# **NEWSLETTER**

27 October 2023

CLARKVILLE TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville whanau

#### **Football Tournament**

Over the recent term break, I spent 5 days supporting my 8 year old son Reve at 2 regional football tournaments. The first of these was a two day 9th Grade tournament held at Kendall Park up the road. While I was there, I spotted Caden K from Horotueka learning space playing for his 9th grade team. It was awesome to see him play so well and enjoy his sport! I also briefly caught up with Orlando S from Kaikanui learning space who was there supporting a friend.

The following weekend, Reve was asked to play for his club's 9th Grade Development Squad team in the 10th Grade Tournament held at Foster Park in Rolleston. While I was again there supporting him, I recognised numerous familiar faces - George S, Lincoln SK, Travis P, Christopher B, Michael B, Angus S and Casen S representing their 10th Grade Team. Their whole team was made up of Clarkville kids except 2 members - it was awesome to see them all play so well and work together as a team. I was able to catch their final game which was the playoff for third place. The lads played so well and won the game - a wonderful reward for all of their time spent practising and a great way to celebrate the season! Thanks to Chelsie B for the photo of the lads.



Sport involvement is so important for children as it allows them to develop healthy lifelong attitudes. The specific movement and motor skills that they gain are complemented by the extra social interaction with peers. It supports children to develop into well-balanced young people and gets them outside and off devices! I encourage every parent/caregiver to ensure that their child/ren has/have an interest outside of school - this could be a sport, learning an instrument or a martial art etc.

#### **Athletics Day**

Our school Athletics Day last Friday was sensational. The children had a blast competing and supported their friends well. Thank you to those parents, caregivers and supporters that were able to attend to cheer on the children. It was an awesome community day! Thanks to Bridget and Nick who planned the majority of the event and to our caretaker Brodie for doing such a great job preparing all the areas set up for various events.

# Septic System

Drainlayers are currently working behind the school on the septic waste system upgrade. This work was scheduled to start in December but when the contractors asked if they could start earlier and assured that there would be only a small amount of disruption, they were given the go ahead. The timeframe was very tight to get all the work complete over the end of year break and hopefully starting earlier will improve the unlikely inconvenience of starting the 2024 school year with portaloos. This stage of work is almost complete with new waste pipes installed and the old septic field system partially removed.

#### **School Uniform**

Our new school uniform (excluding the new softshell jacket which is already available) will be able to be ordered from the start of December through the Aly Maclean Apparel Uniform website. After community consultation, it was clear that most parents supported a uniform that had a set sock colour. The School Board has reviewed the feedback and decided that navy blue socks will become a required uniform item from the beginning of the 2024 school year. Navy socks can be ankle, shin or knee length and blue tights may be worn under culottes during the colder months. The Aly Maclean website will have x3 packs of New Zealand made navy socks available for those parents/caregivers that choose to purchase through this service. Some parents/caregivers may choose to source their child's/children's navy socks elsewhere and this is fine. Parents/caregivers will also be able to purchase Clarkville uniform trackpants through the website with the school logo embroidered just below the pocket. Our existing uniform, which is almost identical to the new one, other than the new logo, will be able to be worn for several years. We have been very understanding of children wearing navy trackpants and occasionally shorts with logos or branding on them. This was okay while we were transitioning between uniforms. Please do not purchase any new navy clothing items for your child/ren to wear to school with logos or branding on them such as the Canterbury labelled items we are seeing a lot of. From the beginning of 2024, all children will need to wear the existing or new navy shorts, culottes or trackpants. P lease support us to ensure that our children look smart at school and are proud of their uniform.

Noho ora mai Kris

#### Reminder - Teacher Only Day - Monday 20 November

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.

# Dates for Term 4, 2023

Oct 31	Cookie & Milo day (morning tea)
Nov 3	Pet/Ag Club (coffee van booked)
Nov 6	Calendar Art orders close
Nov 6	Board meeting, 6pm
Nov 12	Photo orders due, orders after this date will incur a charge for postage
Nov 15	Horotueka Camp Out
Nov 14 – 16	Camp Wellington, year 8
Nov 16	Book Club orders close
Nov 20	Teacher Only Day
Dec 15	Last day of school (finish @ 12.30)

# Pet Show Day - coffee cart

The coffee cart from Urban Revival has been booked from approx. 9.30 - 11.00am on Pet show Day, Fri 3 November. Remember your reusable cup.

# **School Photographs**

Heritage Productions delivered the school photographs today. We have tried to get them to as many families as we could, if you haven't received yours by Monday after school please let us know.

Viewing and ordering instructions are on the flyer given to your child. In order to get free delivery please order by Sunday 12 November.

# **Book Club Term 4**

Orders close on Thurs 16 November

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

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# Calendar Art Reminder

These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Samples of the items able to be ordered are in the office.

#### Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com

2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ\*.... (add in your entrance code from your welcome letter e.g. "KZ3452\*

3/. Enter your child's room & name

#### Orders close on 6 November

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.

If you have any questions please contact the PTA



# **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.



# Subway

Get your orders in via Kindo by Wednesday 1st November for Subway on Friday 3rd November. This will be our last Subway for the year.

#### **Second Hand Uniform**

The PTA sells second-hand uniforms. All items are \$2 each. Please contact Jenna Martin on 021 104 2819. We also gratefully accept donations of excess uniforms so please contact Jenna to arrange for drop off.

#### **BBQ Donation**

The PTA are on the look-out for a BBQ. Our current one is becoming old and starting to fall apart on us!! If you are looking at upgrading your BBQ for the Summer and would like to donate your current one to the PTA, we would be very grateful. We only need a basic BBQ for our sausage sizzles. Flick us an email if you can donate.

Angela Boereboom - Chairlady 😉





FRIDAY 8 + SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ww.clarkville.school.nz