 2a. Paetyn Macaulay for reading and writing well. Keep up the fabulous work - ka pai!

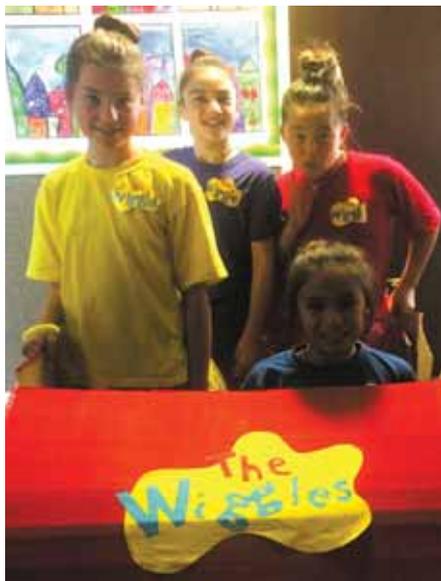
ROOM 3: Tylah Tourni for working hard on his art work. Fraser Guerin for thinking of interesting stories to write - ka pai!

ROOM 4: Misanja Sauoleola for working hard in all learning areas. Rangiwainui Hudson for great effort at independent story writing.

ROOM 5: Danny Ama for excellent progress in reading and maths. Riley Collier for having a great start to Term 2.

ROOM 7: Sophia Ayers for consistent effort and quality work. Jaeviah Kemp for outstanding effort in story writing.

ROOM 8: Myley Ward for outstanding curiosity and success in maths. Ella Minty for her fabulous work ethic.



CLIFTON'S LITTLE LIBRARY: There is a selection of books in a stand outside our school office. Kids and parents, you are welcome to choose a book or two, take them home then return them when you have read them. A big thank you to Helen Best's husband for making the stand, and to all the parents who have donated books for the little library.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS: Thank you to all the families who have either paid their accounts in full, or who are making regular automatic payments - we really appreciate it. We do have a very small percentage of accounts which are overdue, or the balance is significant and/or we haven't received regular payments. We will be contacting some families by letter next week to see if you have any concerns about your account, or if you need help setting up an automatic payment.

CLIFTON SCHOOL APP: Clifton School has an app available for you to download so we can notify you of early school closures, late bus departures, etc. To download the app, please:

- Go to Play Store or App Store (whichever one you have)
- Go to SchoolApps Lite then Install it
- When you click Open a Welcome screen comes up. Type in Clifton and you should find us.

If you have any difficulties, please come to the office.

WACKY WEDNESDAY - CRAZY HAIR DAY: Rm8 is hosting a Wacky Wednesday - Crazy Hair Day tomorrow as part of their camp fundraising activities. Bring a gold coin to school this Wednesday to give to your teacher, and wear your hair in a crazy, crazy way. Prizes for the best hair style.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS WEEK: A notice will go home with every child tomorrow advising when, where and how much!

MISSING POLAR FLEECE: Jayjay has lost his brand new polar fleece. Parents, please check your child's fleece to make sure they are wearing their own. Jayjay's fleece is named and we would really appreciate its return. Please bring it into the school office if found.

RANGITIKEI FLIP AND TWIST PROGRAMME UNDERWAY: Sport Whanganui are holding their Flip and Twist Programme again this term. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at Marton School Hall, starting Wednesday 16 May and finishing on Wednesday 13 June. Cost is \$45.00 per child per term. Contact Marie on 06 349 2327 or visit www.sportwhanganui.co.nz

JUNIOR SCHOOL'S DISCOVERY TIME: Our junior school are running "Discovery Time" again this term and would greatly appreciate any of the following items: pieces of wood, nails, screws, dolls, dolls furniture, dolls house, small trucks, diggers, etc. Many thanks from our junior team.

BULLS AIR SCOUTS - MONSTER GARAGE SALE: The monster garage sale will be held on 20 May from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Bulls Guide and Scout Hall. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the hall on Wednesday night between 6:00pm or 7:30pm, or contact Lynell on 027 312 184. There is something for everyone - household items, sausage sizzle, bake stall, etc.

HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED? If your mobile phone numbers have changed or if you have moved house recently, we need to know! Please contact our school office so we can update our emergency contact list.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball: Clifton B played Marton Junction A and won 9 to 4. Player of the day for her fantastic defence was Kyla Hughson.

Hockey: Hockey kicks off this Friday/Saturday. A copy of the draw will be available in the office shortly. Don't forget to pay your fees: \$40 for Mini and \$60 for Kiwi and Kwik (11 aside)

Rugby: Bulls Under 11s lost to Marist 41-10. Defender of the Day was Branson who was amazing the whole game. Attacker of the day was Danny who made great ground whenever he got the ball, well done boys!

ANZAC Day commemorations matter because we should remember the soldiers who sacrificed their lives to save us. They fought to protect New Zealand and England from the enemy, so they should be respected and remembered for what they did.

- William Baish

War. It's harsh, horrible and heartbreaking. And we only have one way to remember it - ANZAC Day. The war may have been a long time ago, but forgetting it is wrong, for it we forget it, we will forget the sacrifices that hundreds of thousands of people made to protect us. If we stop having ANZAC Day, then we are saying "you're not worth anything to us anymore" to the soldiers who died for us.

- Kerrie Daines

I strongly believe that ANZAC Day commemorations matter because all of the men and women sacrificed their lives for this country. We really need to remember everything they have done - if it wasn't for them we would not live in this peaceful life we do now.

- Corbyn Quader

ANZAC Day commemorations matter because soldiers sacrificed their lives for our county. All the animals that went to war and only a few came back. The people who died, died as heroes.

- Myley Ward



Rugby MVPs: Connor and Seth (from last week),
Danny and Branson