

Cloverlea School Newsletter

Term Four 2016

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Friday 9 December 2016 Principal: Leiana Lambert
Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, greetings to you.

Principals Pen - Whaea Leiana

What a busy end to the year! I had the pleasure of reading every students school report and looking at the progress the students have made. I noticed the students who are struggling in some areas and their **determination** to keep learning! The students that are achieving where they should be against the National Standards, and their incredible progress with many of them, coming from just below to now working 'at'. I commend their **excellence** and their efforts! I noticed the students who also find learning 'easier' than others and their **resilience** as the teachers continued to challenge their thinking. The teachers wrote the reports, using their assessment data and knowledge about how your child learns and works. In the best interests of all students, the teachers must be honest with you and report to you in plain language. You may be shocked at some of the comments, relieved at some of the comments, or want to know more. I encourage you to see your child's teacher to find the answers that you are looking for. If an attitude issue, behaviour issue or learning issue has been raised, we will do our best to work with you and your child. Please also remember to celebrate this year's accomplishments with your children. They have all made progress!

PTA Raffle Draw

Thank you to the PTA parents who organised the infamous 'Apple' Raffle and thank you to all those that helped sell the raffle tickets. Our own Constable Dave Sutherland completed the draw today. Winners will be contacted. We will announce who won when we can, just in case the prizes become some students 'Christmas' presents . . . CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS . . .



Awards Ceremony – 14 December

This will be held in the hall and we encourage all families who are able to come to attend. The purpose of this is to celebrate achievement across the school. **Start time is: 1pm**, to finish in time for the end of the day. There will be singing, certificate presentations, class presentations, academic and sporting cup presentations. An exciting afternoon celebrating all the hard work!

Fun Day – 15 December

Students will gather in the hall at 9.30am with their classes. There will be some singing of Christmas Carols and then the students will be able to choose from a range of activities to participate in starting at 10am. **If your child**

Thought for the week:

"Promise yourself today to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own" – C Larson

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

For this year

Year 6 Graduation, 7pm	13 December
Awards Ceremony, 1pm	14 December
Fun Day, 9.30am	15 December
Last Day of School – finish 12.30pm	16 December

Be a Cloverlea LEGEND

As a staff, we have now defined the expectations for each of these values. This is in child speak and has taken a considerable amount of time to do. These expectations are what we would use to know as the 'rules'. These expectations form the exciting journey for 2017.

Lead – I know it, do it and show it

Excellence – I do the best I can do

orGanised – I am ready

rEsilience – I keep calm and carry on

iNclusive – I include and respect others

Determined – I keep trying

Sponsor a bike Shout Out

Another bike and helmet sponsored that we have received the funds for.

Anglo American Motorcycles

School Magnets

We hope you enjoy the magnet you get for your fridge. School closes at 12.30pm on the last day of school.

Year 6 Graduation – 13 December

An important event to share with the students their final days as a Cloverlea student. **Start time is 7pm**, concluding at approximately 8.15pm. A light supper is provided as year 6 students are asked to provide a plate.

would like to do fabric art, they need to bring a cotton t shirt or pillowcase on the day. At morning tea time, students return to their class for a normal morning tea. The classroom teachers will then bring their class back to the activities, with a pack up at 12pm. After lunch, the whole school sits on the grass area, to watch the much anticipated FEAR FACTOR.

Student Attendance - Reports

In last week's newsletter, we shared with you the importance of needing to report on attendance. I realise that when you look at the percentages, 90% attendance rate doesn't sound too bad. However, when we convert that to learning time, **10% of the year away is equivalent to 20 days absence. This equates to 100 hours of learning lost.** We are aware that children get sick and when a sickness such as Chicken Pox happens, we are aware that this sickness takes longer. If children are staying home from school due to other health issues, please let us know as we can get our Public Health Nurse to support.

To put the attendance data in to perspective, here are some conversions of attendance.

How much schooling will my child miss if they are here for 98%, 95%, 90% or 80%?

98% = 4 days = 20 hours

95% = 10 days = 50 hours

90% = 20 days = 100 hours

80% = 40 days = 200 hours

Attendance is going to be monitored very closely next year with class attendance and school attendance shared regularly in our newsletter.

2017 Stationery Packs and Uniform Purchase

Stationery packs and school uniform can be purchased from school between 11am and 12pm, in January, on Friday 27th, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st. Eftpos is available in the first term.

Stationery prices:

Room 1, 2, 3	\$42.00
Room 5, 6, 7, 8	\$33.50
Room 9, 10	\$37.00
Room 4, 12	\$31.50
Room 13	\$41.50

Activity Fee: Covers all shows / day trips

Room 1,2,3,5,6,7,8	\$40.00
Room 4,9,10,11,12	\$35.00

Building work in Room 9 and 10

The aluminium glass door has been installed, heat pumps are now in and the power is working. Classes are all moving back in to their original classes and we now have the hall **organised** for the end of year events.

Strike Percussion Visiting

We were lucky to have Strike Percussion visit on Thursday afternoon to teach some students how to drum. Amazing opportunity that we were given early this week – thanks Mr Barnacott for organising.



Celebrating Student Camp Writing

Zac from Room 12 wrote a detailed letter to Camp Makahika. Here is an excerpt from his letter about what he enjoyed!
"Camp was really exciting. My favourite part was the flying fox because you go really fast and you go over a flooded river and it looks cool.

I really loved the bush walk because we got muddy and wet and cold. Also, I liked walking in the mud with my friends and helping others to get out of the mud".

Sports Draws – Be a Cloverlea LEGEND

All Sports Uniforms need to be returned on Monday to the office. Please leave the mending as we will do this at school.

Cricket			
Sting	Weraroa	Donnelly Park -2, Levin	8.45 am
TBall			
Strikers	Cornerstone	9 am	T2
Cannons	Milson	9 am	T6
Baserunners	FUSC	9 am	T13
Stingers	TKKMOM	10 am	D3
Chargers	FUSC	10 am	D2a