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Welcome • Haere Mai • Talofa Lava • Bula Bula

The weather is certainly turning and it seems to be a lot cooler at present.

I would like to say a huge thank you for your understanding last week when the teachers attended their union meetings. As many of you are aware, the overall feeling across the country from teachers and principals is that the current offer from the Ministry is not enough. Yes, the teaching profession is asking for a pay rise but more importantly we are asking for more funding within the classrooms so that we are able to provide extra support to the children as well as better working conditions.

At this stage, the belief is that the Ministry has only ever addressed the pay and put nothing into the extra support for the children or the conditions. Many of Clifton School staff are here in the weekends and until well after school finishes in the afternoons, trying to ensure that your children have the very best opportunity to learn while they are here. I want to assure you that the paramount desire of the teachers here at Clifton is for the children and their education. We realise that strike action is frustrating for parents and at times simply annoying. However, please understand that something does need to change in the eyes of the Ministry in order to retain the high quality of teachers that we do have.

With all of this in mind we need to inform you that Clifton School will be closed on Wednesday 29 May as the teaching profession goes out on a unprecedented mega-strike with all primary and secondary schools across the country. As stated earlier, we know the disruption that this may cause you. Maybe there is a way that some parents can get together in order to help each other out with childcare on this day.

NB: We have just received notification that the Ministry and the union may be going back to the bargaining table and hopefully something can be resolved quickly.

Please take note of the notice in this newsletter about the Board elections. We have three positions up for election and the process is underway as we speak. Have a think about whether you want to be part of our school's Board.

Nominations close at noon, 24 May 2019.

Have a good week!

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 16 May.....Scholastic orders close at 9:00am
Friday 17 May.....Presentation assembly □
Tuesday 21 May.....National Young Leaders Day
Friday 24 May.....Board nominations close at midday
Monday 3 June.....Queen's birthday - no school today!
Friday 7 June.....Presentation assembly
Friday 28 June.....Presentation assembly
Tuesday 2 July.....Culture day (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 3 July.....Parent/Teacher interviews
Thursday 4 July.....Parent/Teacher interviews
Friday 5 July.....End of term 2



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This Sunday, Alicia (Rm2) will be 6 and Bilqees (Rm8) will celebrate her 12th birthday.

Nga mihi nui i to ra whanau.

Wishing you many happy returns of the day.

Congratulations to this week's MOST VALUABLE PUPILS!

ROOM 1: Eva Day for her continuing dedication to learning and cheerfulness.

ROOM 2: David Lafoia for always showing respect and integrity.

ROOM 3: Issa Tikotikoca for working hard to get a Athletics certificate.

ROOM 4: Ryan Angus for being focussed and supportive.

ROOM 5: Layla Kenyon for showing curiosity during inquiry research.

ROOM 6: Kanye Kemp for producing excellent work.

ROOM 7: Jake Sunnex for teaching Mrs Cullen and the class how to play Basket Ball.

ROOM 8: Jesse Leask for showing outstanding curiosity in science.



Ka pai!



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BOARD ELECTIONS: Nomination forms were sent home to eligible voters last Wednesday and additional forms are available from our school office. The voting roll is open for inspection during normal school hours and a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, will be available for inspection. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Nominations must be received at our school office by noon on Friday, 24 May 2019.

RECEIPTS/INVOICES WITH THIS NEWSLETTER: If you have made a payment through internet banking or purchased something over the course of the week, receipts and invoices will be sent home with this newsletter; please check your oldest child's bag.

CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY: A chicken pasta bake is on offer for lunch on Friday this week. Please complete the form and enclose in a bag or envelope with the **CORRECT MONEY** and bring in to school by 9:00am Thursday. Please don't miss the cut off time as the ingredients are bought on Thursday ready to prepare on Friday - if you're late ordering, your child may miss out.

A GREAT READING CHALLENGE WITH TASTY REWARDS: We hope everyone is enjoying reading more books and signing off their books for the HELL Pizza Reading Challenge! The pizzas are delicious and certainly are a treat for fabulous readers! Just get it verified with our school stamp and you're off to Fielding or Palmerston North for a free pizza. Keep reading, everyone!

LUCKY BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 3: Please complete the order form and bring your payment to the school office by 9:00am, this Thursday, or you can order online using the LOOP option. NB: LOOP orders are sent directly to school with all the other orders and will be sent home with your child. The close off date is still 9:00am, Thursday 16 May.

PINK SHIRT DAY THIS FRIDAY: We are supporting the Mental Health Foundation by wearing pink shirts on Pink Shirt Day. If you have something pink to wear, please wear it on Friday, 17 May (this Friday). Official shirts are being sold at Cotton On but anything pink will be fantastic. (Coin donation not needed for this day.)

NETBALL NOTICES: Unfortunately, we charged the incorrect fee for players on last week's invoices. Netball fees should be \$35.00 per player. An additional invoice will be sent home with this newsletter to those families who have already paid \$20.00 of the fee, and an amended invoice has been sent home to families who have yet to pay. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible as the season has already begun. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

HOCKEY NOTICES: Funsticks starts this week! This grade is for players aged 5 to 6 years old. Practices are at Clifton School (Bulls) on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 4:00pm for six weeks. Cost is just \$10.00 per player.

A CALL FOR INTEREST: BULLS OHAKEA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
The Bulls Ohakea Junior Football Club (BOJFC) has been reformed and is ready for registrations after six years being out of operation. This is a call for interest from boys and girls of any age who would like to be graded into a team for this season. We are looking to run skills sessions and play local games.

It's not just kids we need, but also parents - good keen people to help with transport, coaching and a little administration where needed. If you can commit just a little time, or a lot, we are keen to hear from you. Please register your interest to Nathan Baish (baish@xtra.co.nz), or through our Facebook page.

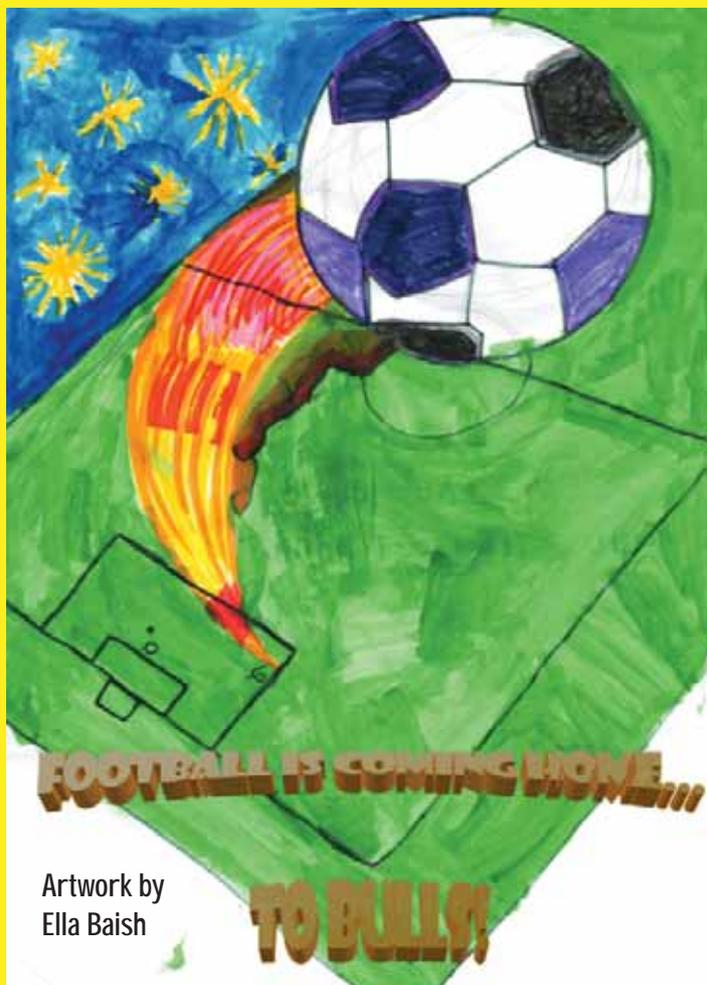
We are coming into this season a little late, so any help to get teams up and running would be fantastic.



Thank you to our FoTS group who ran the Mother's Day stall last week - there were lots of happy customers and mums!



Congratulations to Illusiv Macaulay and Tiare Toki who received Player of the Day awards last weekend.



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