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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava • Bula Bula

Welcome back to all of our Clifton kids. We hope you all had a good break and managed to keep safe and warm. If you managed to get out with family and friends and enjoy what our gorgeous country has to offer - good for you!

A warm welcome to our new children and your families. It's great to have you at our school and we know you will all settle in well.

We have also welcomed Samantha Shaw back to full time teaching. Samantha has returned from maternity leave to take up teaching in Room 3. We are so glad to have you back, Sam!

Due to our ever increasing roll we have made our Discovery Centre a full time classroom (Room 2a). Mrs Flett and Mrs Musella will have the pleasure of teaching the kids in Room 2a.

It was super to see the extra work Kerry Robson, Nathan, Lynette, Will and Eva Baish, and Sara Procter and Mike, Max, Tessa and Toby Skates completed in our garden in the holidays. A huge thank you for continuing to ensure our outdoor learning space is a place to enjoy and learn in.

We have a busy term ahead of us at Clifton culminating in our school production. We start our term with Plant to Plate Aotearoa for Years 4 to 8. It will run each Wednesday for the next four weeks. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to be involved in the preparation, cooking, cleaning up and, of course, eating good food. Children also get the opportunity to get into our school gardens to plant new vegetables.

As you know wearing school uniform is part of being a Clifton kid. It is really important that all children wear the correct school uniform. There is a supply of uniform in the school office so you just need to pop in and see Kerry to organise it. Black shorts, track pants, and girls' 3/4 tights are not part of our uniform and are not acceptable. There are plenty of options in Palmerston North and Fielding to purchase cheaper blue drill shorts or trousers. It is a really good idea to re-name polar fleeces as the Vivid eventually washes off and it is really hard for us to return belongings. Remember our lost property is outside the staffroom for you to check.

Friday 3 August Community Engagement Day - we need your support! Come to the staffroom for coffee and cake (9:00am after the bell goes) and join me for a chat about how important your support means, why we are preparing to strike and what it means for your kids.

Strike action - there will be a letter coming home later this week outlining the position of the Clifton School Board of Trustees and their intentions if the staff are called to strike on Wednesday, 15 August 2018. You will be given plenty of time to organise alternative arrangements for your children.

Jo Whitehouse, Acting Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 25 July....Plant to Plate Programme begins
Friday 3 August.....Community Engagement meeting
Thursday 9 August.....Rm1 kindly visit
Friday 10 August....Rm5 hosts presentation assembly
Thursday 23 August.....Father's Day stall opens
Friday 24 August.....Last day for Father's Day stall
Friday 31 August....Rm7 hosts presentation assembly
Friday 7 September.....Board of Trustee meeting
Tuesday 11 September.....Production rehearsal
Wednesday 12 September.....Production matinee
.....First evening performance
Thursday 13 September..Second evening performance
Tuesday 18 September.....Yr7 & 8 Quad Tourney
Thursday 20 September.....Yr5 & 6 Quad Tourney
Friday 21 September.....Presentation assembly
Friday 28 September...Ohingaiti Tough Kid Challenge
.....Disco flyer competition closes
.....End of term 3



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Layla (Rm3) is 8, and Braxton (Rm2a) is 6 today! On Friday, Louise and Fraser (Rm3) will turn 8. Next Wednesday, Daniel (Rm3) will also turn 8, and on Saturday 4 August, Tyler (Rm5) will be 10. Jadon (Rm3) turns 8 on Sunday 5 August; Jessica (Rm8) will be 12 on Monday 6 August. Tuesday 7 August, Amarni (Rm7) turns 11, and on Wednesday 8 August, Olivia (Rm5) will be 10 and Krystel (Rm2a) will be 6!



HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

If you have moved, updated your mobile phone or changed your email address over the holidays, we need to know! We use these details to contact you if your child is involved in an emergency at school. If we don't have your most up-to-date details we won't be able to contact you. Please email any changes to our school office at office@clifton.school.nz, send a note to school with your child or phone 06 322 1544.

HOCKEY FUNSTICKS PROGRAMMES

The 2018 Funsticks Programmes start in week 2, term 3. There are two programmes this year running in Bulls and Marton for six weeks each as follows:

Marton Programme - Rangitikei College Turf, Thursdays, 2 Aug - 6 Sept, 3.45 - 4.45pm, Coordinator: Tracey Hawkins. RHA cost per player - \$20.00.

Bulls Programme - Clifton School, Mondays, 30 July - 3 Sept, 3.15 - 4.15pm. Coordinator: TBA. RHA cost per player - \$20.00. Participants can register via the RHA website here - www.sporty.co.nz/rangitikeihockey/Youth-Hockey/Funsticks-Registrations

Players should bring mouth guard, shin guards (optional), sports shoes, warm jacket, water bottle and a great attitude! (Hockey sticks not required). The Fair Play Agreement principles apply to all Fun Sticks participants. Details can be found on the website. Weather cancellations will be emailed to schools and posted to the RHA Facebook page. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards, Tam Hiscotte (Coordinator)
Rangitikei Hockey Association, PO Box 131, Marton.

PYJAMA PARTY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Come to school dressed in your warm and toasty PJs on Wednesday, 1 August 2018, bring a gold coin donation to give to your teacher and get a free cup of hot milo! Funds raised will go towards the Rm8 senior camp in Term 4.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

Sausage sizzles will be available on alternative weeks starting from week 2. Place your order at our school office by Thursday morning (Friday morning is too late!) for lunch on Friday. Cost is still just \$2.00.

SCHOOL STATEMENTS WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK

Thank you to all our parents and caregivers who have paid their school accounts in full. Statements will be sent home next week with up-to-date balances; please check your child's bag. If you have any queries regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Friends of the School Group will be running a Father's Day Stall with a great selection of gifts from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for kids to pick from. The stall will be open on Thursday 23 August from 8:30am to 9:00am and again from 12:30pm to 1:00pm; then on Friday 24 August from 8:30am to 9:00am. Gifts will be delivered to children before 3:00pm each day.

DESIGN THE DISCO FLYER COMPETITION

Our Friends of the School Group would like to invite Clifton School kids to design the background for the school disco flyer. The winning entry will receive two free tickets to the disco.

Your background needs to be A4 sized and put in the entry box in our school office by Friday, 28 September 2018.

Our next newsletter will be sent home in Week 3.

