

5 November, 2021



Kia ora

This week, I have had the pleasure of joining our Year 8 students at their leavers camp in Wellington. This four day experience is centred in the heart of Wellington and offers our Year 8's the chance to learn about and explore our Capital City. They have visited Te Papa, Wellington Zoo, Weta Workshop and Zealandia to name a few. They have also completed an Amazing Race around Wellington that takes them to key landmarks. This camp is a wonderful culmination of the time our Year 8 students have spent at Clarkville and of their Leadership Programme.

Pet Show – a modified event

In the light of our current level 2 restrictions, our Pet Show looks a bit different this year. Sadly, parents are not able to join us as you usually would. We look forward to a return to the full reinstatement of our community events in the future.

Going ahead at level 2:

- Ag Club judging (sheep, calves, chickens, horses and goats) that have entered for Ag Club judging. No pets please. Paula has notified entrants on Monday 1 November, via email, the date and times for judging.
- Ag Club Garden judging. Teachers will visit family homes to judge gardens. Paula has notified entrants on Monday 1 November, via email, the date and times for judging.
- Photo Gallery. We invite all students to bring a photo of their pets or gardens and we will create a photo gallery for the school to view. Please provide your photos to Paula by Wednesday 17 November.

Not going ahead at level 2:

- Pets at school. We require parent support to have pets at school and we cannot have parents onsite for gatherings at level 2.
- Farmers Market. Parental support is also a key of our Farmers Market and the gathering rules apply at level 2.

Kapa haka

The North Canterbury Kapa haka celebration will not go ahead this year. Our students continue to enjoy Kapa haka lessons at school and we are currently preparing for our end of year prizegiving. You may wish to view our recent Facebook post: <https://fb.watch/91NoAS3P-g/>

Juliana Rae
Principal



Parents are invited to review our Māori Educational Success policy this term.

To comment on this policy:

1. Visit the website <https://clarkville.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (clarkville) and password (pathways).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

Philosophy Corner

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



Maths

Numbers are strange. We have names for them, we talk about them, and we use them in our daily activities. But we don't see numbers the way we can see butterflies, or feel numbers the way we can feel the wind on our skin. So do they really exist?

See if you can come up with some ideas to answer these questions:

1. Is maths invented or discovered? How do you know? Can you prove it?
2. Do numbers exist? How do you know? Can you prove it?

Working Bee

Thank you to all the families who turned up to our annual working bee, so much was achieved! A huge thank you to the families who made donations toward the projects, and to Rod Armstrong, owner of Prestige Sports Surfaces, who provided the turf.

The before and after pictures show the amazing difference the turf has made to our entrance area and how much the children are enjoying it.





News from our PTA

Hi everyone, we trust you are all nicely settled back into the routine of school again after the break. A few reminders below:

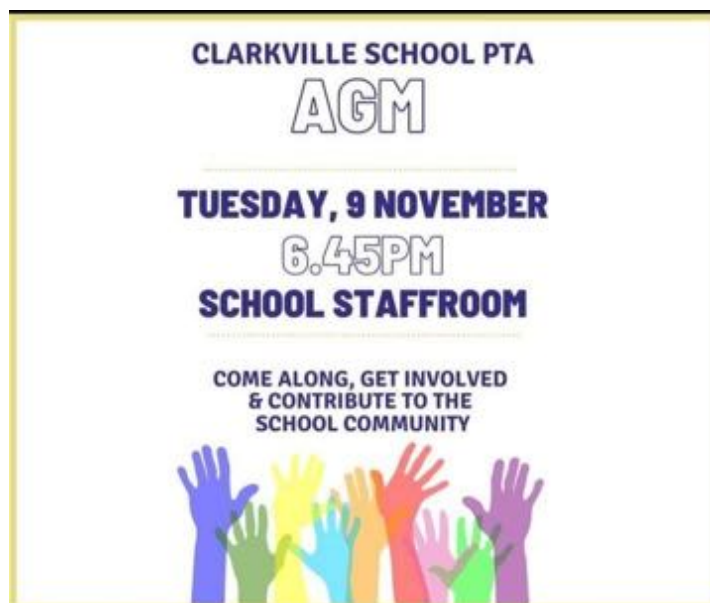
The **Family Photos Fundraiser** is happening on the 20th of November. We are so lucky one of our talented school mums has donated her time for this. To book a space head to the PTA facebook page, or the class facebook pages for the link. **4 spaces left!**

The next **Milo/Cookie morning tea** is on Tuesday the 16th of November. Mark it in your diaries and look out for the booking link on Kindo soon.

Our **AGM and PTA meeting** is this coming Tuesday evening. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be a member to attend. We love to see new faces! Come and learn what you can do to be more involved in our school community. PTA meetings are the perfect opportunity to connect with other parents, have a voice in the activities and programmes the PTA supports, and to volunteer your time to make a difference within our school.

Do you know we have a **Friends of the PTA email group?**

If you are unable to attend meetings, or can't commit as a member but would like to be involved in upcoming events, drop us a line at clarkvillepta@gmail.com and we will add you to the FOTPTA email list. We send out emails for help and you can choose to help, or wait for the next one!



Clarkville School Fundraiser

Details

*20 min photo session
(up to 10 photos)*

Cost: \$50

Location : Silverstream Reserve

Date : Saturday 20th November

Sessions starting 1pm - 4pm




Kirsten Smart
PHOTOGRAPHY

From our Enviro Team



At this time of the year keen gardeners are planting their vegetable gardens and looking forward to having fresh home grown vegetables to enjoy in Summer. This is exactly what our Enviro group is putting our energy into too. We spent time this week planning and researching which crops will be good choices for us to grow NOW. We want productive crops that won't need too much care, especially in the Christmas school holidays. At this stage we are thinking that potatoes and carrots would be a good start but we would like to have a variety of vegetables.

We are so lucky to have excellent vegetable plots next to Tūhura, in a sunny spot with a tap nearby for watering. Our next step will be to prepare the pots for planting so that our vegetables get the very best start in life. We would also love some help in these two areas;

- All students are welcome to help us with the planting. You don't have to be a member of the Enviro group and you don't need to be a gardening expert.
- If any parents or grandparents have any spare vegetable seeds or seedlings they would like to donate that would help us hugely.

We'll keep you posted on our progress and hopefully our green fingers will mean that we will have fresh vegetables to share later on in the summer.

Happy gardening!!
Written by Clara-
Jane Long





Calendar of Events

please note the dates in your diary

November	8 Zone athletics has been postponed 9 KHS testing, 9am (MPF @ Clarkville) 9 PTA meeting, 6.45pm, staffroom 9 Hōpara bake sale 10 Board meeting, 6.00pm 16 Milo & Cookie fundraiser, 10.40am. (order via Kindo) 18 Matawara Tech all day 19 Pet Show 19 Sausage Sizzle (order via Kindo) 22 Rakahuri Bike Blast 25 Hōpara Sausage Sizzle 25 Man-Ake drop in 26 Subway (order via Kindo) 29 - 30 Garden Judging, after school
December	1 Canterbury Athletics 1 Whakarewa Trip to Tūranga 2 Matawara at Tech all day 3 Hōpara Sausage Sizzle 8 Board meeting 10 Fish & Chips. (order via Kindo) 13 Y8 Dinner 14 Wet n Wild 16 Prizegiving, 10am 16 School finishes at lunchtime for 2021. Bus will run at lunchtime

2021 Term dates

Term 4: Monday 18 October – Thursday 16 December

Public holiday: Canterbury Show Day: Friday 12 November

Term ends: Thursday 16 December @ lunchtime

2022 School Terms

Term 1: Wednesday 2 February - Thursday 14 April (102 half days)
 Public holiday: Waitangi Day, Monday 7 February,
 Good Friday, 15 April

Term 2: Monday 1 May - Friday 8 July (96 half days)
 Public holiday: Queen's Birthday, Monday 6 June
 Matariki, Friday 24 June

Term 3: Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September (100 half days)

Term 4: Monday 17 October – Friday 16 December (86 half days)
 Public holidays: Labour Day, Monday 24 October
 Canterbury Show Day Friday 11 November

Teacher Only Days: TBC