

# Cloverlea School Newsletter

## Term One 2016



No. 1

Friday 5 February

Tena Koutou. Greetings to all parents and families

**Welcome back** to school for 2016. I extend a very special welcome to all new children and families who have joined our school community this year. I am sure you will enjoy your association with Cloverlea School.

We are looking forward to another successful school year. The first few days back at school have gone smoothly with everyone settling into their new classes quickly. It is important that the children settle into routine as quickly as possible so please arrange to have your children prepared and ready to go at the beginning of the day. **All children should be at school at least five minutes before the bell rings at 8.55 a.m.**

Teachers want to have all children using the correct stationery next week so if it hasn't been purchased yet please do so by Tuesday. Any parents who are not in a position to purchase stationery at this time please call into the office to make suitable arrangements.

**Swimming** is a compulsory part of the school programme. Please ensure that children have their togs, and goggles if they have them, at school every day. A note should be sent if your child is not able to swim on a given day. Our pool is heated so cold water is not an excuse.

**School Picnic Day** is Friday 19 February, the end of Week 3. A notice about the picnic will be sent home next week. We are planning on going to Camp Rangī Woods in the Pohangina Valley, the same venue as last year, and would like as many families as possible to join us. All children will travel by bus. There will be space on the buses for a limited number of parents who do not have personal transport. Ensure the return notice is sent back to school if transport is needed. Please note the date and make arrangements.

**Sun Smart-** Cloverlea School is an accredited *SunSmart* school. As part of the School's Sun Safe Policy **all children must wear a sunhat when they are outside.**

The school provides the children with a hat when they are enrolled. If the hat needs replacing parents need to purchase one that matches the green colour of the school hats. (Hats can be purchased from the school for \$10)

### ***Staffing and Organisation***

We welcome Julia Kearins who is new to our school and Anne Veale is returning following her year off on maternity leave. Mrs Kearins replaces Mr Sutherland and is teaching in Rm. 4. Mrs Stacey Turner is again team teaching with Mrs Martin and they are in Rm. 12. Mrs Kelly Jamieson will be teaching in Rm. 12 until 11.00 a.m. each morning while Miss Veale takes the Reading Recovery programme.

Mrs Martin is running the Mathematics Specialist Teacher (MST) programme again this year. This programme is part funded by the Ministry of Education. Mrs Martin will work with children from across the school who last year were judged to be well below or below the national standard for mathematics. The expectation is that identified groups will receive additional tuition in mathematics for twenty weeks. Approximately fifty children will benefit from this programme.

#### ***Class Organisation:***

- Ruahine Team (Years 4 – 6) are in Rooms 1 to 4 and Rm. 12.
- Taranua Team (Years 2 & 3) are in Rooms 6 to 8.
- Te Wai Puna (New Entrant – Year 1) are in Rooms 9 to 11

Room 9 will not have a class until the number of new entrant children starting school determines this.

**Please make a time early on to talk with your child's/children's class teacher** to see how the beginning of the year is going and to find out how you are able to support learning.

Teachers will meet with parents on Thursday 25 February. Information re the organisation for these meetings will be sent out closer to the time.

## Some important points for the beginning of the year:

- **School Uniform-** The school uniform is compulsory for all children. We will be monitoring the wearing of the uniform and if a child is at school in incorrect clothing a note will be sent home. Parents will be contacted if your child continues to come to school wearing incorrect clothing. Items worn under the uniform must be black or bottle green (no bright colours). Shoes, sandals, jandals, etc. are to be black.
- **Hair** should be of the child's natural colour with no fancy styles.
- **Lunches and morning snacks-** Please provide healthy food that your child will eat.
- **Please ensure all items that children bring to school are named** (clothing, stationery, etc.)
- **If you have had a change of address or phone number please let the office know**

**Regular attendance at school** is compulsory. Research shows that children who have regular attendance learn more and are more successful. I ask that parents ensure children attend school regularly, are on time and are only absent for genuine reasons.

**If a child is absent** from school parents should phone in before 9.00 a.m. to report this. If this is not done parents can expect a call from the school.

**Milk at School** will start next week. Every child has one packet of milk three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A notice has been sent home today asking parents to decide whether children are not to have the milk.

**aPlus Out of School Care** has started again for the year. Parents who are considering taking advantage of this service that operates in the school hall can obtain information by phoning aPlus on 357 5583.

### Medication at School

If children are to take medication during the school day it must be handed in to the office. The child must then report to the office to take it.

Children are not to have medication of any kind in their bag or desk. This is a safety issue for everyone.

### School Car Park

The school car park is for staff and service vehicles only. The car park is not to be used for dropping children at school or collecting them after school.

### Assembly

The first assembly will be organised by Rms. 5 & 6 on Friday 18 March.

### Important Dates for Term 1:

- *Term 1- Wednesday 3 February to Friday 15 April*
- *BOT Meeting 5:30 pm on Tuesday 16 February*
- *Easter break- Friday 25 March to Tuesday 29 March*

### Planned Activities:

- *School Picnic Day- Friday 19 February*
- *Teacher's meeting with parents- Thursday 25 February*
- *Swimming Sports- Yr. 4 – 6 on Tuesday 1 March, Yrs. 2 & 3 Wednesday 2 March, Te Wai Puna Thursday 3 March*
- *School Triathlon- Friday 4 March*
- *School Athletics- Friday 1 April*
- *Parent Conferences Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April*

**Kevin Payne**  
**Principal**

### Community Notices

The Crankit Specialized '**I tri'd the tri series' 2016** starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Pre-Enter online now for only \$20. Go to [www.triclub.co.nz](http://www.triclub.co.nz). Registration begins each Monday from 4.30 and the triathlons will start at 5.20pm, with each age of the 9 age groups (4-12) then starting in 10 minute intervals. There are lots of goodies and prizes for the kids.

### HOT SHOTS TENNIS WITH BIG JOHN!!!!

This "award winning" programme will focus on improving skills and having fun at the coolest summer sport. The programme is full of fun activities, games, and competitions. It is open to any child of any ability from 5+ years. Tennis will be held at Vautier Park (Puriri Tce). Come along on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Class times- **Stage 1-** Red Squads (5-6 years)- **9am - 9.50am**, **Stage 2-** Orange Squads (7-8 years)- **10am - 10.50am**  
**Stage 3-** Green Squads (9-10 years)-**11am - 11.50am**

The cost of the course is \$95 for Term 1, if you bring a friend you will go into a draw for a spot prize. For more info email Big John at [johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz) or phone him on 0274808808. Be quick!