

3 November, 2021



Expanding Horizons

For Your Diary

Mon 1 – Fri 5 Nov
Fri 5 Nov
Mon 15 Nov
Tues 16 Nov
Wed 17 Nov
Fri 19 Nov

Book Week
Book Day Dress Up Day
Room 9 to Whenua Iti
Room 15 to Whenua Iti
Room 8 to Whenua Iti
Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

Tues 14 Dec
Wed 15 Dec

Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Last School Day for 2021. School closes at 12 noon.



Kia ora koutou,

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Clifton Terrace. Welcome to Week 3 at Clifton Terrace School for Term 4. Summer is looming. I can feel the change in the weather and the children are enjoying a bit more time outside. Because we are outside more often, it is important that children are being safe in the sun. Each class has sunscreen and children should be applying this during the day. It's good practice to get children to apply sunscreen before they leave home in the morning and then we can remind them during the day. Of course all our children are wearing their hats too. Thanks for helping us out with this.

Our Clifton Terrace School Charter 2021. Where to Next for 2022?

Within our school charter sits the Strategic Plan. This is an important document as it provides the school a clear pathway in order to address the many aspects of school life. During the year, we keep a close eye on how different aspects are tracking and make any adjustments necessary so that our children are getting the best deal we can give them. For our next Board of Trustees meeting this Thursday night, I have given the members a summary of where we are as a school and what we will be looking to work on for 2022. I am very pleased with what we have accomplished this year with its many complexities. The outcomes for children have been very positive.

One aspect of the review is maths. In the background, we are very aware of studies which are occurring that show how New Zealand students are doing in comparison to other countries around the world. One area of national concern is maths. When we compare achievement, New Zealand children are not doing well and questions need to be asked as to why. I read and shared with my staff a paper written by Audrey Tan who presented at the NZ Principals Federation Conference earlier this year. In summary, she said we are falling behind other countries such as Australia, England and Singapore and we need to change the way that we are teaching our children maths. She has indicated that there have been markers going back in time that have correlated with a down turn in student achievement. She identifies areas and aspects of maths that have been overlooked and also says that the philosophy behind how we teach, changed which has led to reduced achievement. Using these observations and international data, she has said that we must get back to basics. As a staff, we agree. The methods that we use work but, have varied outcomes. What we do currently is provide a problem and then find ways to solve it. During the process we explore other ways of doing this. What Tan says is that children need the tools i.e. knowledge and procedure before they can become problem solvers. Children need confidence and through lots of practise they build the confidence required. I believe we have become too enquiry minded, providing problems to solve rather than giving them tools to solve it and are therefore trying to run before we can walk. You can access two of Audrey Tan's blog posts that provide many of her ideas and concerns at;

<https://mathmo.co.nz/2021/05/01/restoring-confidence-in-mathematics-education-in-new-zealand/>

<https://mathmo.co.nz/bringbackcolumnaddition/>

These are well worth reading and are definitely food for thought.

During the year, the staff have had a multitude of discussions about how we progress for 2022. Therefore, next year we will be using an approach that is more inline with Tan's proposal. It is hoped that once again, teachers will have increased confidence in what they teach and the methods they use, children will once again build confidence and a passion for maths and you the parent will have a really clear understanding of exactly what your child is able to do. It won't necessarily be the silver bullet but I know that it is more in line with research and current thinking.

Watch this space!

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L) Another Key Part Of Our 2021 Charter

This year our school has been working on PB4L. The work has consisted of analysing data that we have around behaviours and determining ways that we can improve things for our children. By behaviour, that doesn't mean negative behaviour, it is actually looking at all the behaviours that occur that make for a pleasant environment for all to enjoy.

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The PB4L team consists of Meghan Jamieson, Sarah Allen, Rayna Olsen, Heather Folly, Vick Sharp and myself. This group is diverse in terms of the jobs that we do in the school. This helps us tremendously to gain a clear picture of what is happening. As an example, you may remember that earlier this year, manners were a big focus as we noted that some children were forgetting their pleases and thank yous in life! So Vick rolled out the "Good Manners and Kindness Are Always in Fashion" poster. The change has been amazing.



Another example was the review of our values at the end of 2020 where we looked at what they should be to reflect our school and our community. These have been brilliant and are really becoming a talking point with our children.

During this year, we have also looked at data that we collect to ascertain what behaviours are being exhibited at different times of the day. This includes where these things occur. By doing this we can alter our duty patterns. Staff when on duty at morning tea, lunch or after school can visit areas that are prone to incidents for whatever reason thus cutting down the potential for problems.

Recently, we noted that some children were not eating their lunch. We all know that children with no food in the belly become problematic at times so Meghan is setting a challenge to ensure that everyone eats their lunch and is ready to go with fuel in their tummy.

The PB4L programme is amazing. It is a 3 year programme and so we have 2 more years of working on things within our school. If the last year is anything to go by, the next 2 years are going to be great! I would be really interested in any observations you might have regarding any noticeable changes you might have seen.

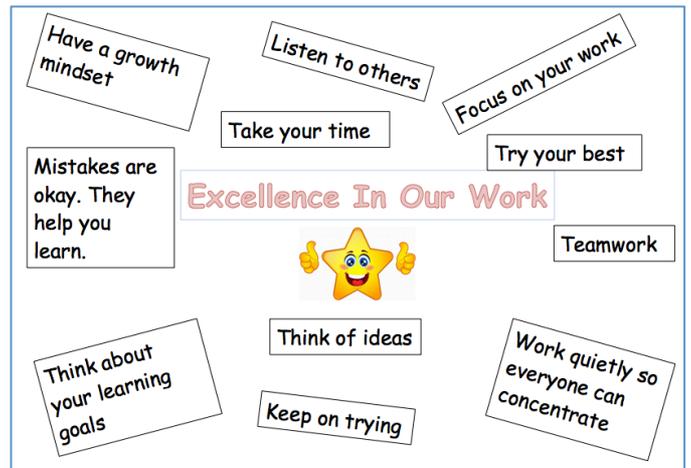
Congratulations Vick and Amanda.

Recently, you may remember, Amanda and Vick were raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis. They are very proud to say they raised \$2182.00 and covered 593.9km in their quest.

Congratulations to them both. What a wonderful result. Thank you to the many, many people who supported them!

What's Been Happening in ...

Room 12 have been looking at our value of excellence. We discussed what this would look like in our work and our play. Our next step is to choose a goal for us to work on.



Room 11 has been planting seeds - we made fairy gardens and will watch the grass grow.



Pool Key Update

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Thanks to those of you who emailed Vick to register for a key and have also paid. On Monday as we were about to embark on pool training sessions we were advised by the Ministry Of Education that changes may be afoot around school pools. We have paused the training at this stage.

We are still waiting on confirmation of what this will be and once we know rest assured you will be the first to be told. Fingers crossed the pool season will be able to go ahead. If a fee refund is needed though Vick will be sure to do it quickly for you.

Thanks again for your understanding in these unusual times.

Buses Costs for 2022

We have been advised of the new bus fare for next year by SBL, this will be \$240.00 for the year. This is a \$60.00 increase but they are still operating at below cost and be prepared the price will increase over time so they can at least break even. We always count ourselves lucky to have the bus services we do and if you divide it over the year it is still cost effective and gives many of you extra time at the end of the day.

I am more than happy for you to pay off the buses over a year to make it easier, but I just want to reiterate that these do need to be cleared by the end of each year as I pay for the tickets when you first sign your contracts. Lack of payment means the school is left out of pocket.

New 2022 bus forms will be coming home with the end of year statements later the year.

Cheers Vick



Congratulations Daniel and Anthony

Congratulations to Daniel and Anthony who were awarded Most Improved Player and Players Player in their 1st season of full field hockey. The boys play a club team made up of about 7 CTS kids and a mix of kids from other schools. They had a great season and we hope to see you both continuing to play next year. Well done boys!

Teacher Only Day Fri 19 Nov.

Just a reminder that Fri 19 Nov is a teacher only day and the school will be closed.

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

Rob

Want to learn self-defence and become more confident? Do AIKIDO a Japanese Martial Art
We have children's classes from 8yrs -16yrs
Wed & Fri 5pm – 6pm
Check out our facebook, www.aikidonelson.nz or call Callum 0210694211

PRE-CHRISTMAS
holiday program

Join Electrix Cheersport for 4 days of fun before the holiday period!

- * arts and crafts every day
- * beach trip
- * scavenger hunt
- * life-size board games
- * movie day
- * cheerleading skills (stunting, tumbling, dance and jumps) every day!

LATE PICK-UPS AND EARLY DROP-OFFS AVAILABLE!

\$45 PER DAY*
OR
\$160 FOR 4 DAYS

20TH-23RD DECEMBER
9AM-3PM
AGE 5-13



Christmas Shoe Boxes

DONATE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help give local tamaraki a Christmas gift they might not receive otherwise.

Pick an age and gender to gift for 1-18. All boxes will be distributed to children in need across the region.

Wrap your box in Christmas paper, taking care to wrap the box and lid separately. Empty shoe boxes can be collected free from Taylor's Shoes Richmond/Nelson if you don't already have one.

Fill your box with at least one item from each category:
*Please ensure it doesn't contain any food, electronics, or dangerous items.

- **something to wear** (socks, t-shirt, jandals)
- **something for school** (pencil case, calculator)
- **something to keep clean with** (toothbrush, comb)
- **something fun** (kite, puzzles, colouring book)
- **something cool** (soft toy, sports ball, sunglasses)

Label the top with the intended gender and age, and drop off to your school or Taylor's Shoes no later than November 27th.

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TOP OF THE SOUTH BRICK SHOW 2021

13th & 14th November

Motueka Memorial Hall,
12 Pah Street,
Motueka
Saturday 13th Nov
9am - 5pm
Sunday 14th Nov
9am - 4pm
\$2 Entry
Cash Only
Under 3 Free

Great Displays,
Activities, Sales
& Raffles

 TotsBrickShow 



All proceeds donated to
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