

Expanding Horizons

For Your Diary	
Mon 2 July Fri 6 July	School Production Week – <i>The Lion King</i> Purple Cake Day Fundraiser Last Day Term 2. (Normal Finish Time)
Mon 23 July Fri 27 July	Day 1 Term 3 Singing Assembly
Fri 3 Aug Mon 6 Aug Fri 10 Aug Mon 13 Aug Tues 14 Aug Thurs 16 Aug Fri 24 Aug	Room 9 To Host Assembly Spud Monday Room 15 To Host Assembly School Photos Tackle 7s Tournament Tackle 7s Tournament (Postponement) Room 4 To Host Assembly
Thurs 6 Sep Fri 7 Aug Mon 10 – Fri 14 Sep	Tackle 7s Finals Tournament El Gregoe Show Room 14 To Host Assembly Life Education Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 19 Sep	Open Night (Children to Demonstrate Their Learning to Parents)
Thurs 20 Sep Fri 21 Sep Thurs 27 Sep	Book Day Room 7 To Host Assembly Interscholastic Speech Competition Final Day Term 3! (Normal Finish Time)

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Week 9 on The Terrace. This is the last week before our production of The Lion King. It is going to be amazing so don't miss the show. Tickets are available at the office.

Room 9s Assembly Postponed Until Next Term.

Just a reminder that we have postponed the Room 9 assembly until next term. With everything that is going on in the school at present we decided it might be a good idea to postpone. I hope this has not inconvenienced you at all.

Our Production of The Lion King

As I said above, our production of The Lion King is next week. I know it is going to be a huge success. Something like a production is rich in opportunity for our children. Obviously a production fits in with the Arts Curriculum seamlessly with the acting, dance, singing, visual art etc. But it doesn't stop at the arts. Taking the Health Curriculum for example, the competencies that fit with this area are huge. I am always in awe of anyone who can perform on stage and do it with competence and confidence in front of a large audience. It is opportunities such as this that develop these skills so well.

And then of course there are those children who have a passion for the lighting or sound aspect of the show. Children operating the lighting and ensuring the sound is right at the correct time is a huge responsibility. To understand how this works is a great opportunity.

What about the English Curriculum? Oral language, using your voice, projecting it over the audience, speaking with clarity, sometimes having to improvise etc. etc.



I could go on and on. But hopefully you can see my point that a rich opportunity such as this is an amazing learning experience. Thanks to everyone involved, whether it be children, teachers, parents, people in our community. You have all contributed to something that I bet our children will never forget!

Children Having a Voice in the School

Several weeks ago, Emma spoke at the school assembly about her concerns around plastic use in the school. Her petition was a resounding success and we intend putting things in place to ensure her concerns are not ignored. She also has a challenge for you at home;

Hi.

My name is Emma. I am 7 years old and I am in Room 12. I made a petition to get rid of some plastics in our school. Plastics are bad for our environment and lots ends up in the sea. One of the things I would like is for all parents to stop putting plastic in children's lunch boxes. Also, I would like to stop single use plastic bags coming from school. I would really like it if you could help stop plastics coming into our school.

Thank you.

Reports Are Coming Home This Friday

If your child has not had a report so far this year, one will come home on Friday. I have looked through the reports that are coming home and I have to say how proud I am of them all. The report demonstrates the immense amount of work our children do to progress. As parents and caregivers you also should be proud of your children as they are all doing so well. Please take the time to sit with them and share the report and congratulate them for their successes.

Can I remind you that if there is anything in the report that concerns you, to get hold of the teacher concerned. Please don't feel you can't contact them. The progress of your child is something we all have a part in and it is important that if you have queries that these are answered.

Teachers and The Teachers' Union (NZEI) In The Media

I thought it important that our community understands the recent media interest in the work that the NZEI are involved in for New Zealand teachers;

The union and professional organisation for primary and early childhood education teachers, the New Zealand Education Institute Te Riu Roa (NZEI) is running a campaign for more investment in education that addresses some of the issues our school faces. The vast majority of primary teachers and principals are NZEI members, so NZEI is an important voice for the teaching profession and of their experience at the "chalkface".

We already have a serious shortage of teachers across the country but there is a crisis approaching very shortly. There has been a 40% drop in teacher graduates in the past five years, while student numbers are growing rapidly. Bold solutions are needed to address the crisis to ensure all kids will have a teacher in coming years.

Research shows that what works for children is smaller classes and more one-on-one learning with their teachers. The quality of teaching is the single biggest in-school impact on children's progress and achievement, so it's important we continue to attract high quality people into the teaching profession.

Schools are also facing a desperate need for more resourcing for increasing numbers of children with additional learning needs. Budget 2018 saw a welcome increase in resourcing for children with additional needs, (for example extending ORS funding to a further 250 children a year) but resourcing needs to be ratcheted up so that thousands, not hundreds of children get the support they need.

We don't want to end up with larger class sizes, more children with their learning needs unmet and teachers leaving the profession simply because schools aren't resourced to do the best job they can. These issues can only be solved by providing schools with more staffing and more resourcing, and by ensuring we make teaching an attractive profession to join — and stay in.

Sorry Ivy!

Apologies to Ivy Toa who participated in the recent interschool cross country. Ivy gained 12th spot in the Year 6 Girls Race and ran very well. Apologies Ivy!

Have a great week. Remember the door is always open for a chat.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Register before Friday
29th June
\$85 for 3 days

NELSON NETBALL

Holiday Programme

Year 4-6
Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th July 2018
9.30am - 2.30pm
Saxton Stadium & Netball Pavilion
\$40 per day or \$100 for 3 days



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29th June
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NELSON NETBALL

Holiday Camp

Year 7&8
Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th July 2018
9.30am - 1pm
Saxton Stadium & Netball Pavilion
\$80



Uniform Sales

Any surplus uniforms that parents wish to donate to the school can be dropped at the office for H&S to sell for fundraising. **Second hand uniforms @ www.cliftontce.school.nz**

Absences from School

You can advise school of absences by e-mail: **office@cliftontce.school.nz** or text: **027 516 3989 (TEXTS ONLY) Phone 545 0532 (Leave a message)**

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