

29 January 2020

Kia ora

Welcome to 2020. We are looking forward to a vibrant year of learning at Clarkville.

Special welcome to new children and their families:

Whakarewa – Julia, Frankie, George, Hudson, Robbie and Mila

Tūhura – Sophia

Hōpara – Oskar

Matawara – Ruby

We also welcome new teachers:

Hayden Smythe and Kate Colbran to Whakarewa,

Ashley Butler to Hōpara and

Megan Happl to Matawara.

Aspire refurbishment

You will have noticed a building project is underway to refurbish the Aspire team space. This began just before Christmas and is expected to be completed by the end of March.

We are very excited to know that our Year 7 and 8 students will have an outstanding modern space to work in. The works include removing some walls to create an open space, insulating the building, lining walls and ceiling with acoustic materials, a new kitchenette and wet space, two breakout rooms for small group work and new joinery for storage.

The Library will be used as the Aspire team space until the work is finished. We look forward to sharing the new space with you once the works are completed.

Coronavirus

We are monitoring information being provided by the Ministry of Health, in regard to the Coronavirus and we are receiving regular updates from the Ministry of Education. The risk of an outbreak in New Zealand is currently low and current advice is that there is no specific action to be taken at this time. To date, there are no cases of the virus in New Zealand and should the situation change, we will inform the community and put our procedures around infectious diseases into place.

The Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which you can access at <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

Sunsmart

Please ensure your child has their sun hat everyday at school during Term 1.
Sunscreen is available in the classrooms and you are welcome to provide your child with their own sunscreen if you wish.

Term dates

Term 1: 29 January - 9 April

Public holidays:

Waitangi Day, Thursday 6 February

Good Friday, Friday 10 April

Term 2: 28 April - 3 July

Public holidays:

ANZAC Day, 27 April

Queen's Birthday, 1 June

School closed for Teacher only day: Friday 29 May

Term 3: 21 July - 25 September

School closed for Teacher only day: Monday 20 July

Term 4: 12 October - 11 December

Public holidays:

Labour Day, 26 October,

Canterbury Show Day, 13 November

Next summer will be a slightly longer holiday period than usual as we are unable to open until early February.

Assembly

Our first assembly for 2020 will be held on Friday 24 February in week 4.

Absences from school

If your child will be absent from school, please notify us before 9am using the School App or by calling the office on 03 327 8218 and leaving a message on the answer machine.

Juliana Rae
Principal

Calendar of Events

Please note the dates in your diary now

February	12-14 13-14 5 28	Hōpara Camp, Wainui Matawara Camp Sushi, first for 2020 (order via Kindo) Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo)

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

As dates are confirmed we will add these to the calendar on the school app