

Cloverlea School Newsletter

Term One 2016



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Friday 26 February

Tena Koutou. Greetings to all parents and families

Great School Picnic

The School Picnic Day on Tuesday was a wonderful day out for everyone. The weather at Totara Reserve was ideal with the rain we experienced on the way out staying well away. The location again proved right for the activities that were planned. The children just love being by the river. Many of them would have been happy to stay by the river for the whole time we were there.

Thank you to the many parents and others who made the effort to go out to join in with the picnic. I am sure you enjoyed the relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

A special thank you to Mr Norris and those who helped with the sausage sizzle at lunchtime. The sausages were very popular with everyone, especially those who had a second and for some a third.

Parents Meet With Teachers

Thank you to everyone who came along to the parents meetings with teachers yesterday afternoon. It is important for parents to know what is happening at school and to have strategies for helping with your child's learning in a positive way. The first round of conferences to discuss learning goals and targets for children in Rooms 1 to 8 and Rm. 12 will be held 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. Booking a conference time will be done online closer to the dates.

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

Beginning of Year Testing

Over the next week children in Years 3 to 6 will be involved in sitting a range of standardised tests. Children in Years 4 to 6 sit formal tests in reading comprehension, reading vocabulary, listening and mathematics. Year 3 children sit the listening test with some of them sitting the mathematics test. Years 4 to 6 children are tested for spelling. All children have produced a written language sample with some having already completed the mathematics.

The results of the tests are analysed and used to compare progress from year to year and are used alongside initial observations to identify needs for learning. Results will be shared with parents at the first round of conferences.

Swimming Sports

The swimming sports carnivals for Tararua team and Te Wai Puna will be held on the following days next week

- Tararua team, Year 2 & 3 (Rms. 5, 6, 7, 8) on Wednesday 4 March starting at 11:30 a.m.
- Te Wai Puna (Rms. 10 & 11) on Thursday 5 March starting at 2:00 pm

Ruahine team, Rms. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 12 will now be held on Tuesday 8 March starting at 11.30 a.m.

Parents are encouraged to come along to support the children at these carnivals.

Reading Together Programme

The Reading Together Programme is a Ministry of Education funded initiative that involves parents attending four one and a quarter hour workshops. The first three workshops are one each week over three weeks with the fourth and final workshop a few weeks later.

The workshops are held at the school and will be facilitated by Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Lewis. The aim of the programme is to empower parents to work with their children to improve reading levels. It has been found to not just improve reading but also family dynamics and learning as a whole.

Interested parents should collect a registration form from the school office and return it by next Thursday. The programme limited to ten to twelve families so be in quickly to secure a place. Parents must commit to attending all workshops.

The School Triathlon

The triathlon is on next Friday 4 March starting at 1.30 pm. A pleasing number of children have entered so parents please come along to support them. It is imperative that bikes are in a safe and sound condition. Please check bikes at home before sending them to school for the triathlon.

Children who are doing the cycle leg of the triathlon are asked to have their bike at school on Thursday for checking and a practice.

Religious Education starts Wednesday 9 March

The RE programme for children in Yrs. 3 to 6 is on Wednesday mornings from 9.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. Parents who choose for their children not to attend are asked to send a note to school stating this. If you choose for your child not to attend RE please arrange for him/her to be at school at the later time of 9.30 a.m. or they will be supervised in the Library.

Scholastic orders – The first issue for this year has been sent home and orders will be due back by Tuesday 1 March.

Sports

All sports are now underway. Thank you to the coaches and managers for your input and help. Parents please ensure children are at the venue in the correct uniform, in time for pre-game instructions and to warm up. Encourage fair play and positive sportsmanship.

T Ball

Baserunners	Milson	T3	9 am
Strikers	CCS	T9	9 am
Chargers	Feilding	PB1	9 am

Touch Rugby

Tigers	Outkast	4 pm	A Leisure	CSNS	4.30 pm	A Odyssey
Lions	Tokomaru	4 pm	A Putt Hutt	Hokowhitu	4.30 pm	B Putt Hutt
Cheetahs	West End	4 pm	B Lollipops	Whakarongo	4.30 pm	A Lollipops
Leopards	Outkast	4 pm	A Waste Man	CNS Broncos	4.30 pm	B Waste Man
Cougars	St James	5 pm	A Waste Man	Linton	5.30 pm	A Waste Man
Pumas	CSNS	5 pm	A Leisureplex	Roslyn	5.30 pm	B Leisureplex

Important Dates for Term 1:

- *Term 1- Wednesday 3 February to Friday 15 April*
- *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:

- *Swimming Sports- Yrs. 2 & 3 Wednesday 2 March, Te Wai Puna Thursday 3 March, Yr. 4 – 6 on Tuesday 8 March*
- *School Triathlon- Friday 4, March*
- *Easter Fair- Thursday 24 March*
- *School Athletics- Friday 1 April*
- *Parent Conferences Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April*

Superkids

Ruahine	Room 1 Dylan & Manaia, Room 2 Tessa & Ryan, Room 3 Skylah & Levi, Room 4 Kruze & Teah, Room 12 Keshia & Aidyn
Tararua	Room 5 Bethany & Alleigha, Room 6 Olivia V & Sophie PC, Room 7 Lyrical & Liam, Room 8 Abi & Zoe
Te Wai Puna	Room 10 Jack & Kaiden, Room 11 Sinead & Kaedyn

Kevin Payne
Principal