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Kia ora

New families

Welcome to Emily who started school in Whakarewa last week.

Gift of our Māori name

Clarkville School has been gifted a Māori name by local iwi, Ngāi Tūāhuriri. The name we have been gifted is **Te Kura ki Waimātao**, reflecting our proximity to the Waimakariri and its significance in our area.

We are honoured to have received this name and we are thankful to Dianne Robinson, our Mana Whenua Facilitator, who has worked with iwi to negotiate a name that is appropriate to the history of the land on which the school is located as well as our connection with the land and the surrounding environment. Special thanks also to Lynne-Harata Te Aika who was instrumental in selecting the name for Clarkville School.

The following information, prepared by Dianne helps us to understand the significance of the name:

Wai, meaning water and mātao, meaning cold, are derived from the pepha (formulaic expression, in this case reflecting a landmark) discussing the Wamakariri;

“Nā te hukarere e whāngai te wai mātao ki te awa o Waimakariri”

From the falling snow, the cold waters of the Waimakariri. (mentioned in Ngata Māori Dictionary)

The Waimakariri is a braided river with immense significance to Ngāi Tūāhuriri, flowing from the snow-capped mountains of Kā Tiritiri o te Moana to the Te Tai o Mahaanui (the Canterbury Coast). Traditionally, the Waimakariri was an abundant mahinga kai, although due to pollution, the helath of some areas of the awa has significantly declined.

The shingle beds of the Waimakariri provde an essential nesting area for many of our threatened birds. These include the ngutu parore (wrybill), tara pirohe (black fronted tern) and the tūturiwhatu (banded dotterel). Conservation measures are in place during the nesting season.

In addition to this, spring fed streams that feed into the Waimakariri provide a habitat for kanakana (lampreys), tuna (eels) and waikōura (freshwater crayfish).

The Board will meet over the coming months to decide how the name, Te Kura ki Waimātao, will be used. We will involve the community in learning about the significance of our name and in developing a cultural narrative that connects us to our past, to the present and builds a platform to a sustainable future. This work will continue in 2022 and the strong sense of place will marry in with our journey of sustainability as an Enviroschool.

Juliana Rae
Principal

Philosophy Corner

Here are some philosophical questions around a theme that you can use to spark conversations at home.



What's in a name?

This week, Clarkville School was gifted a Māori name, Te Kura ki Waimātao. Here are some questions to spark curiosity about the significance of names. Begin by considering your own name:

1. What is the purpose of names?
2. Why do we have them?
3. Does your name help to make you who you are? Why or why not?
4. What can we say about names and their importance?
5. Is a name just another word or is it something more? Why?

News from our PTA




Hi all

We held a few small fundraisers this term - the firewood auction, Cantamath food stand, kids' disco, and the latest being the milo/cookie morning for the kids. Thank you to all that got in behind to support our school, and of course our fabulous volunteers that run the events! Keep an eye out for more fun(draising) in term four!

With the upcoming holidays it's the perfect time to purchase a digital entertainment book and/or to visit CBKs in Kaiapoi. See details at the bottom of the page on how to do this.

A reminder also that our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 28th (next week) at 6.45pm. You don't have to be a PTA member to attend ... everyone is welcome. Or if attending a meeting is not your thing, and you have some suggestions/feedback, then please approach one of us at school or send an email to clarkvillepta@gmail.com.

Don't Forget our Current Ongoing Fundraisers ...

<p>Precious Labels</p>  <p>www.preciouslabels.co.nz/current-fundraisers/</p> <p>20% of all purchases will automatically come to our school!</p>	<p>CBK Kaiapoi</p>  <p>CBK will donate 10% of your bill to the school's fundraising efforts if you mention you are from Clarkville School. Family friendly and delicious meals.</p>
<p>Entertainment Books  Entertainment</p> <p>https://nz.entdigital.net/subscription?fundraiser=134724x</p> <p>Now a 12 mth subscription from the date of purchase, with up to 5 users on the same sub. 20% of every sale comes our way! Share with your friends! Go to nz.entdigital.net</p>	

Thanks, Kristy and Nic

The Enviro Group Gets Baking...For The Guinea Pigs



The Enviro group came back from lockdown full of energy and ready for action. At our first session together we divided ourselves into groups and each group took on a project. Spring is the time to get outdoors so one group put their gardening gloves on and started weeding the gardens. Another group got busy rejigging the worm farm and introducing a new batch of worms.

Meanwhile the group that I led got busy and whipped up cookies for our two guinea pigs who live on the grass near Whakarewa. The recipe is one I tried successfully at home and it is environmentally friendly because it mostly uses fresh fruit and vegetables. It was fun to make something for our much loved furry residents.

Here is the recipe for any of you who have pet guinea pigs or rabbits who deserve a wee sweet treat.

RECIPE:

2 CARROTS
2 BANANAS
3 PACKETS OF RAISINS
1 CUP ROLLED OATS
WATER (ANY TEMPERATURE)

METHOD:

- PUT YOUR OVEN ON 180 DEGREES
- GRATE 2 CARROTS INTO A BOWL
- MASH BANANA IN A SEPARATE BOWL
- WHEN YOUR BANANA IS A NICE CONSISTENCY POUR IT INTO THE CARROT BOWL
- ADD THE ROLLED OATS AND THE RAISINS
- ADD WATER UNTIL IT IS SEMI-CLUMPY
- PUT SPOONFULS OF THE MIXTURE INTO MUFFIN MOULDS
- BAKE IN THE OVEN FOR 10-15 MIN
- WHEN THE TREATS ARE COOL FLIP THEM OUT OF THE MOULDS



The guinea pigs seemed to love their new gourmet treats. Maybe the next step for our enviro group is to grow some carrots in our vegetable garden so our customers know that these cookies are locally sourced at Clarkville School.

By Clara-Jane Long



Calendar of Events

please note the dates in your diary

September	28-29 28 29	Tennis coaching PTA meeting, 6.45, staffroom Cantamath, competition 3 -6pm
October	1 1 1 18 18 19 19 20 26-27 28 29 31	Pet Show entries due Assembly. 9.15am Last day term 3 Term 4 begins ICAS Science School photographs ICAS Writing School Athletics Tūhura Camp @ Woodend NZ Shake-out Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) Working Bee
November	2 – 5 5 8 9 9 10 17 19 19 22 26	Camp Wellington, Y8 Subway (order via Kindo) Zone athletics (pp 10/11) KHS testing, 9am PTA meeting, 6.45pm, staffroom Board meeting, 6.00pm Milo & Cookie fundraiser, 10.40am Pet Show Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) Rakahuri Bike Blast Subway (order via Kindo)
December	1 3 7 8 10 13 16 16	Canterbury Athletics NC Kapahaka Whakarewa Trip to Tūranga Board meeting Fish & Chips. (order via Kindo) Y8 Dinner Prizegiving, 10am School finishes for 2021. Bus will run at lunchtime

2021 Term Dates

Term 3: **Tuesday 27 July - Friday 1 October**
Term ends: Friday 1 October @ 2.50pm

Term 4: **Monday 18 October – Thursday 16 December**
Term starts: Mon 18 October
Public holiday: Labour Day: Monday 25 October
Public holiday: Canterbury Show Day: Friday 12 November
Term ends: Thursday 16 December @ lunchtime