



CLOVERLEA SCHOOL

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Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, greetings to you all

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PRINCIPALS PEN

We have had a great start to the year with lots of staff learning and lots of **LEGENDs** settling back into the routine of being at school.

On Monday and Tuesday staff spent the day learning more about our kaupapa (topic work) for this year and went and visited Te Ahu a Turanga. We heard about the construction of this, the local history, the meanings behind all the sculptures and what they represent. We look forward to planning this for our **LEGENDs** in term 3!

Our learning focus this term across the school is around How the Kiwi lost its wings. This is connected to Te Wheke, our tomokanga so over the term, our **LEGENDs** will be able to share these connects with you. We also have our annual triathlon in a few weeks' time, and our pool is ready to go for Monday!

We are excited for a great year and look forward to developing strong partnerships that support our **LEGENDs** to be active learners.



LUNCHES IN SCHOOLS

This year we have changed suppliers which we had no choice on. Our new suppliers have meant we have a different way lunches are delivered, and each class will now be serving the lunches. Each class will receive 1 tray of kai and our teachers will serve these into bowls for our **LEGENDs**. We will be working over the week to find a new system and a routine that works and ensures our **LEGENDs** have the most of their learning time in the afternoon.

We have had some questions about the lunches and to clarify, this does not cost the school, this is a government initiative so the funds from lunches is unable to be used for anything else. **LEGENDs** are able to bring kai from home. We do encourage our **LEGENDs** to give the lunches a go! Yesterday we had teriyaki chicken noodles and today we had pasta salad. There is no fruit anymore and there is no other snack that comes with lunches.



CLOVERLEA SCHOOL PŌTAE

All LEGENDs will need to be wearing either the green Cloverlea School bucket hat or the new Cloverlea School cap. A reminder that those LEGENDs who wear the school cap must also sunblock their ears and back of their neck. Sunblock is available in all classes. Hats and caps can be purchased from the school office.

STAFFING UPDATE

Matua Kade has relocated back to Hawkes Bay for rugby, and we might see him later in the year.

We welcome Matua Iani as our new mentor.



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR WHĀNAU

Regular attendance at kura is vital for the success and wellbeing of our **LEGENDs**. To be successful in learning, our **LEGENDs** need to feel safe at kura and have a strong sense of belonging. Attending kura every day supports our tamariki to build strong foundations for their learning. Regular attendance enables this because **LEGENDs**:

- become familiar with consistent routines at kura
- get regular chances for whakawhanaungatanga with other **LEGENDs**, their kaiako and other Cloverlea School staff.

Regular positive social interaction and whakawhanaungatanga (building strong relationships with others) is vital for social development. Regular attendance also promotes academic and cultural success as tamariki are able to consistently build on their learning.

Whānau Attendance Responsibilities: Whānau have legal obligations to ensure their tamariki attend kura each day and be on time for kura (Education and Training Act, s244). We expect whānau to:

- Notify the kura as soon as possible if their ākonga is going to be late or absent. Absences should be submitted to the office before kura starts at 8:55am (by text message, email, the Skool Loop app or phone call).
- Arrange appointments or trips outside of kura hours or during school holidays where possible.
- Be honest with us so we can support them as best we can to improve their LEGEND's attendance.
- Work with us (kura) to manage attendance concerns.

The full Attendance Management Plan will be going to the Board of Trustees in the next hui and we will give further information about where it can be found once it is finalised.