

Cloverlea School Newsletter

Term One 2017

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Principal: Leiana Lambert

Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, greetings to you all.

Principals Pen - Whaea Leiana

We have had a busy second week with some fantastic weather. The students have all settled in to term 2 and are working hard at being Cloverlea LEGENDs. This week, staff spent time talking about deliberate time within the teaching timetable, where lessons are taught, and focus on bringing the values to life. The staffs professional learning around recognising inappropriate behaviour as behaviour errors, means we are aware that we have to 'teach' the behaviour we want. There will be consequences for students, but they will match what the student needs to learn. We want the students to see how their actions affect others and ways they can make it right. The research is clear - we **must** teach what we **expect**. We need to teach the students how to be '**inclusive**' and how to be '**resilient**'. We need to teach the students strategies for when things aren't going the way they want. We teach all the curriculum, based on what the students need to learn and our behaviour practises need to follow the same process.

When a child does not know how to read, we teach.

When a child does not know how to spell, we teach.

When a child does not know how to add, we teach.

At Cloverlea School, when a child does not know how to behave appropriately, we teach.

This has sparked lots of in-depth discussions within the staff and challenged the practise that has been happening for a long time in education. The staff are excited about the changes and can see the evidence behind the changes. This is also the direction expected by the Ministry of Education and the direction thousands of schools are now taking. We will talk about a future parent evening around PB4L and what being a PB4L school means for us all.

Parent Teacher Calendar app

We have more than half the families who have downloaded the app. Our newsletters are accessible on there every Friday and have access to our School Calendar. Sports draws and information for game days, will also be sent via the notifications so you will always know where the children are playing. Please make sure you join the sports groups for specific notifications eg/ Join the basketball group to receive basketball notifications.

Kids Can

We are a Kids Can School so we have numerous ways that we can help families. If your child has headlice, we have headlice spray and combs. These are no cost, and are available for adults to collect from the office.

Parent Survey – new sports uniforms

Thank you to all the parents who returned their survey around our new sports uniforms. We are currently collating the results and will share this information with you. Those who completed the survey and filled in their child's name and room number, will be placed in the draw for the petrol voucher. Good luck!

Reading Together Workshop

Mrs Hutchinson will be organising 3 workshops for families who would like to learn ways to help with reading at home. These will be run at school, from 2pm, and are no cost. Please see the office for an information pack.

Thought for the week:

"In my world, there are NO BAD KIDS, just impressionable, conflicted young people wrestling with emotions and impulses, trying to communicate their feelings & needs the only way they know how"

-Janet Lansbury

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

For 2017

<i>National Young Leaders Day</i>	<i>15 May</i>
<i>Sports Uniform Vote</i>	<i>18 May</i>
<i>Stu Duval visit</i>	<i>24 May</i>
<i>PTA Chocolate Money due in</i>	<i>26 May</i>
<i>School Cross Country</i>	<i>1 June</i>
<i>Duffy Theatre visit</i>	<i>8 June</i>
<i>Reading Together Workshop</i>	<i>8 June</i>

Miles in for Basketball

We are fortunate enough to have Miles Pearce visiting all the classes and teaching all our students basketball skills. Miles is a former Jets player and former Tall Black player. He has a strong passion for basketball and is modelling our LEGEND values during his teaching time.



Vegetables from the Garden

We were lucky to have some corn grow in our garden and these were harvested this week. During a lunch break, lots of students tried some of our delicious Cloverlea corn. Thank you to our LEGENDary Gardening group for your determination in growing lots of different vegetables for us to try.



Cyber Safety Tip

Are you aware of what apps the children are using? Keep the children safe, by being aware and seeing the dangers that may be involved with apps that have access to 'chats'

PTA News

Thank you to all the families who have sold the box of chocolates and have brought the money in to school. Please keep the money coming in and please return the chocolates that are unsold. All proceeds go towards the Duffy Books in Homes programme – which every Cloverlea student benefits from.

Official Bike Track Opening

We are now organising an official bike track opening for this term. The sign with all our generous sponsors will be on the container soon. The students are enjoying the bike track during class time as well as during lunch times. The Cloverlea Kindergarten are also using the bike track every Friday morning for 30 minutes. Date and times to be confirmed for the official opening.

Voting for sports uniforms

Uniforms are currently drafted, using our school colours of green and red and with our LEGEND values visible. The top 3- 4 uniform drafts will be selected for voting. We will give the students an opportunity to vote for their favourite new uniform by organising a vote on **18 May**. We will put the uniform drafts in the hall, students will go with their class and will be given 1 token. They will place their token in the container of the uniform they like the best. Come to the office on the **18 May**, collect a token and place your token in the office for the uniform you like best. The staff will also have a vote. The students vote is worth 1/3 of the final decision, the parent vote is worth 1/3 of the final decision and the staff vote is worth 1/3 of the final decision.

Cloverlea Space Cadet Science Challenge

Test a Theory: Human Beings are taller after a night's sleep than before they go to bed.

Before you start think about whether you agree or disagree. Write that down. Then test your theory with your family and you can include them in your data collection. Record your results over several days. Bring your theory to Room 1 and share what happened with Mrs Mac for a small prize by Monday the 22nd May. I look forward to seeing 'organised' children who have been 'determined'

Celebrating Student Writing – Year 2s

Room 4 were given a picture of a frog and had to write a description. They were asked to use specific words to try and make a reader get a picture of the frog in their head.

Can you picture the frog in your head?

"I see a frog, an orange frog, in the rainforest on a leaf. His skin is sticky. He had black spots all over him and he has long legs. He hops so fast and high on a tree" - Honey

Honey

"I see a picture of a frog. It is spotty. It was even on a leaf. It was the size of a tiny fish. He had four fingers and two toes. His eyes pop out."- Giana

to give this a go over several days! I am also looking forward to seeing how you tested this statement and what you learnt from it.

Students receiving extra learning support

We have a fantastic support staff that work alongside teachers and support students with their learning. This year, we have organised for extra withdrawal programmes in the afternoons that support students learning in reading. We are running 2 programmes, TARP and STEPs. TARP focuses on helping students who need more fluency and understanding of what is being read. STEPs focuses on letter sounds and breaking the sounds down to read unknown words.

More Easter Fair pictures

