

# Soaring to Success

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## Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava • Bula Bula

Thank you to everyone who came and joined in with our open morning today. We loved having you here to participate in the wide range of activities all based around Hauora - Well being. We do realise that for many of you work is a natural hinderance to coming in and is something that can not be avoided. Open mornings are important to us as a way of ensuring that there is openness between home and school and that you as families are involved in as much as you can be.

Last Tuesday, Jo Whitehouse and I were lucky enough to take the Year 8s down to Wellington for the day for National Young Leaders Day. We travelled to Porirua on the train at 6:20am returning at 7:20pm that evening. The children were lucky enough to listen to many inspiring and enthusiastic speakers. These included Jono Naylor (past MP and Mayor) and Riley Hathaway, a 17 year old who has designed Young Ocean explorers. Other speakers involved TV stars and singers. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day - you would think that after such an early start the train would be quiet on the return journey, but somehow they still seemed to have energy to burn. They were a credit to themselves and did our school proud as they negotiated a number of trains at peak time. We look forward to the trip again next year.

As touched on in an earlier newsletter, we have been looking into hiring someone to come and work on pastoral care with the staff and children. With this in mind, I have met with and discussed a role for Mr Chris Masters. He comes from Feilding and used to work for Manchester House until about two months ago. He has a passion for children and their wellbeing, and ensuring that their emotional needs are catered for. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise that we feel will complement what we already do here at Clifton. He will be working one day a week (Wednesday), and we look forward to the contribution that he will bring to our staff.

Have a wonderful week - a short one! **Please don't forget that this Friday is TEACHER ONLY DAY and that Monday is also a holiday due to Queen's Birthday weekend.**

*Adrian Burn, Principal*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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  
 Tuesday 26 June.....Parent/Teacher interviews  
 Wednesday 27 June.....Parent/Teacher interviews  
 Tuesday 3 July.....BIG DAY OUT!  
 Friday 6 July.....End of term 2

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Tayla-Jane (Rm4) will be 9 tomorrow.  
 Kerrie (Rm8) turns 12 this Thursday and Alita will be 9 on Friday. Next Monday, Aurora (Rm5) turns 9. On Wednesday 6 June, Luca (Rm2a) will celebrate his 6th birthday.

## Most Valuable Pupil

### WEEKS FOUR AND FIVE

- ROOM 1:** Monica Sullivan for her smile and positive work habits. Marcus Mitchell for his awesome letter sounds during story writing.
- ROOM 2:** Lupe Sauoleola for an original Batik Autumn Leaf design. Zoe Mudgway for great independent story writing.
- ROOM 2a:** Dallas Walker for completing a beautiful piece of art (his autumn tree) - ka pai! Xavier Welsh for continually showing respect by using his manners in the classroom. Ka pai!
- ROOM 3:** Emma Collier for bravely volunteering to speak at assembly. Tylah Tourni for developing manaakitanga during lunch times.
- ROOM 4:** Dom Ennis for being a focused learner and working hard to complete his learning tasks. Isla McNeil for her amazing writing about the storm. Tu meke!
- ROOM 5:** Kaea Ngamoki for his positive attitude to learning, and for making good choices. Connor Fulton for putting effort into the presentation of his learning.
- **ROOM 7:** Tegan Tocker for tidy, well written paragraphs. Timothy Afele Maelega for working hard on his reading.
- **ROOM 8:** Teagan Donaldson for being such a great member of Room 8. Preston Ngaau-Harnett for progress in recorder.

## Phantom surprise for Treemendous school



Clifton School pupils in Bulls, got a big surprise for Treemendous efforts. The Phantom sent a gift and note in the post, in recognition of the school's efforts with its Treemendous Makeover. The three students pictured left, participated on the planting day last month. From left: Braxton Menary and Oscar Bridger (along with their female classmate) were thrilled with the surprise in Clifton's post last week. In reply, the school kids send out a big thank you to The Phantom! ...whoever YOU are!

Look who was in the District Monitor this week!

**COMMUNITY INVITED TO VISIT FIRE DAMAGED HOME:** This Saturday, 2 June 2018, Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade are holding an Open Home at the scene of a house fire in Hudson Street, Bulls. Fire safety officer John Hotter says that the Open Home on Saturday between 10:00am and 3:00pm is a good opportunity for the public to see the devastating impact of a house fire.

"People often don't realise just how quickly a fire spreads and the need to prepare their families for what to do in the event of a fire.

"By seeing the results of a fire firsthand and talking to Fire and Emergency NZ they can learn valuable information about preventing fires and planning to escape from fires."

Fire and Emergency NZ will take families through the house showing them significant points of interest like where and how the fire started, how damage could have been reduced and the impact of smoke and flames. Fire safety information will be available for people to take away.

"We hope that by holding this Open Home we can prevent fires like this happening to other families."

If you are unable to make this event and would like your smoke alarm checked please contact 0800 693 473 or your local fire station.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS WEEK:** The sizzle is back! Place your order at the office tomorrow and Thursday morning, for lunch on Thursday. Cost is just \$2.00 each.

**WORKING BEE IS THIS SATURDAY:** We will be weeding and laying more mulch in our new native area, planting some fruit trees and generally tidying up the school grounds. If you would like to help, please bring your gardening gloves and tools from 9:00am until 12:00pm-ish. NB: If it is raining or very windy, we will postpone it until another day.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM:** We still have items of uniform missing. These have probably gone home by mistake so we would really appreciate it if you could check your child's uniform (especially the polar fleece) to make sure they aren't wearing somebody else's. We are particularly on the lookout for Rocky Michie's fleece. It is a size 6 and has his name written on the label. If you do find it, please return it to our school office.

**NITS, NITS NITS:** We are still getting reports from parents that children are coming home with nits. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Please note that most treatments require more than one application.

**CLIFTON IS A WATER ONLY SCHOOL:** Research has shown that sugary drinks are not good for children. We have been fortunate that we have had a very limited amount of these drinks coming to school and we would like to say a huge thank you for that. Last night on The Project, there was discussion about the fact that fruit juice often has the same sugar content as soda drinks, ie, Coke, Fanta, etc. With this in mind we would like to ask that children only bring water to school. We already have drinking fountains that have filtered and chilled water available. We will go forward from today as a water only school. Thank you for your co-operation with this, and for your support towards the improved health of your children's teeth.

#### SPORTS NEWS

**Netball:** Clifton played South Makirikiri A and won 26-14. Player of the Day was Myley Ward for her excellent hands over the ball defence.

**Hockey:** 11-a-side played Sth Makirikiri; winning 3-1. Rangitikei Hockey is considering running Funsticks for year 1 and 2 children in term 3 at Rangitikei College. They are also hoping to get a Funsticks group running in Bulls. This possibility would depend on numbers and helpers. If you are interested and can help, please email our school office - office@clifton.school.nz.

**Rugby:** K and K Walker Partnership Under 8s played Tekawa 19 May. It was a hard game with the Under 8s going down 25-40. Illusiv Macaulay (above right) was awarded best defender on the day.

Last weekend, U8s player of the days were Madden Kipa-Robertson and Cade Roux De Buisson. U11s were Jesse Leask and U7s Lawrence Ngaau-Harnett. Rocky Michie was player of the day for U6s.



Luca had lizards in his hair

#### Wacky Hair Day

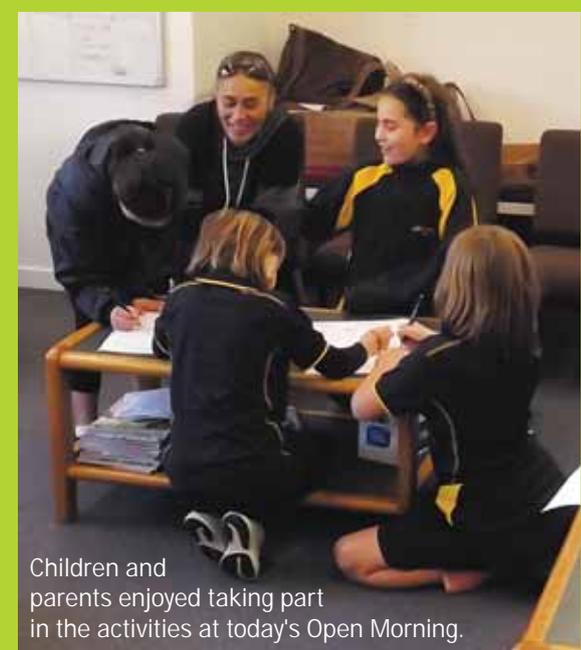
On Wacky Hair Day, my mum tied my hair and we went to my aunty's to colour my hair. Then we went to school and me and Miller played a game. When the bell rang, we went to class. Some people didn't have wacky hair, but some did - they were cool.

Finally, we all went to the DC. Some people got their wacky hair judged.

- Dom Ennis



The wackiest hair winners



Children and parents enjoyed taking part in the activities at today's Open Morning.