

5 February 2021

Term 1, Week 4



Hammer

Kia ora

A special welcome to Max who has started school in Whakarewa and to Keriana who has joined Tūhura.

It was lovely to see so many families attending our picnic and information night on Tuesday. We appreciated the opportunity to share our approach to wellbeing and learning with you in each team.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Whānau Hui on Monday and senior swimming sports on Tuesday. The PTA will hold their AGM on Tuesday at 6.45pm and all parents are welcome.



Hōpara and Matawara camps

Thank you to the parents who are supporting our start of year camps. Hōpara had a wonderful camp in Hanmer last week and enjoyed activities including mountain biking, absailing and swimming at the pools. Matawara returned today from their camp at Omaka where they pitched their own tents, cooked their own food and enjoyed outdoor activities.

Goal setting

Thanks to parents who provided feedback about goal setting via our survey. It is clear that this day meets the needs of most families and helps children to prepare for the beginning of the school year. Respondants to our survey indicated that the aspects of greatest value were the relationship building between teachers, children and parents and the opportunity to have questions about the school year answered. It makes sense that a focus on establishing a strong partnership between home and school will support students with their learning. We will continue to review the feedback received so that we can continue to improve these meetings for families.

Omaka

Pause, Breathe, Smile

Teachers were trained in the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme in term 4 last year. This term we have a schoolwide roll-out of the programme that aims to teach mindfulness strategies that can be built into the school day and used at anytime.

The intended outcomes include:

- Improving focus and attention
- Increasing care for self and others
- Developing emotional regulation skills and the ability to self-calm
- Improving a child's ability to make wise choices about what supports wellbeing and what doesn't
- Developing emotional literacy and boosting resilience
- Cultivating a positive sense of connection to self, others and the natural world

Homework

We have reviewed our approach to homework and this year we will move away from the Pathways model for older children to focus more on revising learnt skills in numeracy and literacy. When basic skills become part of automatic recall, they can be applied to more complex learning. For example, the more I practise reading, the less time I need to spend working out words and I can put my energy into understanding the text.

We also recognise that many of our students have busy evenings outside of school hours and simplifying homework expectations will allow children to pursue their other passions and interests with less pressure.

The expectations for each team are as follows:

Whakarewa - Mobile Learning Kit with poetry, literacy activities and games to take home.

Tūhura - reading book or reading activity and Maths basic skills.

Hōpara - personal reading, spelling and Maths basic skills.

Matawara - personal reading of complex texts and Basics.

Students can catch up on incomplete work if necessary.

Year 8s will have work to complete for their Leadership Project.

Juliana Rae
Principal

Clarkville Community Hall Working Bee

at the Hall

on Sat 13 March

at 10am.

The Hall needs a Spring clean. The south side garden from the roadside to the back of the Hall has been sprayed & now needs to be fully weeded.

Please bring tools, a trailer, gloves etc.

Help from school families would be greatly appreciated.

Colleen O'Connell
Secretary
Clarkville Hall Committee

**It's Time to Talk
About Porn!**

Disappointed with how to protect your child from exposure to pornography? Join Brett Harvey from @Time2Talk as he shares proactive and responsible ways to lift the lid on pornography and practical tools for keeping your child safe online.

This evening will be focused for parents of primary and intermediate children

Tuesday - 2 March - 7pm
Riverside Community Church, 40 Charles Street, Waipori

Register by emailing office@riversidechurch.org.nz
www.time2talk.nz

A koha will be taken up to support this work.

Calendar of Events

please note the dates in your diary

March	1 2 2 5 9 11 11 11 12 19 19 24 25 26 30	Whānau Hui Swim Sports PTA meeting/AGM @ 6.45pm Assembly 9.10am ECAN Parks Week Aspire, Tech all day Pegasus zone swim sports Tūhura & Hōpara, Marae visit Gala, 4pm Subway (order via Kindo) Assembly 9.10am Triathlon (tbc) Aspire, Tech all day Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm
April	2-6 7 8 9 16 16	Easter Return to school after Easter break Aspire, Tech all day Fish & Chips (order via Kindo) Pizza for lunch (Year 8 fundraiser, cash orders in the Library before school) Last day of Term 1, school will finish at usual time of 2.50pm
May	4 14 17 21 26 28	Start of Term 2 Subway (order via Kindo) School Cross Country Pizza for lunch (Year 8 fundraiser, cash orders in the Library before school) Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo)

2021 Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday 3 February - Friday 16 April

Public holidays: Waitangi Day: Monday 8 February
Easter: 2 April – 6 April (includes Tues)

Term 2: Tuesday 4 May - Friday 9 July

Teacher only day: Monday 3 May
Teacher only day: Friday 4 June
Public holiday: Queen's Birthday: Monday 7 June

Term 3: Tuesday 27 July - Friday 1 October

Teacher only day: Monday 26 July

Term 4: Monday 18 October – Thursday 16 December

Public holidays: Labour Day: Monday 25 October
Canterbury Show Day: Friday 12 November