

NEWSLETTER

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CLARKVILLE
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville whanau

Welcome

A very big welcome to Carter who has started his school journey in Kaikanui at the start of term and to Teddy who joined us this week.

Staffing News

We have some news to share that is both sad and exciting - Nick Burson will be leaving us at the end of the year. Nick has been appointed as a teacher at Oaklands School in Halswell commencing in 2024. Nick has taught at Clarkville for many years and has worked with many of our lucky children at the Year 5/6 level. He has also contributed many of his hours during break times and outside of school to work with our school band and musicians and has supported these children to enter competitions to display their skill and musical ability. On top of this, Nick has supported numerous sporting and academic teams and events over his time with us. Nick moving to Oaklands School will allow him to spend more time with his young family as he lives in Halswell. He will save many hours a week working much closer to home - this is exciting for his family! We will farewell Nick closer to the end of the year and celebrate his time with us.

Kristie Morrison, our talented and incredibly hard-working Year 7/8 Team Leader will be stepping down from leadership at Clarkville at the conclusion of 2023. Kristie has spent many years leading our Year 7/8 programme - one that would be the envy of every other primary school in Canterbury! Kristie has dedicated so much of her time at Clarkville growing student leadership and giving our Year 8 students their very best preparation for high school. We will miss Kristie in the school leadership space but are very thankful that she will continue as a learning space teacher with us. Stepping down from team leadership will allow Kristie more time to focus on other interests that she has outside of school.

Parking at Drop Off and Pick Up

The Clarkville Peace Hall committee has appealed to the Waimakariri District Council to paint yellow no stopping lines from the corner of Tram and Heywards Road to the end of the school boundary aligning with our staff car park on the Peace Hall side of the road. They have reported concerns about student safety in this stretch of road with parents/caregivers parking and driving dangerously. While the current parking situation and arrangements are not ideal, the alternative proposed by the Waimakariri District Council would potentially be more unsafe with parents having to park further along Heywards Road in a 70km zone. It is my view that vehicle users are more likely to anticipate children crossing near a school, with a 40km sign and more likely to slow as they navigate the Tram/Heywards Road corner. Expecting parents/caregivers to park in a 70km zone and then walking back to their vehicles with their child/ren a reasonable distance from the school isn't the safest idea! These berms get very, very wet in Wwnter and some would likely choose to walk on the paved road rather than the wet grass.

I presented my objection to this proposal at the Tuahiwi Kaiapoi Community Board and thankfully it was rejected. There will be yellow lines painted on the other side of Heywards Road but only from the corner up to the 40km sign. This area is too dangerous for parking as it is too narrow and too close to the intersection. Thank goodness common sense and safety prevailed! My presentation gained excellent support from Community Board members Tim Bartle, Neville Atkinson (also our Deputy Mayor) and Al Blackie. I would like to publicly acknowledge their amazing support of our school and the safety of our little people.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 20 November

Just another friendly reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on Monday 20 November. The Ministry of Education has instructed New Zealand schools to hold a Teacher Only Day between Monday 13 November - Friday 24 November 2023 to prepare for the Curriculum Refresh currently being implemented. Our School Board has chosen Monday 20 November as this is the Monday after Canterbury Anniversary weekend and would likely cause the least amount of disruption to families.

Noho ora mai
Kris

Dates for Term 4 2023

Tues 24	Fish & Chips (<i>please note the change of date</i>)
Tues 17	Athletics Day
Wed 18	School photographs
Nov 3	Pet/Ag Club
Nov 15	Horotueka Camp Out
Nov 14 – 16	Camp Wellington, year 8
Nov 20	Teacher Only Day
Dec 15	Last day of school (finish @ 12.30)

Athletics postponement

As the weather was not on our side we had to also postpone the Coffee cart. We have asked them if they could come on Friday instead but are just waiting for confirmation.

Book Club Term 4

The brochures for our final book club order for the year have been given out.

If you would like an order to be kept at the office for collection please let Kathryn know or order using your own name. They can be collected from the office in December.

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

It's Calendar Art time again

The students have been busy creating art work that can be made into Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketch Pads. Sample items can be viewed in the office.

- Each product will be made from your own child's art.
- These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
 2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ..... use the code on the notice to be sent home this week
 3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted
- The order is open from today until 6 November

Payment instructions are also included.



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 not happening for everyone. So please check your Hero App.

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.

School Photographs

Our school photographs will be taken by Heritage Productions tomorrow morning.

Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing clean tidy uniform preferably plain navy culottes or shorts and plain navy or white socks (no other colours, writing or logos on socks).

As is usual hair is to be tidy and if it is tied up please no large bows or decorations.

The photographer will also take **family / sibling photos**. Due to time factor this will only be for children at school, not pre-schoolers. If you would like one taken please email the office before 9am tomorrow.

Uniform

Mainland Uniforms no longer supply our school uniform. We hope our new uniform will be available from Aly McLean shortly.

We have purchased the remainder of the school uniform at a discounted price and have a very limited amount available for purchase from the office.

Polo Shirts

Size 6 (long-sleeves)	2 only	\$16.00 each
Size 8 (short sleeves)	3 only	\$14.00 each
Size 10 (short sleeves)	4 only	\$14.00 each

Polar fleece - \$25.00 each

One each of size 6, 12, 14

Sweatshirts - \$18.00 each

Size 10 - 5 available

Size 12 - 2 available

Size 14 - 1 available

Cardigans - \$38.00 each

Size 4, 12 and 14

PE / Sports Tops - \$23.00 each

We also have a small supply of the new sports/PE tops in size 6, 10, 12, 14, 16 and small

