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9 April, 2021

#### Kia ora

The following students represented Clarkville at the Canterbury Swimming Championships this week. It is a significant achievement to have succeeded at three competitions before this event and we congratulate the following swimmers:

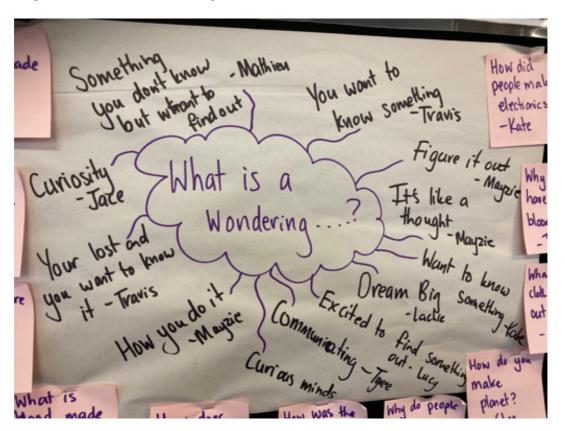
Tommy D Tom M Clara-Jane L Piper T Cooper P Jackson M

Ben S

P4C and Philosophy Corner

Teaching Philosophy for Children (P4C) is underway across the school. We will invite families to engage in philosophy discussions at home via a regular newsletter item called Philosophy Corner. Suggestions of questions you might like to explore around the dinner table at home will be included.

Curiosity is the driving force that inspires humans to wonder and ask questions. Tuhura has been thinking about what is wondering?



Philosophical questions focus on the "big questions" and the "too hard basket" questions. These are questions that cannot be fully answered by facts or research.

Tūhura and Hōpara have recorded these questions over the last couple of weeks:

Why does everyone have a different idea?

Why do we dream about different stuff?

What makes your brain think?

What are the criteria for being happy?

Is giving necessary in order to be happy?

Can age affect your relationship with something?

#### Enviro afternoon

Next Wednesday 14 April, we will have an afternoon of environmental action to refresh our gardens, the worm farm and compost areas. Children are invited to bring gardening gloves and a trowel (named) if they are able.

Parents who would like to join us are most welcome from 1.30 - 2.50pm.

We will be tackling the following jobs:

- Weeding and digging over the vegetable gardens
- Renewing the worm farm and compost
- Preparing planter bins
- Tidying the tunnel house
- · Cooking rhubarb

#### Teacher-only days in term 2

We begin next term with a teacher-only day on Monday 3 May and teachers will be undertaking professional learning on this day.

On Friday 4 June we have teacher-only day dedicated to the Katote Kahui Ako, the cluster of nine Kaiapoi schools to which we contribute. This is an annual event that offers opportunities for rich across-school learning for teachers. This date makes the Queen's Birthday long weekend a four day weekend for families.

Skids will be available to care for children on both of these teacher-only days. Please contact Lee-Ann on 021 078 4064 for further information.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to upskill the professional capability of teachers for the benefit of students.

Juliana Rae **Principal** 

#### **Receipt for Donations to school**

A rebate for donations paid to school may be claimed from the IRD, if you would like a receipt for tax purposes please let the office know.

You can find out more about this, and apply, by visiting the page about donations on Inland Revenue's website.

# **Philosophy Corner**

In each newsletter we will pose some philosophical questions around a theme that you can use to spark conversations at home.

Make sure you use the word "because" to justify your opinions.



## Your mind and thinking:

- 1. Where do your thoughts come from?
- 2. Do you only think what you want to think?
- 3. Is there a limit to our imagination?
- 4. Can you imagine a new colour? What does it look like?
- 5. Are the things in your mind made of anything?
- 6. Is your mind something separate from your body?

# Sport at Clarkville

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Wk1 3/5					Year 1 &2 Netball	
	Info out about Clarkville Cross Country/Fun Run out this week					
Wk2 10/5		Winter Sport Entries Due				
	Permission Slips for Clarkville Cross Country/Fun Run returned					
Wk3 17/5			Clarkville Cross Country			
Wk4 24/5					Winter Sport Friday inter school comp 12.00-2:50	
Wk5 31/5		Canterbury event Artist Gymnastic Entries due	NC Cross Country	NC Cross Country (PP day)	Winter Sport	



Recent PCT competition





# News from the PTA

Hi all.

In the last newsletter we introduced you to the awesome PTA team for 2021, this week we would like to introduce you to..... drum roll please..... 'Friends of the PTA'.

The Friends of the PTA was a concept introduced to provide caregivers a channel to support the school without major commitment and for the PTA to occasionally roundup helpers in times of need. It's a win-win really!

We always welcome new additions to our list of friends and get especially excited when they come with a skill or trade that enables us to broaden our scope of support. The list is open to parents, caregivers and grandparents.

Perhaps you are a dab-hand at photography and can help at school events? Maybe you are looking for avenues to practice your artistic flare, perhaps you just need to get out of the house more and are looking for any excuse (we are a great one btw). If you are a bit of a music buff and love throwing a good party, believe me... these skills are always welcome!

Very simply, you might just be ready and able to help when we need you. Let us know that you are happy to go on the list, we will add your name and contact details to it and in times of need.... we may look to you for help.

Remember, it takes a village!

Come and chat to us when you see us around school or email <u>clarkvillepta@gmail.com</u> (link also available via the "Contact" button on Schoolsapp).

#### Other News

- Martha Ackroyd along with some fantastic supporters ran a very successful fundraising luncheon for the Rangiora Nursery at the end of March. Thank to everyone involved for rallying together to see this event happen so soon after the Gala!
- We are currently working with Juliana to set up a PTA Noticeboard at school
- A review of the PTA page on the new Clarkville School website is being planned
- Next newsletter will be at the start of Term 2, we will be looking to share with you upcoming fundraising activities.
- 11 May, 6.45pm PTA Meeting at school, all welcome.

Look forward to chatting to you.

You friendly PTA

#### **Entertainment Book 2021**



Deals & savings Include:

- Bowling, clip 'n' climb, movies, Megazone, Willowbank, go karts & heaps more!
- FOOD....So many amazing deals on restaurants & takeaways BIG savings!
- Hair & Beauty, fitness offers, carpet cleaning, dry cleaning just to name a few!
- Up to 5 devices on ONE membership

#### **ENTERTAINMENT** membership - Clarkville School

DON'T MISS OUT - sign up before the School Holidays and take advantage of these AMAZING deals. You will love the ease of the app and having the savings with you wherever you go - I saved about \$50 already, just last weekend! - Marie A

# **Dental Care during the School Holidays**

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with their service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,
- Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,

Appointments are available between 8.15am and 4.30pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain due to an accident, please contact your dentist. To book an appointment please: ph 0800 846 983 or email <a href="mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz">commdental@cdhb.health.nz</a>





# Calendar of Events

## please note the dates in your diary

April	16 16	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
Мау	4 11 13 13 14 14 17-21 17-18 19 21 26 28 28	Start of Term 2 (Tuesday) PTA meeting, 6.45pm, all welcome Mana Ake drop in 12.30 - 2.00pm Aspire, Tech all day Subway (order via Kindo) Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser) Bully Free week NZ Showquest @ Christchurch Town Hall School Cross Country (please note change of date) Pizza for lunch (Year 8 fundraiser, cash orders in the Library before school) Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser)
June	2 3 4 7 11 11 17 25 25 30	Cross Country Zones Aspire, Tech all day Teacher only Day Queen's Birthday, public holiday Pizza for lunch (Year 8 fundraiser, cash orders in the Library before school) Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser) Aspire, Tech all day Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser) BoT meeting, 6pm, staffroom

## 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