

Expanding Horizons

For Your Diary

Term 1, 2020

Fri 13 Mar Mufti Day (Casual Clothing)

Middle Syndicate Swimming Sports 11.30am-1pm

Tues 17 – 20 Mar Room 10 Camp to Marahau Tues 24 Mar CTS Board Meeting 5.30pm

Tues 7 April Parent/Teacher Interviews (Day 1) School closes at 1pm.

Wed 8 April Parent/Teacher Interviews (Day 2)

Thurs 9 April Last Day of Term 1

Fri 10 April Easter Friday (School Closed)

Kia ora koutou,

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Clifton Terrace. Welcome to the second newsletter for 2020. Just a reminder that newsletters are now twice termly (once in week 1 and the other in week 6 of each term.)

What a wonderful start to the year we have had. It's been exciting and jampacked with lots of different events and opportunities which hopefully your child has thrown themselves into.

However, there has also been the dark cloud of Covid 19 or Coronavirus which has certainly presented the world with a serious issue. Here on The Terrace we are also taking the situation seriously. We are listening and putting in place those aspects that The Ministry of Health deem to be appropriate. Simple steps that we have been given at this stage are;

- Avoid close contact with people with cold or flulike illnesses.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing.
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with water and soap and dry them thoroughly:
 - before eating or handling food
 - after using the toilet
 - after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose or wiping children's noses
 - after caring for sick people.

In the event that you and your family are traveling overseas, please check the Ministry of Health website for information regarding what is required upon your return. The situation is changing daily so please do not assume that what you read last week is the same today. Teachers have spoken to children regarding etiquette around hand washing, sneezing and nose blowing. Please reinforce these practices at home.



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Weetbix Kids Tryathlon A Huge Success On The Terrace A great group of 65 eager Terrace kids swam, biked and ran around Tahunanui on Sunday as they enjoyed the comaraderie of hundreds of other school children who wanted to challenge themselves to completing the course. Well done to all those in the picture and a few who weren't at school today. It was lovely hearing your stories and the excitement. Go The Terrace!



Florrie's Big Tahuna

Florrie swam in the Big Tahuna on Saturday and she wrote this:

On Saturday the 9th of March I did the Big Tahuna Beach Swim. I had to do 200m. It was actually easier than it looked. As I stepped on to the starting line butterflies came flying in! "I am soooo nervous," I thought. I was shivering.

I heard, Ready! Steady! Bang! We took off, I actually found it easier than swimming 6 lengths of Riverside Pool. There was this big inflatable that didn't look too hard but when we got on it it was super slippery!

I crossed the finish line and felt a sigh of relief. I had come 5th out of 40 people. I was so proud of myself! Nice one Florrie. You should be proud!

Parent/Teacher Conversations Bookings Open Now!

Parent/teacher conversations are coming up on Tuesday 7 April and Wednesday 8 April. Each interview will be 15 minutes in length. To cater for the longer interview times, we will be finishing school on TUESDAY 7 April at 1.00pm so that interviews can begin at 1.30pm. School on Wednesday will finish at the normal time of 2.55.

As school will finish at 1.00 on TUESDAY, it would be helpful if students could go home at that time. However, if this is not possible, some staff will be available to ensure children are safe and catered for here at school. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter to indicate whether your child(ren) will be going home or staying at school and return to your teacher.

Please book a time on the following website <u>www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u>. When booking, you will need the event code which is <u>cnhx6</u>. These interviews are very important and I do urge you to organize a time as soon as possible.

Home and School Meetings – Why Not Come and Join Us?

We have had lots of questions regarding when Tea By The Sea will be this year. The Home and School have decided to have a break from it this year and involve themselves in other fundraising activities. At a recent meeting they decided they would do the following;

- 22 May Quiz Night
- Term 3 (Late July/early August) Raffle
- 18 September Outdoor Movie Night
- Term 4 Tea towel / shopping bag fundraiser.

We have another meeting on *Tuesday 17 March at 7pm* for anyone who would like to join us to help out. You don't necessarily have to be on the committee but there might be an event above that you would like to help out with.

On the other hand, if you want to join the group we would love to have you on board because as they say, "Many hands make light work!"

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Parent Donations at Clifton Terrace

There is some confusion that all schools are receiving \$150 per student to cover what schools call the Parent Donation. The truth is that \underline{some} schools have been given this money. Unfortunately, we are not one of those schools. The Government decided during 2019 that Decile 1 – 7 schools would be able to opt into a scheme where schools would be provided with \$150 per student to cover the Parent Donation. Over the years, parent donations have been used to support aspects of the school's operating costs. Clifton Terrace is a decile 9 school and so we are <u>ineligible</u> for the \$150 payment per child meaning we are disadvantaged by approximately \$45,000. If you were considering paying the Parent Donation it would be very much appreciated. It does help us to cover costs and it is tax deductible. Our Parent Donation is \$50 for the year or \$80 for a family and can be paid by Eftpos at the school office. Thank you for considering this.

A Few Timely Reminders To Keep Everyone Safe

Everyone needs a timely reminder at times. We would be really pleased if you can;

- 1. School is open to pupils at **8.20am**. Children can't be here before that time for their safety.
- 2. Remind your children if they are waiting for you after school that they stay in the school grounds. If they are waiting at the front of the school, they wait by the flag pole.
- 3. If you are parking in the allocated carparks at the front of the school please be patient and careful when backing out in particular.
- 4. Please don't park in bus stop areas or areas that are not marked as parking areas including the yellow lines by the Tresillian Ave Reserve.
- 5. Children are asked not to bike in the carpark at school. We would appreciate parents walking their bikes too.
- 6. Please remind children that they can not organise play dates from school. These need to be organised before coming to school.
- 7. And last but not least, please try not to ring Vick with changes in plans for kids after school. Getting information to children is time consuming and can be difficult particularly if near bell time.

Thanks for your help with these. It is very much appreciated.

Pool Closed From Sunday 22 March

Unfortunately, the summer is drawing to a close. It has been a lovely warm one and the school pool has certainly been the place to be!

We will be closing the pool from 8pm on Sunday 22 March.

It would be appreciated if you could return your pool keys to the school office prior to Friday 3 April.

Thank you.

Teachers' Email Addresses

Our email system works with christian name followed by the first letter of the surname followed by @cliftontce.school.nz. There are two exceptions, however, which Vick and Prue in the Office (please see below). I have listed these below if you ever need them.

Room 2	Nigel Strawbridge	nigels@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 3	Ruth McMillan	ruthm@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 3 (Thursday and Friday)	Rachel Tobin	rachelt@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 4	Rayna Olsen	raynao@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 6	Mel Beckett	melanieb@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 7	Judy Hawtin	judyh@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 8	Meghan Jamieson	meghanj@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 9	Amanda Hall	amandah@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 10	Michelle Day	michelled@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 12	Carol Cowie	carolc@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 13	James Hebberd	jamesh@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 14	Heather Folly	heatherf@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 14 (Thursday and Friday)	Hayley Wilson	hayleyw@cliftontce.school.nz
Room 15	Megan Howard	meganh@cliftontce.school.nz
Library	Sarah Allen	saraha@cliftontce.school.nz
Office	Vick Sharp/Prue Smith	office@cliftontce.school.nz
Principal	Rob Wemyss	robw@cliftontce.school.nz

Rongohia Te Hau Survey

This week I will send out through email and School Stream a survey that I would like you to complete when you have a moment. The Kåhui Ako ki Whakatu continues to look at cultural responsiveness across all schools and Rongohia Te Hau will provide us further data to work with after our initial survey in 2018. The outcomes will enable us as a school to look at our strengths and weaknesses and to work on these to further improve outcomes for our students. Please do take the time to complete the survey. The final date for these is FRIDAY 27 MARCH. I appreciate you taking the time to complete this.

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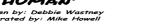
Mufti Day this Friday 13th March! To support a team of staff and CTS parents that are partaking in this year's Relay for Life on the 21st22nd March we are running a mufti day and selling juicies. Juicies can be ordered through Kindo and to make life easier you can do your gold coin donation on there too, if not any donation on the day would be much appreciated for a great cause. Cheers Vick

Sad News

This week I received Ruth McMillan's resignation from her position as Year 1 teacher in Room 3. It would be fair to say that I was gutted! Ruth is an outstanding teacher and reminds me of the Energizer Bunny with what seems like a never ending source of energy and enthusiasm. Ruth will work up until the end of Term 1. If you see Ruth please wish her well on her new adventure. As a staff, we will all miss her as I am sure you and your children will. Have a great week. Remember the door is 'nearly' always open for a chat!

Rob

FOR SALE: 'MICKY FINDS A PET HUMAN'





I invite you to enjoy this heartwarming story about my brother's dog he adopted from the SPCA rehoming centre. Based on true events, enjoy Micky's mischief and heart melt moments about how a little love, kindness and

Donations will be made to our local SPCA from the sales of these books, in order to give other animals hope and a chance at a wonderful life like Micky.

Book price: \$20

Your signed copy of the book and payments can be made by cash to the office

OR alternatively.... Contact Debbie Wastney 0272665332 to pay by internet

More books in the series are coming soon! Follow Micky's mischief and adventures on Facebook @TrickyMickyAdventures





Parent / Teacher Conversation Notice Tuesday 7 April Regarding Whether Children are Staying at School or Returning Home at 1.00pm

be staying at school / going home on the afternoon of TUESDAY 7 April.

NB: Buses will run as normal after school if children are staying for the afternoon.

Please return this note prior to Friday 3 April.

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Is your child 'ready to go' in reading this term?

If the answer is 'not quite', then my Fresh Start 8 week reading programme, designed for 6-10 year olds, Can be just the thing

to get him/her on track.

I am an experienced Early Years Literacy teacher,

working locally in Nelson.

Call *Elaine* on **548 0994** or email me at <u>readingnelson@gmail.com</u> to find out how I can

help your child.

Testimonials available on request





Table Tennis Nelson invites you to join in on the Inter-schools Table Tennis Tournament.

We are inviting students of all ages to join in on our weekly table tennis tournament.

Each week you will play singles and doubles matches in a 2 or 3 player team format.

If you do not have a team mate don't worry we will find one for you.

This will be held each Friday night from 4:30pm – 6:00pm starting from Friday 6th March 2020.

There is a nightly fee of \$5 per player, pay as you go or if you prefer you can pay in advance.

Bats and balls are provided, it is essential that non marking foot ware be worn. White clothing is not allowed as it makes the white ball hard to see.

If you have any questions or would like to register your teams then please email Paul at tt.nelson@xtra.co.nz

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NELSON CITY BRASS

Nelson City Brass has a 'Youth Programme' under the guidance of Musical Director Mr. Nigel Weeks The scheme is aimed at providing opportunities to learn a brass instrument for students aged 8 – 15 years

Tuition is at the Nelson City Band Room, Hathaway Terrace, (next to Trafalgar Park)

Instrument Hire is Free Tuition is Free

For further information please contact: secretary1@nelsonbrass.org.nz or mobile 021 583 231

Grove Street Kindergarten has spaces available now for children aged 2½ to 5.

We offer 20 'free' ECE hours with 100% trained, qualified and registered teachers.

Get in touch to find out about available sessions or drop in for a visit.

- **3** 548 8600
- der grovestkindergarten@ntk.org.nz
- ≤ 50a Grove Street, The Wood (right next to the Nelson Toy Library)





Y-OSCAR Nelson

Daily spaces available now at our

After School Care at Victory YMCA
With daily pick up from Central, Victory, Hampden Street, and

With daily pick up from Central, Victory, Hampden Street, and Clifton Terrace Schools

For more information please contact us on 03 5456760 or oscar@ymcanelson.org.nz

Nayland
 Tahunanui
 Brightwater
 Victory

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