

Cloverlea School Newsletter Term Four 2018

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

Principal's Pen - Whaea Leiana

Welcome to all our new families that have started with us for an exciting year! It is great to see so many students organised with their stationery and correct uniform. It was great to hear about the memories the students had made with their whanau and friends during their summer break. We have an exciting year ahead of us with all the staff working hard at developing a curriculum where there are multiple learning opportunities for students. With the Government changes announced for education in December 2017, there will be greater flexibility in our teaching programmes for the students. Yes, we will still focus on Literacy and Numeracy but we will also be able to make some changes around reporting to parents about your child's progress and greater flexibility at integrating more learning. We will also have ERO (Education Review Office) visit us at some stage. This is a positive thing as the review will celebrate what is going well in our school and also identify areas for review. ERO uses the national priorities in education to determine the areas for review. With the education changes happening, and schools across the country waiting for more information, it will be of interest to see how ERO will report on teaching and learning at Cloverlea. We are always reviewing practices, procedures and school policy to make sure we are making a difference for the students. Schools are exciting places and I know there are some LEGENDary things happening here!

TEACHER ONLY DAYS – What did we do?

We spent 3 days as a staff, developing our learning that will support the 3 school goals.

Day 1 - saw a focus on PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) where staff had to complete set activities and share with the staff. We also worked through a module that looked at the research behind strategies that we use to engage our learnings in learning. Student engagement (students staying focussed) is one of our focus areas and PB4L is one way of working towards this goal.

Staff have also opted in to 3 Inquiry Teams, with a focus on reviewing 3 different areas in the school. These 3 areas are - 1. Our School Management System and how this is best utilised for reporting achievement to parents. 2. The playground environment and what we need to review and change. We currently have lots of opportunities for the students for physical activities within their break times, but how can we best cater for students who prefer to do something more quiet? 3. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) – how can we introduce more hands-on activities, across the school, where students are able to opt in to areas of interest to them?

Day 2 – Changes have recently been made to Staff Appraisals (this is how all teachers are assessed, across NZ, to say they are capable of meeting the NZ Teaching Standards). We spent 3 hours looking at this as well as having a visitor in to look at the 5 cultural competencies. We also worked through the progressions for cycling so that we have some clear guidelines on what specific skills need to be taught at each age group. This will ensure that by the time the students leave us in year 6, they have great bike skills and understand more about road safety.

Day 3 – We had Nathan Mikaere-Wallis from Auckland spend a day with us, looking at the neuroscience of the brain. He was a highly motivational and inspirational speaker that will get the staff to further reflect on their classroom teaching programmes. Watch this space as we review our current programmes.

Thought of the week:

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.

B.B King

WHAT IS PB4L?

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is a nationwide initiative that focuses on how schools utilise the environment to raise student outcomes. It is an evidenced based and researched based programme that we have been part of for the last 18 months. There is a strong focus on teacher knowledge and learning and strategies that work best in the classroom and in the playground. It also has given staff ways that behaviour can be deescalated and ways to manage conflict between students. Over the past 18 months, there have been some big changes in the school, using PB4L research, such as working through the process of creating our LEGEND values. This is now at the core of everything we do at Cloverlea and will continue to help develop the systems needed to ensure our environment is the best for the students.

Summer Hockey and Cricket Registrations

Both summer hockey and cricket registrations are due early next week. This year, Manawatu Cricket Association is introducing 'Dual Pitch Cricket'. This means that games are played across two pitches: while two players are batting on Pitch A, the remaining six are fielding on pitch B. Each pair of batters bats for four overs before swapping. This means there is no time when any child is not either batting or fielding, and it also speeds games up so that they are typically finished in 30-60 minutes.

If you didn't receive a notice but would like your child to play either cricket or summer hockey, please come and enquire at the school office.

CLASSROOMS FOR 2018

Room 1 – Mrs Mcfadzean	Room 8 – Mrs Martin
Room 2 – Mr Barnacott	Room 9 – Mrs Saywell
Room 3 – Mrs Jensen	Room 10 – Mrs Veale
Room 4 – Mrs Turner	Room 11 – Mrs Jenkins
Mrs Pouniu	Room 12 – Mrs Lewis
Room 5 – Mrs Smith	
Room 6 – Mr Sutherland	
Room 7 – Ms Witton	

Cloverlea School Account:

BNZ

020 727 054 7939 025

When making a payment into the school account, please reference your child's name and reason for payments. Thanks

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESSES

We will also be doing our surveys, feedback from families on line, using Goggle Forms. Please give your email address to the office. The Administration Team may ask you when you pop in so that we can get everything updated. When we have our Meet the Teacher Evening, the staff will also ask you. We will also be able to email you through any payment information now online banking.

PROPERTY WORK COMPLETED IN THE HOLIDAYS

Over the December / January holiday, we had further roofing work completed around the school, the re-pitch of the Administration block is starting, further spouting work completed and some work done in the office area. Drainage was also checked and cleared. The swimming pool has been sandblasted and has 2 cracks that need to be fixed. We will be working hard to get the pool operational as soon as we can. This year we will have carpet replaced in the Administration Block, Staffroom and the Resource Area. We are also planning for the upgrade of Room 6, 7, 8 and 9. This will be completed in 2 stages. This will include changes to the toilet area and classroom teaching spaces.

KELLY'S SPORTS

Kelly Sports is back at Cloverlea School for 2018! Register your child for 1 hour after school clinics held every **Tuesday** after school starting **13th Feb**. Your child can improve co-ordination, learn new skills and experience new sports while having a lot of fun! Register now and like us on Facebook by searching for Kelly Sports Manawatu"

STATIONERY

This year was the first time that we moved the stationery sales off site. The extra families were paying for having the stationery at school and staff hours for this, was the main reason to look at doing this in a different way. We trialed using Office Max's online ordering system. The feedback we have heard is positive with paying online delivery. We will continue to do this as has made a huge difference being able to organise home delivery.

VISION CHURCH - Thanks

We are lucky to have had Vision Church join the community last year. They are volunteers that have supported us with the breakfast club, lunchtime activities on Fridays, school events and organised the Halloween event. They also donated some Christmas presents to some families at the end of last year and have also donated some back packs and lunch boxes. We are incredibly grateful for their support and their donations.

OFFICE CHANGES

There will no longer be handwritten receipts for payments that you make. These can either be printed off for you or emailed directly to you. The Administration Team have worked hard to change the system so that invoices can be given to families, as well as a record of how much has been paid. It means that when you ring the office and ask for how much is left to be paid for camp or other activities, the information can be accessed straight away. This will be effective from the time the building is finished in the block.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SCHOOL?

There are 3 main ways of finding out information about what is happening in the school.

Newsletters come out every Friday. The eldest in each family receives this which means that students who are the only student from the family here, regardless of age, will receive a newsletter.

The **Cloverlea School Community Facebook page** – please join this page. Only those who are enrolled at Cloverlea will have access to the information here. All members of this page are screened prior to approval. When students leave, membership to this group also stops. There have been some changes to how this Facebook page operates. The Staff and Administration Team will post on the page any information you may need to know, any reminders or some exciting activities that are happening at school. Permission has been signed for upon enrolment for students to be photographed and in the newsletter, website etc. If you would prefer your child wasn't photographed and shared, please see your child's teacher.

Skool Loop App – this can be downloaded for free and where we will text information. Make sure you join the groups that your children belong to so that you can get the notices you need. If your child signs up for basketball, join the basketball group. If your child is in the Ruahine Team, sign up for this group. To join groups, go to the app, click on the 3 lines at the top right hand side and then tick all the groups that you would like texts for.

Newsletters, the School Calendar are also on the app.