

15 September, 2021



Expanding Horizons

For Your Diary

NB: We have had to remove activities from our diary as in L2 we are unable to complete these.

Fri 1 Oct

Last Day Term 3



Kia ora koutou,

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Clifton Terrace. Welcome to Week 8 at Clifton Terrace School for Term 3. I actually wrote this newsletter to go out in Week 4 but we all know what happened then! I would like to thank you all for being accommodating regarding school and the changes we have had to make in line with Ministry of Health expectations. I understand that L2 restrictions regarding coming on-site are somewhat annoying but I'm not keen to be the next school with Covid and your children being put at risk because of it. I hope you can understand this.

Thanks for ensuring that your child(ren) engaged with the teacher over lock down. Thank you also for the very positive comments you have made about the work done by staff to support learning.

Please be aware that a number of items in the diary above have changed. Where we can we will try to have them at a later date so please keep an eye out in the newsletter, Face Book, School Stream or SeeSaw for changes.

Our New Court

Good things take time as they say! So by the time it's finished it should be amazing! We seem to have hit a few snags but we will get there in the end. I am hoping that by the time you get this, we will be pretty close to a finished product so watch this space.

School Policies Are Now All Available on School Docs

Last term I wrote that we are now a *School Docs* school. This means that all our policies are held in the School Docs system and a very robust process is put in place to review these and keep them relevant and up-to-date.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://clifontce.schooldocs.co.nz> (note there's no "www."). Our username is **clifontce** and password **expandinghorizons**.

Currently there are 2 policies that are up for review. These are *Behaviour Management* and *Concerns and Complaints*. If you would like to have input, please go to the site and follow the review process under the *Current Review* tab.

What Should I Do If I Have a Complaint?

Sometimes you might have reason to feel like a complaint is required. We are all human and there are sometimes errors made that need to be put right. There are ways of doing this and these are available on School Docs. However, I have included a guideline below to help you.

Guidelines for Raising Concerns

Our primary goal is to create the best learning environment for the students of our school. We encourage open communication and prefer that you come to us to talk through any concerns rather than discussing them in the community.

1. Discuss the issue with the right person.
 - i. If you have a **general concern about the school or its programmes**, discuss it with the person involved or with a member of the management team or the principal.
 - ii. If you have a **particular concern about a staff member or a school activity**, contact the person involved to discuss the matter privately. We ask that you make this direct approach as soon as possible. Be prepared to make a time to discuss your concern if the person involved is unable to talk with you straight away. Be open to listening to the other side of the story to avoid communication breakdowns.
 - iii. If you do not wish to approach the person involved, contact a member of the management team or the principal to discuss your concern. The principal or management team member may communicate with the person involved.

Clifton Terrace School Phone: 5450532 Web address: www.clifontce.school.nz

- iv. If you have a **concern about your own child or one of our other students**, contact the student's class teacher or the principal to discuss the matter.

If your concern relates to another student, you must **not** approach that student directly.

- v. If you have a concern about another **parent, caregiver, or member of the school community** on a school related matter, raise this with the principal.
- vi. If the matter concerns the **principal** and you have not first resolved it by discussion, or you feel uncomfortable directly approaching the principal, contact the board chair.
- vii. If the matter concerns a **board member**, contact the board chair, or deputy chair if it concerns the board chair.

If you approach a board member with your concerns you will be asked to follow the guidelines above, and the board member will inform the principal and board chair.

2. Work towards a resolution.

- I. In most cases, constructive discussion will resolve your concerns.
- II. If you are unhappy with the outcome of your initial meeting, contact a member of the management team, or the principal.
- III. If after this process you are still not happy and the issue is not resolved then contact the board chair to discuss further resolution.

This is the general policy around raising a complaint. Please remember all our policies are now on School Docs and you can access them by visiting the site at <https://cliftontce.schooldocs.co.nz> (note there's no "www."). Our username is **cliftontce** and password **expandinghorizons**.

What's Been Happening On The Terrace?

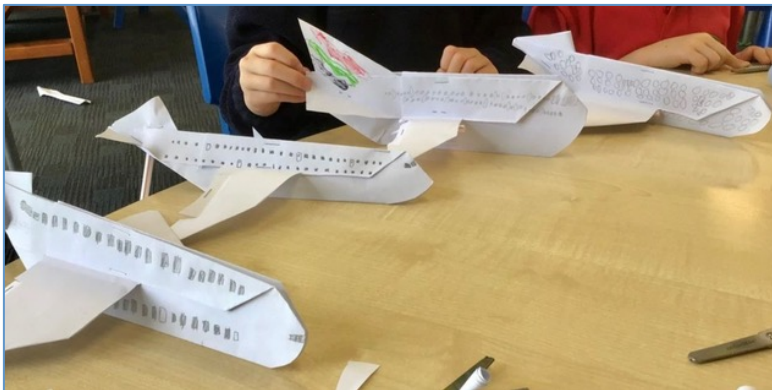
Several weeks ago (prior to lockdown), 2 teams of would be All Blacks attended the Rugby 7s tournament at Jubilee Park in Richmond. As the picture shows, the boys were focussed and ready for any eventuality. In this picture the two teams were playing each other and went try for try. Wendy and I, and the parents who supported the teams were so proud of them. You could see our R.I.S.E. values really coming through in the way that they not only supported each other but supported other members of other teams. Our kids here at CTS are just amazing and as a parent you should be so proud of them. I certainly am!

Thanks Wendy and parents for getting the kids to the venue and supporting the teams. As always we can't do it without you.



Room 13 Takes Off

Recently, Room 13 got a package from Airbus! Airbus saw a picture of the paper models they had made in class and sent these three budding aeronautical engineers a 1/400 scale A380 model to continue to inspire them. Thanks Airbus!



Lucy Is A Writing Genius!

Congratulations Lucy! Lucy was selected out of 1000 entries to have her story published in the Toitū Journal. The journal is an illustrated book of stories and poems that children have written and illustrated from all around NZ between the ages of 5 and 13 years. Lucy has been published in the Nelson Weekly recently and her skills are amazing. Nice work Lucy.

School Photos

Can all orders please be returned by next Wed 22nd September please. Cheers Vick

Room 1 and 2 Renovations

At the end of this term we will be moving everything out of Rooms 1 and 2 and the surrounding storage areas in preparation for the renovations to these spaces. This has been a long time coming and they are going to be fantastic when finished. As a consequence however, there will be some room changes and areas that won't be accessible. Room 2 will be working from the hall in Term 4. All resources will also be placed in the remainder of the hall. This will mean that the hall will be unusable during Term 4 as well. It is expected that this work will be finished in mid March 2022. Work like this is always disruptive but the long term benefits are going to be great for teaching and learning.

Remember the door is 'nearly' always open for a chat!

Rob



Year 3-6
Try different instruments
Play together
Create your own music

After school Music

Starts Thursday
16 September

The poster features illustrations of a guitar, a drum, a xylophone, and a keyboard.

After school music starting again this Thursday with Fiona!

\$45 for 6 weeks (to 4th Nov).

Thursdays 3pm to 4.15

Contact Vick at the office or Fiona at 021-02796390 or Fiona.Ingram@windowslive.com to sign up



LET'S HAVE FUN!

Spring Holiday Programme

5th - 14th Oct
\$55-\$60 per session
www.arohadiscovery.school.nz
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Book Now!

The poster includes photos of children playing and the Aroha Discovery School logo with the tagline 'NURTURING THE LOVE OF LEARNING'.



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ATHLETICS NELSON CHILDREN'S TRACK and FIELD CLUB

REGISTRATIONS OPEN ONLINE NOW!

FOR AGES 7-14 Years. (TERM 4 & 1)

Opening and information night, for new and returning athletes:
21st October 2021 Saxton track 5:15pm
Join our club to compete in regional competitions.

For more information and to register go to:
athleticsnelson.co.nz or email athleticsnelson.children@gmail.com

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