

# NEWSLETTER

20 February 2024

CLARKVILLE  
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville Te Kura ki Waimātao whānau

A huge welcome to our new students and their families who have joined us since our last newsletter - Mackenzie, Emily, Isobelle and Beauden have all started their school journey in Kaikanui.

What a busy week it was at Clarkville with our Year 5/6 learning space Kaiapoi on camp and our Year 7/8 learning space with their special Leadership Week concluding with a day surfing and at Adrenalin Forest.

The Year 5/6 Camp at Wainui was an amazing experience for our students. I managed to visit on Thursday and got to experience how much fun all of the children were having. After a short sleep for some on Wednesday night, several children (and adults) were feeling pretty tired but everyone was getting involved in the cool planned activities. Most of the children's favourite activity was the 'Flying Kiwi' where they were propelled into the air at the end of a piece of rope! Who wouldn't find that fun! The parents at camp were epic, helping out, running activities and supporting the teachers to run a really memorable experience for our students. A massive thanks to Bridget Chilton and Kristie Morrison for organising such a great camp. Planning a school camp takes a SIGNIFICANT amount of time and energy and Bridget and Kristie did such a great job!



The Year 7/8 Leadership Week was also a busy time at Clarkville. Year 8 Leadership Speeches were delivered on Thursday afternoon after school (thanks to Deputy Principal Paula Gray for attending while I was at camp) by our students and then a massive EOTC day on Friday. I was so proud to hear of the effort that our Senior students put towards their presentations and look forward to them pursuing their leadership focuses as the year progresses.



On Friday, I managed to visit them in action while surfing - what a unique and special experience for our learners. Again, thank you for the support from parents / caregivers who attended this trip and to Mitchell Bailey and Jenny Collinson (and Kristie Morrison for early planning in 2023) for planning and delivering this day.

Have a great week Clarkville community ☺

Kris

### **Obituary ~ George McGowan: former Principal at Clarkville**

It is with great sadness we share the news that George, a former Principal here, passed away last Wednesday, the day before his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday. After his time at Clarkville George and his wife Jo moved overseas to teach before returning to NZ and settling in the North Island. George's wonderful sense of humour and ability to produce a great rap or poem 'off the cuff' will be fondly remembered by the staff and students who were fortunate enough to be at Clarkville during his time here. Our school flag has been flying at half-mast to celebrate his life

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### **OSCAR – Before and After School Care.**

Plans are underway to start this programme at the beginning of March.

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## **BUS RUN**

A Road Safety Officer from the Waimakariri District Council has recommended and negotiated a slight variation of our school bus run. From next week the morning bus run will turn right into Island Rd, travel along Barnard St, a section of Silverstream Boulevard and into Hayson Drive before connecting into Giles Rd and continuing the run as usual. The opposite will happen in the afternoon.

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## **Jacket Orders**

Aly McLean would like jackets to be ordered by **22 February** to ensure delivery this term.

<https://www.alymaclean.co.nz/>

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## **Scholastic Books**

The first brochure for the year has been given out. Please order online, ordering information is on the brochure. If you would like a book to be held in the office for collection, rather than given to your child, please mark this clearly on the order and let the office know. Orders close at 9am on **Friday 23 February**

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## **School Accounts**

The cost of extra-curricular activities and stationery purchases are added to your statement. Some families receive an alert advising of a change to their account but we have discovered that this is not happening for everyone. So please check your Hero App. With the exception of bus and optional sports most term 1 items have been added to student accounts.

When you log into your Hero user account and click on 'Menu', you will see the finance icon (dollar note). Clicking this will enable you to view the invoices related to your family.

Payment can be made online, via the app or by eftpos at the office.

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## Term Dates for 2024 (includes public holidays)

### Term 1

30 January – 12 April

Teacher Only Day - 5 February

Waitangi Day - 6 February

Easter 29 March – 2 April (please note: Tues 2 April is a holiday for all schools in NZ)

### Term 2

29 April – 5 July

King's Birthday - 3 June

Matariki - 28 June

### Term 3

22 July – 27 September

No public holidays

### Term 4

14 October – 17 December

Labour Day - 28 October

Anniversary / Show Day - 15 November

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## Invitation to all families

Our Mihi Whakatau for new families is this Thursday the 22nd. If you are new, please come along to be welcomed into our community. All current families are invited to come and welcome our new families. The Mihi Whakatau will run from 10:30 to 11am and there will be shared kai outside Kaikanui from 11 to 11:30am. Please send in a small plate of food to share if you are attending.

If your plate is gluten or nut free, please label it. ~ *Hayden*

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**Rowing For Life**  
Aotearoa NZ 2024

Raising funds for...

The Lion Cancer Trust  
Child Cancer Foundation  
Starship Foundation  
SURF LIFE SAVING NEW ZEALAND

**Waikuku Beach**  
**9th March**  
**11am-4pm**

202E \*ZONE 5\* PROJECT

**Family Picnic Day**  
**Crew arrive 12noon approx**  
**Games for children**  
**Food and Ice cream available to buy**



## **Notice Board**

We have moved the notice board near the front gate. Please start checking this out as we will pop our notices in here this year.

## **Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser**

Easter is coming up and we are fundraising with the Naked Baker Hot Cross Buns. Delicious packs of 6 either traditional or chocolate hot cross buns for \$6.50. Order via Kindo, cash to the office or direct to the PTA account. Paper copies will be sent home. Orders due by Friday 8 March for delivery on Friday 22 March.

## **Sushi**

This year the PTA will continue sushi lunches every Wednesday during term time. Please order via Kindo.

## **New World Kaiapoi**

New World Kaiapoi has kindly donated sausages for our sausage sizzles this year. Please help us support this local business.

## **Fish and Chips**

Mariska Shaw has kindly volunteered to run our "once a term" Fish and Chip lunches. Our first one is on **Thursday 22 February** - Order via Kindo. Ordering closes at 9am on Wednesday 21st. No late orders will be accepted.

## **Sausage Sizzle**

Zoe Van T Veen is going to co-ordinate our monthly sausage sizzles this year. Our first one is on **Tuesday 27 February**. Order via Kindo. Ordering closes at 9am on Monday 26 February. No late orders will be accepted.

## **Donations Please**

For our monthly sausage sizzles we also need bread and sauce. Please could you email the pta on [clarkvillepta@gmail.com](mailto:clarkvillepta@gmail.com) if you can donate.

The PTA are still on the lookout for a BBQ. If you have one you are willing to donate, please let us know.

## **Nathan Wallis - Neuroscience Educator**

On Thursday 18th April (first week of the school holidays) at 7.30pm, we have the privilege of hosting Nathan Wallis (<https://www.nathanwallis.com>) at our school. He will be presenting a brand new talk:

## Understanding Your Brain – Building Resilience & Maximising Learning:

*The concept of building resilience in our children is more and more at the forefront of parents' minds. Academic success is in fact a result of resilience and can mean very little without it. In this summary of the evidence and research around what resilience looks like, how it's fostered and which environments do it the best, Nathan will break down for parents (in his usual 'straight from the hip' humorous style) exactly what we can do to facilitate our children developing resilience, increase their academic ability and enjoy an overall better quality of life. We will look at how our brains work as a basis for understanding how to achieve this. Relevant to parents/carers for all age groups – from new-borns to teens!*

Discounted tickets will be available to our school families for a limited amount of time. Further details to come in the next couple of weeks.



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- ★ Tiny Tots
- ★ 3- Adults
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Kaiapoi, Balcairn, Amberley, Rangiora

[WWW.NCSOD.CO.NZ](http://WWW.NCSOD.CO.NZ)



**Free HAVE A GO! @ NETBALL**

Open to Girls & Boys Year 1-6  
Saturday 24th February 2024  
Time: 10.00am - 11.50am

**NORTH CANTERBURY NETBALL CENTRE**  
Duffley Park, Church Street, Rangiora

Come along, learn skills, play a game & have FUN!

This is free to attend, please register online:  
[HTTP://WWW.NCNC.ORG.NZ/HAVEAGO](http://WWW.NCNC.ORG.NZ/HAVEAGO)



**KAIAPOI FUN RUN**

*Blackwell's*  
DEPARTMENT STORE KAIAPOI  
TRUSTED SINCE 1871

Get ready for an exhilarating experience at our Annual Fun Run! Lace up your running shoes, gather your friends and family, and join us for a day filled with laughter, camaraderie, and fitness.

**REGISTRATION FEE \$10**

**Event Details**

**SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH 2024.**  
**8.30AM - 1200PM**

MURPHY PARK, RAVEN QUAY,  
KAIAPOI 7630

5 & 10KM

**Registration**

Registration is now open, go to  
<https://events.humanitix.com/kaiapoi-fun-run-and-walk-2024?fbclid=IwAR0NUGC6nef4t3x3GI0noApMO0xzBfEiYVHO6M-ulSFTDRlIzJjEXX7eRQ>



Family fun for all ages!

