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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava • Bula Bula

Welcome to week 5; it is hard to believe we are nearly half way through Term 3 already! I hope you managed to keep safe and dry over the weekend.

I popped along to the Art 4 Arts Sake Exhibition at the Bulls Town Hall on Sunday. Clifton School was asked to showcase some of the fabulous art that is created in our classrooms by entering it in the exhibition. The exhibition was just amazing, topped off, of course, by art by some of the Clifton kids. Please take a bit of time this week, or at the weekend, to call in at the exhibition which showcases some of the very creative people we have in our community. Notices have been sent home today if your child has art in the exhibition.

The Education Review Office (ERO) visited last Monday and Tuesday to catch up with the children, staff and our board of trustees. We were able to show them that our kids are awesome, the staff are dedicated and caring, and that the board is running smoothly with the best interest of your kids at the heart of everything they do. We received some very pleasing feedback from the team including:

- Calm and purposeful learning environments
- Children support each other in their learning
- Children have a clear picture of their learning and how to set goals
- Assessment and progress are tailored to meet the needs of the children

In a few weeks the official report will be sent and we will let you know how to access it.

Thank you for your understanding last week when the teachers were on strike; your support during the day was really appreciated. We stood out there in the rain with our teacher aides, parents and kids. We all hope that the strike action sees some positive results for our kids and classrooms.

I have included the section below from our Parent Handbook regarding our school uniform. Please read this and then take any necessary action to ensure that your child/ren are wearing the appropriate uniform.

A school uniform creates a sense of pride and belonging in our children. Wearing a uniform puts everyone on an even playing field, allowing all children to feel equal. It show-cases our children in the community and is an easy way to identify them as belonging to Clifton School when they are involved in school or community-based activities. Our uniform consists of a navy and gold polo top with school logo, navy and gold polar fleece with school logo, optional navy and gold reversible jacket with school logo, navy drill skirt with school logo, navy drill trousers, and navy drill shorts. All of these items are available from our school office and are supplied on a cash sale basis, ie, items need to be paid in full before you take them home. You are welcome to pay by internet banking, cash or cheque, or put the items on layby. Please note that we do not have eftpos or credit card facilities. During autumn and winter, navy or black thermals can also be worn under uniform items; no white, stripes or fluoro, please. All children must wear the approved uniform; non-uniform items including fleeces or jackets, or uniforms with holes or of tatty appearance will not be accepted. Children coming to school in non-uniform fleeces or jackets will be asked to remove them.

Jo Whitehouse, Acting Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Tylah (Rm3) will be 8 on Tuesday, and on Thursday, Issa (Rm2) turns 6. This Saturday, Devon (Rm3) will be 8 and Isabelle (Rm8) will be 12. On Sunday, Cade (Rm3) turns 8 and Skylah-Rose (Rm2a) turns 7. Next Sunday, Montana (Rm8) will be 12, and on Monday 3 September, Ella (Rm8) will also turn 12.

Most Valuable Pupil

WEEKS FOUR AND FIVE

ROOM 1: George Uini for helping take care of others at the Bulls Kindergarten. Liam Gates for his enthusiasm during our Life Ed sessions with Harold.

ROOM 2: Owen Berg-McKinnon for his effort in learning and presentation. Jayven Atkins for super listening and participation in our sessions with Harold.

ROOM 2a: Samuel 'Atonaikami-Kimui for trying so hard and achieving his learning goals. Oscar Brider for working so hard in class. Well done!

ROOM 3: Ally Davis for amazing effort and resilience during production practise. Fraser Guerin for his enthusiasm to present in assembly, and for his great self management.

ROOM 4: Johannes Pretorius for showing resilience (bouncing back after an upset). Isla McNeil for being such an eager learner in Room 4.

ROOM 5: Kaea Ngamoki for making good decisions last week. Wyatt Hill for working as part of a team to produce a play.

ROOM 7: Timo Afele Maelega for his amazing progress in spelling and reading. Aiden Carter for always being willing to help others.

ROOM 8: Matthew Pryce for being an amazing class leader last week. Corbyn Quader for being an excellent Room 8 class member and school helper.

Ka pai!

OUR NEWSLETTER IS A DAY EARLY

We have printed our newsletter on Monday instead of Tuesday as Kerry Robson (Office Manager) is on call for jury service this week.

BEAR ONESIE OR COSTUME NEEDED

Does anyone have a bear onesie or costume that Room 2 can borrow for the production please? Please contact Mrs Dear.

ART 4 ART SAKE EXHIBITION

The Art 4 Art Sake Exhibition will be held in the Bulls Town Hall from 17 to 31 August 2018. Entry is free from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

RANGITIKEI TOUGH KID

The Rangitikei Tough Kid Challenge will be happening on the last day of term 3 for Year 3 to Year 8 children. Notices went home last week with children. Please complete these and return with your payment to school by 31 August.

CLIFTON SCHOOL SHARING TABLE:

Our gardening group will be setting up a sharing table each Friday after school. Vegetables that we have grown will be available for you to take home for free. If you have extra fruit or vegetables at home which you'd like to share, please deliver them to Room 5 and we will include it on our sharing table.

NOTICES NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR ANSWERPHONE

Each Monday morning, notices for the week will be available for you to check on our school answerphone. Simply phone 322 1544 then press "2" when prompted. Notices will include when canteen is available, when our sausage sizzle is happening next, if scholastic orders are due, or when presentation assemblies are being held, etc.

CANTEEN THIS WEEK, SAUSAGE SIZZLE NEXT WEEK

Butter chicken is on the menu for canteen this week. Please make sure your order and payment is into our school office by 8:55am on Thursday morning, for lunch on Friday.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY - CHILD ASTHMA STUDY

Massey University is conducting an important research study looking at the different types of asthma in children aged 8 to 18. The study aims to examine the causes of childhood asthma and improve treatment options for all asthmatics. The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire.

Children with and without asthma are invited to take part. If your child is aged between 8 and 18 years old, please consider being part of this study.

Contact Heather Duckett or Roz Timms on 0800 000 544, or email H.G.Duckett@massey.ac.nz, R.Timms@massey.ac.nz.

FATHERS' DAY STALL THURSDAY 23 AND FRIDAY 24 AUGUST

Our Friends of the School group have organised a Fathers' Day stall for this Thursday and Friday where children can pick from a selection of gifts for \$2.00 to \$5.00. The stall will be available on Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00am, then again from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. The stall will also be open on Friday 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 7.



Fun at last week's kindy visit



Clifton School students and support staff with teachers at last week's strike action.



Descriptive, character writing by Kohere Te Rupe, Rm8:

The bad, evil, flammable, ripped demon with curly horns, as curly as a pig's tail. With a blood red body. Scars fill his body, more scars than skin, with spiky black and gray hair.

