

Cloverlea School Newsletter

Term One 2016



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Friday 18 March

Tena Koutou. Greetings to all parents and families

Next week leads up to Easter. A number of people have been asking about which days school is closed for the Easter break. There is no school next Friday due to it being Good Friday. School is also closed on Easter Monday and Tuesday 29 March. The children return to school after Easter on Wednesday 30 March.

Swimming is now officially ended with the pool closed down for the year. Top year 5 & 6 swimmers may be entered into the Inter School Swimming Sports on 8 April. A decision will be made closer to the time due to there being no practice time between now and the date the swimming is being held.

All children are now preparing for the school athletics to be held on Friday 1 April at the Manawatu Athletics Track, Massey University. All of the children will be bussed out to the track and are there for the day. All age groups move through six different events. Each event requires a number of people to help them run effectively.

A notice asking for volunteers to help at the athletics will be sent home early next week. We need between 15 to 20 people to help teachers at the events. If there are not enough people to help, the athletics will need to be cancelled, as teachers cannot run the events without the extra help.

Easter Fair

Our School Council Easter Fair is on next Thursday 24 March. Each class, or group of classes, will be running stalls, games or activities. The council uses the money raised from the Fair to purchase something for the school. For the Fair to be a success we need parent input at class and school level. Please contribute and volunteer to help when this is possible. Information will be coming home as classes begin to work on organising their activities for the fair.

Everyone is invited to come along to spend up large and enjoy the fair. Lunch is at 12.00 pm and stalls will open at 12.15pm. The Fair goes until approximately 1.30 pm with notices following this. Once everything is tidied up parents who are still around will be able to take children home. All other children will stay in class until the normal finish time of 3 o'clock.

Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conferences

Parent/teacher/pupil conferences to discuss learning goals and targets for children in Rooms 1 to 8 and Rm. 12 are on **Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April**. It is important that there is a conference for every child, as you will discuss the goals and major focus points for teaching and learning through to the end of Term 2. Parents will take away ideas on how you can support your child's learning.

Children in Te Wai Puna (Rooms 10 & 11) do not have a conference at this time as they follow a different cycle.

Parents please book a conference online. Each conference is for 15 minutes and there will only be time for one conference for each child. If more time is needed you will need to arrange this with the teacher.

Booking a conference is done online. To book a time go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz then enter the **Code mq6yp**. Follow the prompts to make a booking. Bookings will be open on Monday so be in early to book the time most suited to you. Parents who do not have access to a computer at home can ask your child's classroom teacher or Mrs Sanders to help book a time.

Parents please note that school will finish at 2:15 pm on both days of the conferences as the first conferences begin at 2.30 pm. Children who are not able to go home at this earlier time will be supervised until 3.00 pm.

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. A booklet, "A parents guide to the role of the board of trustees", is available from the office for interested people.

Anyone interested in becoming a board member is encouraged to find out what the board does by talking to an existing member or attending a board meeting.

Visiting Performance next Wednesday

Strike Percussion are performing for the children next Wednesday. The cost to attend is taken from the activity fee so please have this paid or send \$5 to cover the cost of the performance. Thank you.

PTA

Next week's Sausage Sizzle is on Easter Fair day, Thursday 24 March. Orders need be in on Wednesday. Easter Eggs will also be available for \$1 each. Extra sausages for parents/whanau and left over Easter Eggs will sold be at the fair.

Term 1 Fundraiser- Clothing Sale on next Thursday 31 March starting at 1.00pm. All items will be sold for \$2. The sale will continue until 8 April unless all items are sold prior to this. There will be an evening sale with the date to be decided on. Keep an eye on the Cloverlea PTA Friends and Family Facebook page or a notice at the school.

Term 2 Fundraiser- Selling Whittaker's range of chocolates. These will sell for \$2 each. They will be sent home with the eldest child on 11 or 12 May. A notice will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2 asking those who do not want to sell chocolates to complete a form and return it to school. There will be spot prizes and a prize for the top seller.

Football boots available- children's size 13 and adult's size 7. Good condition. First in gets them. See Mr Payne.

Sports Draws

Touch is finished for this season. Thank you to all who have helped with teams. The final games for Tee Ball and cricket are tomorrow.

Cricket

Cloverlea	College Street	Hokowhitu Park Artificial 3	8.45 – be there by 8.30
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Teeball- There is a short prizegiving after the game

Strikers	Russell St	T1	9 am
Baserunners	St Marys	T5	9 am
Chargers	bye	Prizegiving is at 10.45	

Important Dates for Term 1:

- Term 1- Wednesday 3 February to Friday 15 April
- Easter break- Friday 25 March to Tuesday 29 March. Back to school on Wednesday 30 March.

Planned Activities:

- Easter Fair- Thursday 24 March
- School Athletics- Friday 1 April
- Parent Conferences Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April
- Thursday 14 April- Community Farewell Assembly for Mr Payne at 2.00 pm followed by afternoon tea. A notice with full details will be sent out closer to the day.

Superkids

Ruahine	Room 1 Paris & Tyler, Room 2 Robbie & Eve, Room 3 Luci & Jasmine L, Room 12 Cody & Caleb
Tararua	Room 5 Lucia & Melissa, Room 6 Cooper & Keira, Room 7 Hollie & Lyrical, Room 8 Caleb & Soul-J
Te Wai Puna	Room 10 Kimberley & Kyla, Room 11 Giada & Azarius

Kevin Payne
Principal

TAKARO AFC - JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2016- Kick off the 2016 Junior football season with Takaro AFC! We are a small, family-friendly club based in your local area. We have teams at all ages. Experienced or not, you are welcome! For more details, visit www.takaroafc.org.nz or email juniors@takaroafc.org.nz

Highland Home presents 'The Amazing Race' kids camp. 17 – 22 April. Register at www.highlandhome.co.nz

Te Aroha Noa - are offering a 2 hour interactive presentation on understanding children's grief and how you can help your children through the loss of someone close. More information at the office or phone Te Aroha Noa 358 2255.