

Cloverlea School Newsletter

Term One 2016



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Tena Koutou. Greetings to all parents and families

This will be the last full newsletter for the term. With all of the activities planned for next week there will not be time to produce a full newsletter.

Next week is the last week of Term 1. It has been a very busy term with many activities taking place. It is hard to believe that nearly one quarter of the school year is almost over. Parents please check at home to ensure all school resources are returned early next week and also check that personal items at school are taken home.

Staff and BOT remind everyone that there will be an assembly to farewell Mr Payne next Thursday 14 April, at 2 pm. This will be a special assembly in which our children, our kapahaka and choir will be performing. Following the assembly there will be an afternoon tea for parents and guests. We would like to invite all parents and caregivers.

School will finish next Friday at the normal time of 3.00 pm.

Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conferences

Thank you to all parents who made the time to attend a conference this week. The conferences are an integral part of the learning cycle so it is important that there is one for every child. Progress against the goals discussed at the conference will be reported on at the next round of conferences that will be held at the end of Term 2. Parents please make the time to help support your child at home with their learning in ways that were shared at the conference.

Some parents were unable to attend a conference this week and have made an alternative appointment. If you have not made an alternative time I encourage you to contact your child's teacher and arrange a time for early next term so you too are informed about your child's learning. Mid year conferences are planned for the end of Term 2.

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)- Each year the school registers identified children into this programme. We will register identified Year 4 to 6 children in the English, Mathematics and Spelling tests. The cost to parents for registration is \$5 for English and Mathematics with Spelling costing \$7. The school subsidises the registration fee, as the actual cost is greater than this. Potential candidates will have been identified at the conferences. Parents please register your child if you would like him/her to participate in ICAS.

Board of Trustees Elections

Elections for a new Board of Trustees will be taking place early next term. A board consists of five elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the principal. A number of people have indicated an interest in becoming a board member. A booklet, "A parents guide to the role of the board of trustees", is available from the office for interested people.

Hi from Tim and Harold at Life Education Manawatu

It is fantastic to be at Cloverlea School - we have made so many friends already and have been made to feel really welcome by everyone - what a wonderful place to be! We are focusing on social skills with the pupils: the juniors are looking at being a friend, showing respect and showing empathy, while the seniors are learning about what it takes to be resilient. There have already been some really thoughtful discussions both in and out of the classroom, which has been extremely rewarding.

We are here until Thursday April 14th, and during this time we have some items for sale at the school office (cash only please):

- Soft Toy Harolds- \$10 (extremely limited stock!)
- Harold Flag Pens- \$1
- Bag Tag/Key Ring Harolds- \$7

We look forward to seeing you all over the next week - please feel free to come and see me if you would like to know more about what the pupils are learning, and you can go to www.lifeeducation.org.nz if you would like to know more about Life Ed. Have a brilliant weekend!

School Athletics

What a great Athletics Day we had last Friday. The weather was perfect for the event and everything went to plan. Thank you to all who came along to support the children, it was pleasing to see so many and hear the positive comments. All of the children gave their best and enjoyed the opportunity to experience the big track and facilities.

Thank you to those parents who volunteered to help on the day. This was very much appreciated by all teachers and teacher aides who were running the events. Thank you also to those who helped at an event when this was needed. Special thanks to Mrs Jensen and Dean Burnham who went to the track early to set up and packed everything away at the end.

School Hats

Next week teachers will be sending the school hat home for washing. Parents please put the hat through a wash and send it back before the end of next week. The hats will be stored at school until they are needed again towards the end of the year.

School Donation and Activity Fee

Thank you to all who have paid the activity fee and school donation. Children for whom the activity fee is not paid by the beginning of next term will not be able to participate in planned activities that have a cost unless the cost for the activity is paid. A reminder will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2 for children who still owe on Activity fee.

The school donation is voluntary but we encourage all parents to pay this. It is used to supplement the cost of running the school and to support the range of programmes and resources that are provided for the children, especially the cost of ICT equipment. The board has recently purchased 40 new iPads that cost over \$20, 000 for children to use in class.

EFTPOS will continue to be available at the school until the end of Week 2 next term. After this the service will be stopped, as it is too expensive to keep long term.

Wanted adult gardeners – able to do half an hours weeding any time that suits them in the school vege gardens. This will get us up to date before the holidays. Please see Mrs Morley if you can help.

PTA 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.

Important Dates for Term 1:

- *Term ends Friday 15 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.*
- *Term 2 starts on Monday 2 May*

Superkids

Ruahine	Room 2 Noah & Dominic, Room 3 Telihiana & Ella, Room 4 Preston & Tohu, Room 12 Lucas & Willow
Tararua	Room 5 Chloe & Ashton, Room 6 Teegan-Rose & Izayah, Room 8 Zak & Hailie
Te Wai Puna	Room 9 Jarred, Room 10 Caleb & Angel, Room 11 Joshua & Sinead

As this is my final full newsletter I take the opportunity to thank everyone for the support given to me during the thirteen years I have been principal at Cloverlea School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Cloverlea School and take many fond memories into retirement. I wish everyone involved with the school the very best and I am sure you will continue to support Whaea Lambert as she takes up the position as principal from the beginning of Term 2.

Kevin Payne
Principal

Highland Home presents 'The Amazing Race' kids camp. 17 – 22 April. Register at www.highlandhome.co.nz
Uniform for sale size 6 – worn one term only. Shirt \$20, shorts \$20 and polar fleece \$25. Phone 027 645 2154
Holiday programmes – check at the office