

Cloverlea School Newsletter

Term One 2016



No. 5

Friday 4 March

Tena Koutou. Greetings to all parents and families

Week 5 is now past and we approach the halfway point of Term 1 next week. The first five weeks have been very busy with many and varied activities for the children. Swimming will be coming to an end next week with teachers focusing on classroom programmes without the interruption of swimming and initial testing finished. The hot February weather has certainly contributed to the pool being a popular place.

Successful Swimming Carnivals

The Tararua and Te Wai Puna Swimming carnivals held yesterday were very successful events. The beautiful weather helped with this. The children performed really well in the events they entered. Thank you to all who came along to watch and support the children. I am sure you enjoyed the events.

The Ruahine team swimming is on next Tuesday. This is the biggest event with more children participating and the more able swimmers competing for overall year group champion. We look forward to this being a successful event with good support.

Beginning of Year Testing

The beginning of year testing is almost completed. Children in Years 4 to 6 have been sitting formal tests in reading comprehension, reading vocabulary, listening and mathematics. Year 3 children sat the listening test with some of them sitting the mathematics test. Years 4 to 6 children completed a spelling test. All children produced a written language sample. 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 and to inform classroom programmes. Results will be shared with parents at the first round of conferences to be held on 6 and 7 April. Please diary these dates and keep time free for a conference.

Reading Together Programme

Thank you to those who have registered to be part of this 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.

As the programme is limited to ten to twelve families there is only space for two more registrations so be in quickly to secure a place. Parents must commit to attending all workshops.

School Councillors

Last Friday classes elected their council representative. The head councillors, Ryan Clark and Natalya Manderson, were announced at last year's end of year assembly.

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected onto the council for this year. All councillors will be presented with their badge at the assembly on 18 March.

Rm. 1- Paige Creahan and Paris Finlayson Rm. 2- Rebecca Manderson & Chloe Gowland
Rm. 3- Charlotte Copeman Rm. 4- Kate-Lynne Yeaman Rm. 5- Athena Fovakis
Rm. 6- Olivia Vroombout Rm. 7- Hope Fenn Rm. 8- Mya Taunoa-Knight
Rm. 12- Aidyn Adams and Kesha Hemo

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.

Surplus Furniture

There are some surplus classroom desks for sale at \$10 each and chairs for \$5. The desks are in very good condition and ideal for a bedroom or corner for children to work at home. See Tricia at the office or Kerry the caretaker if you would like to purchase these. Payment must be made prior to collecting.

Religious Education starts next 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.

Sports

All sports are now underway. Some teams have had to be reshuffled due to children leaving and new ones coming in. Thank you to the coaches and managers for your input and help with this. 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. The cricket team is doing really well and will be moving to Saturday games.

Touch Rugby

Tigers	Linton	4 pm	B Odyssey	Takaro	4.30 pm	B Odyssey
Lions	Bye				4.30 pm	B Putt Hutt
Cheetahs	CNS	4 pm	B Tanenuiarangi	Te Whanau Pa	4.30 pm	A Tanenuiarangi
Leopards	Poiki Tuis	4 pm	B He Kupe	CSNS	4.30 pm	A He Kupe
Cougars	Te Kawau	5 pm	A Waste Man	Outkast	5.30 pm	A Waste Man
Pumas	Aokautere	5 pm	B Leisureplex	RSS Tigers	5.30 pm	A Leisureplex

Cricket

Cloverlea	Ashhurst	Ashhurst school	8.45 – be there by 8.30
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Teeball

Strikers	Riverdale	T4	9 am
Baserunners	Ashhurst	T7	9 am
Chargers	Kairanga	PB 1	9 am

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:

- Ruahine Swimming Sports are next Tuesday 8 March at 11.30 a.m.
- Easter Fair- Thursday 24 March
- School Athletics- Friday 1 April
- Parent Conferences Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April

Superkids

Ruahine	Room 1 Naliyha & Lorina, Room 2 Estella & Rebecca, Room 3 Jamie-Lee & Jesse Room 4 Anisa & Jaden B, Room 12 Kesha & Bailey
Tararua	Room 5 Madden & Wiremu, Room 6 Nia & Makayla, Room 7 Hope & Billy, Room 8 Rhyley & Zackary
Te Wai Puna	Room 10 Corbin & Te Rangi, Room 11 Kesha & Bailey

Kevin Payne
Principal

Marist Junior Rugby Registrations days - Marist Clubrooms, Pascal St, Sunday 13 March 1 – 4 pm, Wednesday 16 March 5 – 7 PM, Saturday 19 March 11 am – 3 pm. Information 0275 538 007