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29 November 2019

Celebration of Learning

Parents are invited to join us on Monday afternoon to share the learning from our inquiry this year. Our connection with Silverstream Reserve has led us to learn about sustainability, biodiversity, interdependence and ecosystems. The inquiry has evolved differently in each team, depending on the interests of the children and our celebration of learning will provide an opportunity for teams to talk to students across the school and share their learning. You are welcome to visit from 1.30pm, beginning in the MPF and then moving into team spaces.



The whole school supported mulching around new plantings at Silverstream Reserve on Tuesday.

End of year events

The end of the year is approaching very fast and we invite parents to join us for some special events.

Our Service Assembly next Friday 6 December at 1.30pm will acknowledge students who have supported the school over the year through jobs and organisation. We will award certificates for Choose to More awards, blue/white and red/black Pathways and Stepping Stones. Parents of students receiving a certificate at the Service Assembly have been notified by email.

Our Prizegiving will be held on Friday 13 December at 10.00am. This is a formal event to farewell our Year 8 students and to award prizes for achievements. Parents of students receiving prizes will be notified by email today. As school finished at 12.30pm on this day, parents are welcome to take their children home after the event. The school bus will run at 12.30pm on this day.

Our Year 8 students and their families will celebrate the Clarkville School journey for these wonderful young people at a dinner on Monday 9 December. Tickets for the dinner are available at the office.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the 26 students who competed in the North Canterbury athletics competition. Special congratulations to the following students who will go on to represent Clarkville at the Canterbury competition on Wed 4 December:

Kaiya Chamberlain

Brooke Clark

Gus Faulls

Richie Hazeldine

Jackson Mehlhopt

Eva Parry

Holly Pile

Anika Shaw

Ellie Shaw

Well done to those students who represented Clarkville at the Rakahuri Bike Blast. This 3 hour team event is about biking as many laps as possible in the time allocated. A fantastic effort for these keen riders. Thanks also to the parents who supported students and in particular, to Boyd Chamberlain for leading the event on the day.

Donation Thank You

Thank you very much to the Edinburgh family for donating some rugby balls for our PE shed. They will be well used.

Interschool eSports Competition

Hayden Smythe led a group of 8 Year 7&8 students to compete in an eSports competition at Tuahiwi School on Wednesday. They were playing a team game called 'Capture the Spatula'. One of our teams (Shayah Tuapawa-Aitken, Hunter Ellis, Issie Mullen-Winiata and Daniel Martin) won the competition. Our second team: Liam Aitchison, Vinny Rimmer, Oliver Blair and Connor Hill also competed strongly.

Clarkville Choir

The Clarkville School Choir performed at Blackwells Department Store and Annaliese Haven Resthome on Wednesday.



Juliana Rae Principal



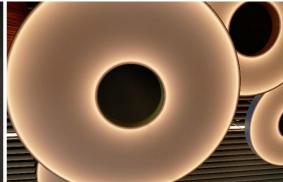
Aspire's Emerging Leadership

On Tuesday of Week 5, while the Year 8s were away on camp, the Year 7 cohort went to Tūranga to flex their photography muscles. For those of you who haven't visited the brand new central library, it's five floors of education and relaxation. They unpacked their photograph "treasure hunt" on the top floor, learning about how the cameras operated and different photographic styles and then were let loose to capture the pictures you see here. None of these pictures have been edited in post, they are the product of our skilful year 7s. The next product from our budding picture perfectionists will be some snazzy shots of Silverstream.





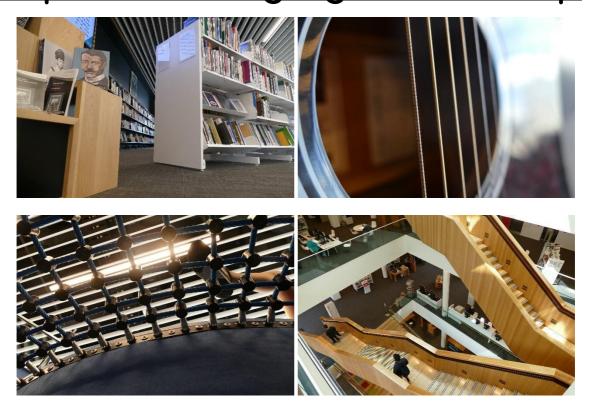








Aspire's Emerging Leadership



<u>Balloonageddon</u>

Balloons burst, students squealed, hands hurt and smiles spread as the Year 7s undertook a leadership challenge to make 70 balloon animals for the students in Whakawera in just three days. Planning, drafting, reflecting and creating, the Year 7s did it all in record time. Their goal was to Encourage the Heart and with all of the smiles that were beaming on Friday, it was clear that they achieved just that!



Calendar of Events Term 4

Please note the dates in your diary now

December	2 4 5 6 9 11 13	Celebration of Learning BoT meeting, 5.30pm Subway– order via Kindo 1.30pm, Assembly – Service Awards Year 8 Leaver's Dinner Wet n Wild - lunchtime 10am, end of year / final prize giving Last day of term, school finishes at 12.30. Bus will run at 12.30
January 2020	29 30	Goal Setting Day (appointment times to be advised) First full day of school for 2020 (bus will commence run today)

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1: Wednesday 29 January – Thursday 9 April (11 weeks)

Term 2: Monday 28 April - Friday 3 July (10 weeks)

Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December (9 weeks)

Teacher only days: Friday 29 May & Monday 20 July

School Communication App (free)



We have has a great number of families now using the app.

The school app can be downloaded from https:/clarkville.apps.school.nz/install/.

Choose the groups you need to receive updates and information from.

From this App you can

- send an absentee note to the office
- see our calendar and our term dates
- access newsletter, blogs and more

Alerts will keep you up to date with what is happening.

From our Board of Trustees

Dear parents, the countdown to the end of the school year is well and truly underway. As I write this there are 11 days left in the school year. It is timely for the Board to share a few updates from the board table with you.

Firstly, a very sincere thankyou to everyone who joined us for the annual Working Bee early this term. We had a highly productive day with clear targets to reach. By the end of the day we had ticked off every item on our "TO DO" list. Giving up part of a Sunday in spring is a very generous donation of time and effort. It is very much appreciated.

On the topic of donations, the Board recently reviewed the level of donations for 2020. We are pleased to tell you that there will be no increase in the donation amount for 2020. This is due to the high percentage of families who have made the donation in full this year. Many families are preferring to make the donation in instalments. Thank you for understanding that while our donation level is modest it is also integral to the school being able to provide rich opportunities for our children.

During the summer break the refurbishment work on Aspire is due to begin. We are very much looking forward to our senior students enjoying an open plan space with break out rooms and a fresh and functional feel. While the work will continue into term 1 2020 the outcome will be well worth the short-term inconvenience.

We are also looking forward to welcoming a fresh face onto the board next year. Chris Miller will join us as our newly co-opted parent representative for 2020. Many of you will know Chris and his family. We are very fortunate at Clarkville to have parents with an interest in governance. Rachael Spencer joined us in 2018, Paula Hawkins joined us this year and with Chris coming on board next year we are in an excellent position in terms of succession planning and attracting fresh perspectives and varied skill sets to the Board of Trustees.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the recent changing of the guard on the PTA. Congratulations and best wishes to Martha Drummond and Hannah Sutherland who are now, respectively, Chair and Deputy Chair of the PTA. Martha and Hannah have the drive, dynamism and parent support to carry on the outstanding leadership of the PTA and they have the full support of the Board. Krissie Clark's leadership of the PTA has been, quite simply, exceptional. She has been passionate, progressive and all that she has achieved has been of the highest quality and carries her trademark style.

Although there are only 11 school days remaining there are many more events and activities ahead of us. We seem to be winding up not winding down. It feels too early to wish you a Merry Christmas, but all the best for the last 2 weeks of term. We look forward to seeing you "on the other side" at Prize Giving.

Kind regards, Sarah Long Chair of Board of Trustees