

# Soaring to Success

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

What a fantastic camp Room 8 had last week! A huge thank you to Mrs Whitehouse and all the parents who went to help. By all accounts they had a blast and came back with varying degrees of sleep deprivation.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise some details around organisation for 2019. This will be our last official newsletter for the year so it is important that some information is passed on. Firstly, we would like to thank Mrs Flett who has worked over the past three terms here and has done such an amazing job with Room 2a in our Discovery Centre. Eve, your enthusiasm for the children has been evident in all you have done and we wish you all the best for the beginning of 2019 and the new addition to your family - you will be missed. Mr Jason Stuckey will be staying with us for next year and we will also be welcoming back Mrs Katie Fergus on to our staff in a 0.8 capacity (four days a week). With this in mind, many of you may be starting to think about classes and their make up for next year. I am sorry I can't yet tell you the rooms where teachers will be as this is still being finalised. We can, however, let you know the organisation of the classes and ages.

Due to the numbers across the school and the need to keep classes at a reasonable size, we need to go back to having composite classes; if we remained in year groups then some classes would be up around 40. Please understand that the year groups have been divided predominately on age. This means that older children in a year group are with the younger children of the next year group up. We believe that this is the fairest and easiest way to make it work though it may mean that some children go from Room 3 to Room 5, or from Room 4 to Room 6. This is not an indication of ability but rather simply the way the class composition has worked out. Rooms will be as follows:

- Room 1 - New entrants and Year 1
- Room 2 - Year 1 and 2
- Room 3 - Year 2 and 3
- Room 4 - Year 3 and 4
- Room 5 - Year 4 and 5
- Room 6 - Year 5 and 6
- Room 7 - Year 6 and 7
- Room 8 - Year 7 and 8.

Your child will spend some time in their new class with their new teacher prior to the end of this term, so that everyone knows where they will be, ready for 2019. It also means that you will be able to order the appropriate stationery from OfficeMax over the summer break.

Important dates to remember:

- Wednesday 12 December 2108 - Service to the School Assembly in our Discovery Centre (time will be advised next week)
- Wednesday 12 December 2018 - Prize giving in the Town Hall from 6:00pm (children in full school uniform, please).
- Friday 14 December 2018 - School finishes at midday. Please note that there will not be a bus on this day.
- Tuesday 29 January 2019 - School starts for all children.
- Friday 1 February 2019 - Teacher Only Day. This is a Teacher Only Day for all schools within our cluster so we can get together and do some work. It is vital that we do this at the start of the year, and given some schools had started and others hadn't, this was the best day. It will be the only term time Teacher Only Day we will be having this year.

I hope that you have a good week as we all build towards Christmas and the summer break - let's just hope this rain disappears and the sun comes back out!

*Adrian Burn, Principal*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 6 December.....Year 8 leavers' dinner  
Tuesday 11 December.....Volunteers' morning tea  
Wednesday 12 December.....School Service Assembly  
.....Prize giving, 6pm, Bulls Town Hall  
Thursday, 13 December.....Whole school fun day  
Friday, 14 December.....School finishes at midday  
Tuesday, 29 January.....Term 1 2019 starts  
Friday 1 February....Teacher Only Day - no school today

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Zoe (Rm2a) will be 7, Kohere (Rm8) will be 13 and Timothy (Rm7) will be 11 tomorrow. On Friday, Flynn (Rm3) turns 8, and on Sunday, Marly (Rm3) will also be 8. Next Monday, James (Rm4) turns 9, and next Thursday, Vernelia (Rm5) will be 10. Saturday 8 December, Danny (Rm5) will be 10, and on Sunday 9 December Osten (Rm2) turns 6. Jaeviah (Rm7) will be 11 on Tuesday 11 December and Cadell (Rm3) turns 8 on the last day of term!

## Most Valuable Pupil

### WEEKS SIX AND SEVEN

- ROOM 1:** Rocky Michie for his detailed picture plans and cool balloon art. Piper McNeil for her caring and kindness, demonstrating "Relating to Others".
- ROOM 2:** Marcus Mitchell for being fabulous at long jump. Marshall Uncles for helping us with the technical vocabulary about diggers.
- ROOM 2a:** Cullen Roux De Buisson for superb participation and listening in music and Caitlin McDonald for making amazing progress in maths this term - well done to you both!
- ROOM 3:** Jayjay Holland for working hard to meet his writing goals. Emma Collier for consistently making the right choice and being a great role model.
- ROOM 4:** Carolyn-Rose Ngaau-Harnett for great work and creativity in ecosystems. Kayden Michie for being excellent support to Caleb in the class.
- ROOM 5:** Tyler Sole for creating excellent artwork with Mrs Musella. Seth Kyte-Trass for his outstanding high jump ability.

**ROOM 7:** Dante Davis-Smith for volunteering for everything! Kiartin Shepherd for his fantastic attitude and participation all week.

**ROOM 8:** All the camp kids for a fabulous week!

**Ka pai!**

**SENIOR PLAYGROUND UPGRADE:** As you may have seen, the senior playground area is under development. Last week saw the removal of the large fort. Drainage has been installed in the ground and the bark and dirt scraped back considerably. The large mound in the middle will remain and will form the foundation of a climbing hill with possibly a slide and other equipment. When the area dries out again it will be re-covered and the play equipment that is there will be updated and tidied up. We would like to thank our Friends of the School for their contribution towards the cost of this work and especially to Heidi who has been organising and overseeing the project. We are all looking forward to seeing this area in the new year once it has been completed.

**SATURDAY MUSIC CONCERT:** Saturday Music is a Music Programme which is partially Ministry funded for years 1 to 8. Children have the opportunity to attend music classes in various instruments and also have access to cheaper instrument hire. The concert was a showcase of what the children had been learning in the various classes over the year, and was held at the CCC Church in Pascal Street (usually classes are at PNINS). Please visit their website at <http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz/>

Max's drum group performed Ghost Busters, and Timo's group did Oh, Susanna, Skip to my Lou, and A Mozart Melody. Max was also asked to accompany the guitar students with a medley of songs from Kansas and The Beatles. Well done, Max and Timo, and thank you for Sara Procter for the great photo and information.

**SCHOOL POOL:** We are hoping to open the pool before the end of term but have had some maintenance issues. We will let you know when keys are available.

**SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS NEXT TUESDAY:** We are holding our senior athletics (Year 4 to 8) next Tuesday, 4 December. We need parent assistance to help run events on the day, which involves supervising, measuring and recording points - a fun job! A notice has been sent home; if you can help, please complete the form and return to Mrs Whitehouse as soon as possible. Thanks!

**SCHOLASTIC ORDERS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER:** This is the last issue for the year and has some great Christmas gift ideas. Please bring your Scholastic order and payment into our school office by 9:00am next Wednesday, or you can order online. Please mark your order form if your order is for Christmas - we don't want to spoil the surprise!

**SCHOOL ACCOUNT STATEMENTS WILL GO HOME THURSDAY:** Please check your child's bag. If your account is in credit and you would like this reimbursed, please contact our school office with your request and the bank account details that you would like this deposited to. If your account is in credit and your child is returning next year, we can order your stationery on your behalf. A letter will be attached to your statement; please complete the form at the bottom and return to our school office as soon as possible if you would like us to order this for you. NB: Our auditors require your signed authorisation for both reimbursements and charges to your account on your behalf.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY:** Place your order at our school office on Thursday, 9:00am for sausage sizzle lunch on Friday. Cost is \$2.00 each.

**LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL:** It's that time of year again - please bring all library books back to the library desk as soon as possible. Overdue notices are being printed at the end of this week if you're not sure which books to look for.

**BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY:** Don't forget to order your stationery online through OfficeMax's website [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz). Our lists will be published shortly, and you will also know which room your child will be in for 2019 before the end of term. For hassle-free shopping, place your order in December and you can "Say When You Pay" giving you a choice when your stationery is delivered and when you pay for it. If you have any queries, please contact our school office or go to [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz).

**WHO WILL BE THE FASTEST KID ON THE BLOCK?** Sport Whanganui will be holding a competition on 1 December 2018 in Marton, after the Marton Christmas parade (approximately 4:30pm). Races will be split into age groups (with different distances for each) and separated for boys and girls. Winners will receive a certificate and a prize, and the fastest kids will represent their area at the 2019 Cooks Garden Classics. For more information, please contact Marie Kinloch at [marie@sportwhanganui.co.nz](mailto:marie@sportwhanganui.co.nz) or 027 440 9305.

This is our last newsletter for 2018 - have a safe and happy holiday!



Max and Timo at the Saturday Music concert



## BULLS CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Saturday 1 December 2018**

This year, the theme of the Clifton School Float is "Soaring To Success" - we are celebrating our fabulous and busy year. Children who want to be on the float, please be at school by 9.15am so we can get everyone loaded on to the truck and leaving school by 9.45am.

We would like all children to wear their school uniforms, and if they wish, a Christmas Hat or other accessory. We will choose some children to wear a sports top, production costume, crazy hair or Halloween outfit to showcase what we have been doing this year.

Reminder: Children to be wearing school uniform and at school by 9.15am on Saturday.

**See you on Saturday!**