

Cloverlea School Newsletter

Term One 2016



No. 2

Friday 12 February

Tena Koutou. Greetings to all parents and families

Two short weeks of school down already with everyone settling back into school life. Thank you to everyone for providing all that the children need. This helps immensely. The hot summer weather has also played its part.

Next week is the first full week for this year. Our school picnic at Totara Reserve is on Friday. We invite as many who can make it to join us on this day. A notice about the picnic was sent home yesterday. Please ensure you received this.

School Picnic Day

The School Picnic Day is next Friday 19 February. All children will be going on the picnic, which is being held at Camp Rangi Woods, Totara Reserve, in the Pohangina Valley (see yesterday's picnic notice). Buses will be leaving school at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 2:30 pm.

Gear check:

- Children can come in mufti but must have a warm top/jacket, hat and shoes suitable for walking (not jandals).
- Children should apply sunscreen at home. There will be more available on site.
- Children need morning tea, lunch and drink. Sausages with bread will be available for all who want one but this will not be the full lunch.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable day and hope the fine weather continues. All parents are invited to come out to join in the day. Lunch will be at 12:40 pm with a free sausage available.

Traffic & Pedestrians

Parents please observe the rules related to parking on the streets around the school. Stopping on yellow lines or across driveways is illegal. If you park illegally or are travelling too fast you are risking being ticketed. The police are monitoring traffic around schools so be warned. Last week the police officer on duty had to talk with some who stopped illegally.

Herbert Avenue- All pedestrians are asked to use the patrolled crossing on Herbert Avenue and not walk across from the school. A number of adults take children across the street straight out from the school, which is not what children have been asked to do. Please use the patrolled crossing or walk further down the street before crossing.

Benmore Avenue- Care must be taken on Benmore Avenue, as there is no marked crossing or patrol. A teacher is normally stationed out from the entranceway after school to monitor this area. Parents please collect children from the school side of Benmore Avenue and walk them across. Please do not wait across the road and ask children to come to you unsupervised.

Safety on the streets around the school is a high priority and we educate the children about Road Sense. Parents please support this by being positive role models and never sacrifice safety for convenience.

Communication

There are a number of ways we use to communicate with the school community. The main way is the school newsletter. This is sent home on a Friday with the eldest child. The newsletter is also placed on the school website, cloverlea.school.nz. It is normally there by lunchtime so people can access it then.

Other forms of communication are:

- The Parent Teacher Calendar Application that can be downloaded onto a phone. The App is free and is used to advise of school activities and events. It also gives information about the school and can be used to notify the school of any absences. The Android App is available on Google Play and the Apple App is available from the App Store. Once downloaded select the Manawatu region and our school from the select school section.
- The Cloverlea School PTA family and friends Facebook page is used by a number of parents to communicate about activities or to clarify points. It works really well so join to keep up with the news.

Board of Trustees Elections

Elections for a new Board of Trustees will be taking place during Term 2. A board consists of five elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. The elections take place every three years. Four members of the current board will not be standing for election this time as their children have either left the school or will be leaving at the end of this year. The board encourage parents to consider standing for election and to attend some meetings to find out what the board do and how it functions.

The first board meeting for the year is at 5.30pm next Tuesday 16 February.

Healthy Eating

Having suitable food at school is important for children in relation to energy levels, behaviour, learning and ongoing well-being. Providing a range of healthy options for your child to eat is important for the day at school. Parents are asked to provide suitable food for our supervised eat break in the morning and pack it separately from the lunch.

Food for school should include variety. Bread, fruit, raw vegetables (carrot, celery, etc.) and some cheese are essential items. **Drinks high in sugar should not be sent to school.** Water is encouraged for regular intake during the day (please provide a water bottle). Teachers will be talking with the children about suitable food options and will include suggestions in class notices to parents.

Starting out with a good breakfast is most important. Everyone needs a good breakfast to kick start the day. Cereal, toast and a drink (milk, milo, etc.) are easy ways to provide a nutritious breakfast.

Milk at School started this week. Thank you to all who replied to last week's notice. If a reply has not been sent back to school then another notice will be sent home next week.

Sports

Cricket, touch and softball/teeball are due to start over the next week. Teams are the same as the end of last year with only a few changes due to children leaving. Any child who was in a team at the end of last year is expected to play again. Look out for the draw for your sport.

Important Dates for Term 1:

- Term 1- Wednesday 3 February to Friday 15 April
- BOT Meeting 5:30 pm on Tuesday 16 February
- The first assembly will be organised by Rms. 5 & 6 on Friday 18 March.
- Easter break- Friday 25 March to Tuesday 29 March

Planned Activities:

- School Picnic Day- Friday 19 February
- Teacher's meeting with parents- Thursday 25 February
- Swimming Sports- Yr. 4 – 6 on Tuesday 1 March, Yrs. 2 & 3 Wednesday 2 March, Te Wai Puna Thursday 3 March
- School Triathlon- Friday 4 March
- School Athletics- Friday 1 April
- Parent Conferences Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April

Kevin Payne
Principal

Superkids

Ruahine	Cleveland & Josiah, Room 2 Zak & Zoe, Room 3 Autahi & Jayden, Room 4 Tayjh & Brayden, Room 12 Dane & Mairina
Tararua	Room 5 Rhiley & Muneer, Room 6 Jakob & Sophie A, Room 7 Ashley & Phoenix, Room 8 Cassidy & Ethan
Te Wai Puna	Room 10 Preston & Elye, Room 11 Isla & Georgia,

Community Notices

The Crankit Specialized '**I tri'd the tri series' 2016** starts on Monday 15th February. Pre-Enter online now for only \$20. Go to www.triclub.co.nz. Registration begins each Monday from 4.30 and the triathlons will start at 5.20pm, with each age of the 9 age groups (4-12) then starting in 10 minute intervals. There are lots of goodies and prizes for the kids.

You are invited to a look into the book **"Tears and Tantrums: What to do when babies and children cry"**. 7:30-9:30pm Wednesday Feb 17th in the Lighthouse, St David's (opposite Memorial Park on Main Street). The book is divided into 4 sections- I - Facts about tears and tantrums (how crying helps us heal), II - Crying in Infants (why babies cry and what to do), III - Crying and raging in children (1-8yos), IV - Practical Applications (understanding children and ourselves better. email rachel.consciousparenting@gmail.com to book a place.