

25 March 2021

Kia ora

Welcome to Xavier who has joined Matawara.

Congratulations to the students who competed in the Canterbury Bluelight PCT competition last week. PCT involves teams of intermediate age students participating in a variety of mental and physical challenges and our teams were supported by our local School Community Officer, Ken Terry. Our Year 8 team came 2nd in the morning competition, beaten by only 1.5 seconds. An outstanding effort!

Our triathlon today was our final whole school sports event for the term. It was good to see children giving their best and enjoying themselves.

Thank you to everyone in our community who contributed to our Gala on 12 March. It was a stunning evening and a seamlessly organised event. Special thanks to the PTA and organisers, Kristy Pritchard and Krissie Clark for their enormous efforts. The student stalls were a highlight and showcased their creativity and entrepreneurship.

New website

Clarkville School has a new website. You can view it at <https://clarkville.school.nz/>

Philosophy for Children (P4C)

Philosophy taps children's natural curiosity and sense of wonder. It engages them in the search for meaning and enriches and extends their understanding. It strengthens thinking and reasoning skills and builds self-esteem. It helps to develop the qualities that make for good judgment in everyday life. In fact, Philosophy for Children strengthens every aspect of our learning model – critical thinking, creativity and collaboration.

Common themes explored through philosophy include truth, reality, freedom, justice, goodness, rights, mind, identity, love, friendship, rules and responsibility to name a few.

Teams have been establishing P4C routines and are beginning to engage in philosophical discussions. Your child's team may have been exploring questions such as, should animals be kept in zoos? It can be fun for families to have conversations like this at home.

Pool

The season has come to a close for the school pool and members of the community who hired a key are asked to return them to the office for your refund. Thank you to Cherie-Lynn Lewis and Jodie Dench for their organisation of the roster over the summer. Thanks also to parents who ensured water monitoring was attended to.

The pool will be upgraded over the winter so that by next season, a new filtration system and a new membrane will be in place. We look forward to many more seasons of swimming enjoyment.

Juliana Rae
Principal

PTA Raffle

The raffles have been drawn and we are now in the process of notifying the winners. Congratulations to the Miller family for selling the most raffles and winning an all-day family pass to the International Antarctic Centre. A special mention should go to the Monteba, the Breen family and the Martin families for selling a heap of raffles, but not quite enough to take out the top prize. Thank you to everyone that sold raffle tickets and bought a few themselves, the raffles raised almost \$2500 for our school!

From our Board of Trustees

Dear Parents

With Easter fast approaching and the April holidays on the horizon I thought it timely to give you an update from the Board of Trustees. I am pleased to tell you that Rachael Spencer was elected Deputy Chair for 2021. Rachael brings experience, commitment and excellent thinking skills and people skills to the role. The Board composition is as follows; Paula Hawkins, Chris Miller, Mike Pile, Rachael Spencer, Linda Baran (staff representative) and myself (Board Chair). Of course, Juliana attends all board meetings as Principal.

In the area of property, we have 2 progressive projects in the planning for Whakarewa. The building is in need of reroofing and it is our intention that the work be completed before winter. Additionally, in the same teaching space a break out room will be created which will provide a long-needed and invaluable space for small group teaching.

Out of a self-review process the board undertook last year, two areas emerged as areas for further development. The first is the development of a Board Communication Plan. Communication that is well planned and effective is vital to ensure that you, as a Clarkville School family, are kept fully informed and actively involved in your children's learning. It is important to us that we hear what you want to tell us and how we can improve. Our board is committed to providing the best two-way information flow and a Communication Plan will support us in achieving this. On the topic of communication, I hope that your child has suggested that you visit the school's fresh new-look website. Juliana shared it with the students at assembly recently and it is absolutely worth a visit.

The other area that the board is actively working on is investigating which model of governance will best ensure that we are functioning at the highest possible level as a board. I am proud that our board members are committed to us being the best board we can be and the model of governance we adopt will guide us in the ways we operate.

One of the greatest successes of the school year to date has been the Gala. What a happy and successful occasion!! Huge congratulations to Kristy Pritchard and Krissie Clark for leading and managing such a huge undertaking. It showcased our school community at its very best.

I hope you have a Happy Easter that gives you and your family time to recharge before the last couple of weeks of term 1.

Kind regards,
Sarah Long
Board Chair

News from the PTA

Hi all,

It has been a busy couple of months for the PTA with the annual Gala and our AGM.

The Gala, another roaring triumph, co-ordinated by Krissie Clark and Kristy Pritchard (who did an amazing job given it was her first Gala EVER).

As we all know, events like this cannot reach the heights of success we aim for without the fantastic support of many hands-on helpers and Gala visitors, so we thank you ALL very much for helping set up, run, pack down the event and of course.... spend those valuable Gala Dollars, raising the school fundraising kitty by \$14,800!

Another important event was our AGM. This year we have welcomed a mix of new and regular faces to the PTA and are busy planning for 2021/22. Some areas of focus for us are;

- Fundraising Objectives
- Reviewing the regular activities facilitated/supported by PTA
- Annual calendar of events facilitated/supported by the PTA
- Understanding the identity of the PTA in the Clarkville School community
- Groups that the PTA have relationships with and communication pathways

For many of our new families, the role the PTA play in our community might not be familiar and for some of our long-term families we acknowledge that it might not be in the forefront of your minds, so we are looking to make a regular appearance in the school newsletter moving forward.

Watch this space! Updates could range from exciting, not to be missed announcements right through to wee friendly reminders and notices about the different ways the PTA can support you and your whanau at school.

One thing is for sure, you won't want to miss it!

Kicking off this update with style... an embarrassing show of our friendly faces. The team did well... no-one enjoys putting their mugs on paper for all and sundry but for the greater good of our wee community... here we are in all our glory! Some of us are still working on photos... it takes time to find the right angle.

Honestly though, come and have a chat, we are genuinely open and welcome any questions or feedback you might have. We meet every two months (next one in May) at school to discuss and organise activities, events, and review progress on the various ways the PTA provide support in the school community.

Look forward to chatting to you.

Your friendly PTA



Kim Frankish
'aka' Sophie's Mum,
Whakarewa



Martha Ackroyd
'aka' Tommy's mum
Hopara



Maree Breen
'aka' Jess and Matthew's mum
Matawara & Hopara



Krissie Clark
'aka' Brooke and Jackson's mum,
Matawara & Hopara



Cherie-Lynn Lewis
'aka' Olivia's mum
Whakarewa



Nicola Adams
'aka' Lachie and Robbie's mum
Tuhura & Whakarewa



Jody Dench
'aka' Eddie and Maggie's mum
Hopara & Whakarewa



Kristy Pritchard
'aka' Matt and Zoe's mum
Hopara & Whakarewa



Kristy Storer
'aka' Lincoln and Fletcher's mum
Tuhura & Whakarewa



Jenna Martin
'aka' Jed's mum
Whakarewa



Kat Sutherland
'aka' Adam and Zac's mum
Tuhura & Whakarewa



Hannah Leary
'aka' Jasmine's mum
Hopara



Marie Ambrosiussen
'aka' Luca and Maci-Jayne
Hopara & Whakarewa



Maria Pile



Hannah Sutherland

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10 Heywards Rd, Clarkville

Holiday Programme

Morning Care	07:00 a.m.-08:30 a.m.	\$6.00
Short Day	08:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$45.00
After Care	03:00 p.m.-06:00 p.m.	\$10.00
Trip Day	08:30 a.m.-03:00 p.m.	\$55.00

Smurf Day

Mon
19
Apr

Come join us in our very own Smurf world. Dress up as your favorite Smurf and let's have a smurfastic day.

Garden Artist

Tue
20
Apr

We making our very own grass heads. We will also planting some plants and flowers in our sKids garden.

Mega Air Trip

Wed
21
Apr

Bring your water bottle and a extra pair of socks and lets hit the trampoline arena.

QE II Hydro Slides T

Thu
22
Apr

We are off to the QE II pools and we doing the Hydro slide. Bring your togs and water bottle.

Anzac Celebration

Fri
23
Apr

Today we take the time to reflect and remember what they have done. We will make poppies and try other craft.

No Activity

Mon
26
Apr

Cup Cake Wars

Tue
27
Apr

Do you have what it takes to be the next sKids cup cake winner. We will put your baking and decorating to the test.

Outdoor Laser Tag

Wed
28
Apr

Outdoor laser tag games like Minecraft, Fortnight, capture the flag and elimination. Let the battle begin!

Orana Park Trip

Thu
29
Apr

We are off to the zoo please bring water bottle and extra food.

Movie Party Day

Fri
30
Apr

We are ending our week in our PJ's with a movie party. Bring a plate of food to share.

Bring lunch & water bottle. NO REFUNDS applies once the programme starts. Payment is for booking NOT attendance.

For more information, call +64-210784064
or email clarkville@skids.co.nz

Register now at **www.sKids.co.nz** click on

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Calendar of Events

please note the dates in your diary

March	18 Mana Ake drop in 12.30- 2.00pm 19 Subway (order via Kindo) 19 Assembly 9.10am 19 PCT Competition 24 Triathlon (tbc) 25 Aspire, Tech all day 26 Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) 26 Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser) 30 Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm
April	2-6 Easter 7 Return to school after Easter break 8 Aspire, Tech all day 8 Mana Ake drop in 12.00- 1.00pm 9 Fish & Chips (order via Kindo) 9 Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser) 16 Pizza for lunch (Year 8 fundraiser, cash orders in the Library before school) 16 Last day of Term 1, school will finish at usual time of 2.50pm
May	4 Start of Term 2 (Tuesday) 11 PTA meeting, all welcome 13 Mana Ake drop in 12.30 - 2.00pm 14 Subway (order via Kindo) 14 Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser) 17-21 Bully Free week NZ 17 School Cross Country 21 Pizza for lunch (Year 8 fundraiser, cash orders in the Library before school) 26 Board of Trustees meeting, 6pm 28 Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) 28 Chocolate bars – sales after school. (Camp Wellington fundraiser)

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