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Hello • Kia Ora • Talofa Lava • Bula • Hallo • Susadei

Even with only three and a half weeks to go in the year, there is still a lot happening.

Yesterday our Year 8 students travelled to Palmerston North to attend the annual National Young Leaders' Day. This was another great event for these children and one they thoroughly enjoyed. These days are always beneficial and thought-provoking for the students as well as the teachers. Thank you to Whaea Tash and Jo Whitehouse for helping out on this day.



Next Thursday, 26 November, is our community morning tea and you are all invited to come and join us for a coffee and a cup of tea. This is our way of saying thank you for all the help and support you have given us during the year. We will start at about 10:30am until about 11:30am in the Discovery Centre and we look forward to seeing you there.

I am sure that as the end of the year draws near, many of you are starting to think about next year's classes and teachers. I can assure you that we are working on this now, but due to the large numbers in junior school, we need to make sure we get it right so we don't overload classes.

At this stage, I can tell you that all classes will be a mix of year groups but with no more than two years in a class (which was the same as this year).

We have not yet finalised which children will be where but, as a rule, we select students according to their age as this is clear and fair. As usual, the children will spend some time in their new classroom before the year is finished so everyone will be familiar with what 2021 holds.

Please take note of the important dates in the newsletter and we look forward to seeing many of you at the morning tea and then at the prize giving on the evening of the 9 December 2020 in Te Matapihi.

Have a good week.

Adrian Burn, Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 19 November.....Te Matapihi visit
Tuesday 24 November.....School athletics (TBC)
Thursday 26 November.....Community morning tea
Tuesday 1 December....Online stationery for 2021 opens
.....Board meeting @ 6pm
Thursday 3 December.....Leavers' dinner @ Breakers PN
Friday 4 December.....School trip (TBC)
Tuesday 8 December.....Annual Water Day
Wednesday 9 December.....Prize giving
Thursday 10 December..School finishes for 2020 at midday
Saturday 12 December.....Bulls Christmas Parade
Wednesday 3 February 2021.....Term 1 begins



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This Sunday, Kwynee (Rm6) will turn 10, and next Monday, Tom (Rm8) will celebrate his 13th 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:** Rogan Cole for showing great courage during his Thursday news time, and answering his own question.
ROOM 2: Eloise Pettigrew for using her initiative to help her classmates and teachers.
ROOM 3: Kaydin Christiansen for his fabulous leaps in Literacy.
ROOM 4: Bethany Holdaway-Barr for creating strong story settings in her writing.
ROOM 5: Ollie Sommerville for using his initiative and putting such great effort into writing his speech.
ROOM 6: Haylee Jones for great effort in her speech.
ROOM 7: Tyler Sole for showing courage in writing a speech about a topic that is deeply personal and concerning for him.
ROOM 8: Phoenix Lambert for showing the value of Diversity by being aware of others' learning needs.



Slip 'n' Slide fun at the senior camp.



Clifton School will be entering a float in this year's Bulls Christmas Parade on Saturday, 12 December. More information will be published in our newsletter over the next few weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS, IRIHAPETI!

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Irihapeti Whakatihi who has been selected as Head Girl at Rangitikei College for 2021. Irihapeti attended Clifton School in 2016 and we are so pleased to see her accomplishing great things.

INVOICES AND RECEIPTS SENT HOME TODAY

Please check your oldest child's bag for receipts and invoices. The last statement for the year will be sent home with the newsletter on Tuesday, 1 December 2020. If you have any queries regarding your account, please contact our school office.

YEAR 8 HPV IMMUNISATIONS THIS WEDNESDAY

The team from Whanganui District Health Board will be returning to Clifton School this Wednesday for the second HPV immunisations. Please ensure your Year 8 student is at school by 9:00am.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH OFFICEMAX

Once again, Clifton School is partnering with OfficeMax for back to school stationery. A brochure will be sent home with the newsletter on Tuesday, 1 December with everything you need to know. The online process is easy and there are options to pay immediately or by easy instalments. If you have any queries, please contact our school office.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANKS!

You are invited to a community morning tea in our Discovery Centre at 10:45am on Thursday, 26 November 2020. This is our chance to say "thank you" to our valued volunteers, helpers, parents, caregivers, friends of the school and everyone else who has been part of our school community this year. Don't forget to RSVP by Tuesday, 24 November for catering purposes. We would love to see you there!

WIN A SMART BEDROOM

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition on the "Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show". If you can sing, and you're under 13, call 0800 THE VOICE (that's 0800 843 864) and sing a Christmas carol or Christmas song as your audition. The grand prize? The ultimate smart bedroom bundle complete with an Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs! Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6:00am, to see if you've won!

WELL DONE, GEOFF!

Geoff Robinson-Burema and his team took out first place in the Indoor Bowling Club's triples competition. Congratulations, Geoff, on your impressive achievement!

Room 4 have been revisiting the aspect of setting the scene in story writing this



week and based on a picture of two men dressed in white standing on a cliff looking at a lighthouse, here are some examples of their work.

It was dark and dusty. There were two men trying to see the lighthouse because that was where they needed to go. That was their only hope. - Bethany

At dawn by the beach, a lighthouse stopped shining. I could hear waves splashing. It was cold and the boats were tooting. Two men in white were staring out to sea. - Zoe

I heard water splashing against the cliff face. The lighthouse light was pointing to the coast of the sea. It was very early in the morning and it was cold and the sea was wavy. - Caitlin

I can hear waves splashing against the rocks. It was gloomy, there were two men dressed in white staring at the lighthouse leading the boats to shore in the early morning. - Sophia

It was the evening and I heard the waves crashing into the rocks. It was windy and stormy. The beam in the lighthouse was going at a steady pace. - Oscar

It was dark and foggy in the morning and I could hear the waves splashing and in the distance there was a huge lighthouse on an island. - Zavier

Down the south island at Christchurch, it was dark and wet. It was very cold and windy. The water was smashing into the rocks. It was 6.00 in the morning. - Samuel

It was an exceptionally freezing morning, my friend and me went hiking in the forest and wound up on a hillside but we knew where we were because of the lighthouse. I could hear the noise of water splashing against the white lighthouse. - Jacob

It was early in the morning, I saw two men walking down the beach. I heard the water splashing on the rocks. I saw trees dropping their leaves. It was cold. I saw a lighthouse, it was so shiny that I was nearly blind. - Faialofa

Near the rocky coast I see a lighthouse at 7 am. I smell the salt off the sea and hear the waves hitting the shore. I feel a lot of wind blowing and I am cold. I think I should go explore the lighthouse. - Luca



More senior camp adventures!