



CLIFTON SCHOOL ROOM 7

TERM 1 2021

Kiora all, Talofa and hi to you all, its great to have you all back. I an looking forward to getting stuck into 2021.

For those who don't know me, my name is Anna Cullen, I am a mum of two lovely girls, both of who were Clifton Kids, and wife of Matt. I am a keen sporty person and enjoy being outdoors with our horses and working on our lifestyle block.

I know there are a lot of things that you will be thinking about at the start of the year. First things first.

HOMEWORK

The kids will do spelling, times tables and reading each night. At times I will give them something to read, others times I expect them to have a quiet read of a novel from the library. But 10 minutes a day will really boost their reading skills.

The spelling is based on testing that we completed in Term 4 of 2020. The words may not necessarily be overly challenging, as our goal is to help them spell the sound groups that they are not sure of. We have a challenge around Times tables and will be sending out lists, posters and booklets to get them working through.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

Unfortunately, we have had to change our programme for the whole school camp. This will now be a meet the teachers BYO on Thursday the 11th, and a Kowhai Park trip on Friday the 12th of February.

BEHAVIOUR

Like you, I have expectations around behaviour. This term we are focusing on the values of Respect and Responsibility. I know that I am not in this on my own, so please make sure you touch base with your children to establish some common thoughts around these values. I will be asking them to bring their home ideas to our learning table.

We will be setting out expectations for behaviour Room 7, and rest assured I will be in touch if I have any concerns. Please feel free to contact me through the school office should you pick up anything that I need to be aware of.

TECHNOLOGY LESSONS

Year 7 children will start technology lessons at Rangitikei College, with Classes for 2020 starting on Tuesday 9th February. To keep everyone safe all children must wear covered shoes and if their hair is on their shoulder, this must be tied back. Those children in Food Technology are asked to bring a container to Technology each week. Please do not send children in gumboots.

UNIFORM

I have higher expectations that the children will look after their clothes. They will be regularly reminded of this responsibility. Please ensure their uniforms are named.

CURRICULUM

We have started swimming at the Sanson pool. Swimming is part of the school curriculum, and it costs the school to take them, so please ensure they have togs and towels named and ready each day. Goggles are vital to protect the children's eyes from chlorine. If your children are unable to swim or compete in sports, they are expected to bring a note.

MATHS

This year we will cross group across all senior classes. That means that your child may not have me as their maths teacher. We do this in order to provide more targeted learning to meet our students needs. We will start with a Statistics and Interpretation focus, along side of a Senior School push to improve their times tables knowledge.

WRITING

In writing we will focus on information writing to be able to accurately describe our statistics interpretations.

READING

Reading this term is based around developing comprehension skills, and again, urging our students to question things that they read. This ties in with interpreting graphs and data.

INQUIRY

The Inquiry topic for this term is learning about our Environment. That is Clifton School, Bulls, Rangitikei. We are investigating needs in our community and planning a project that contributes to our community.

One final word. Room 7 is a Senior Class. I will be encouraging your children to put themselves out there. We expect them to volunteer, to get involved in school activities. This is part of their personal growth, and vital for their way forward. Please get behind us.

ALL THE BEST FOR THE YEAR.

ANNA CULLEN