

NEWSLETTER

18 July 2025

CLARKVILLE
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville whānau

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Are taking place next week.

A Learning Conference is a unique opportunity for your child to actively engage in discussing their learning journey with you and their teacher. During the conference, your child will showcase their learning, progress, and achievements. As highlighted by Professor John Hattie (2009), 'learner self-reporting' is one of the most significant factors in raising student achievement. We believe in empowering our students to take ownership of their learning through high expectations, self-monitoring, and self-assessment.

If you haven't booked a time yet to meet with your child/ren's teachers, please do so. Please go to 'HERO' on your device and you will see on your front page a link that says 'School Bookings'. Please click on this link and then you will be asked to select a time and day.

To provide enough spaces for each child, LESSONS will finish at 2pm on TUESDAY 22 JULY. Parents/caregivers are very welcome to pick up their child/ren early at 2pm on Tuesday 22 July, alternatively, supervision will be provided in the MPF until the usual finishing time of 2.50pm.

OSCAR will be available for parents/caregivers at the usual times.

The school bus will depart at the usual time during the week.

During the conference, your child's teachers will meet with you at a designated table in the learning space, while other students will be sharing their learning experiences with their parents in other areas in the space.

We kindly ask that you arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled conference time. This will allow your child to share their learning with you either before the conference begins or after it concludes.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to one of your child's teachers or myself.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Josh F for placing 17th in the Canterbury Zones Cross Country - Year 7 Boys event at the end of last term. Josh was able to represent Clarkville at this event after earlier placing 4th in the North Canterbury Zones.

Josh has been invited to join Te Ropu Oma o Waiaha (Runners of Canterbury Team) to train and compete in the Inter Regional Cross Country on 19th September 2025.

Well done and good luck Josh. We are all very proud of you.



JOHN PARSONS - CYBER SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT

On Thursday 7 August, New Zealand's premier Cyber Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant - John Parsons will be visiting Clarkville.

John will be working with our students during the day to support their awareness and understanding of safe practices when using social media and devices. John will then run a staff session after school for our teachers and a **PARENT/CAREGIVER EVENT at 6pm.**

John is one of the best speakers that I have been fortunate to listen to in my time in education. I recommend that every parent/caregiver attends this event - the information he delivers is that important! To make it easier for Clarkville parents/caregivers to attend, teaching staff will be holding a 'Movie Night' for children so that parents/caregivers can come and listen to John's messages.

Adults who attend John's sessions, quite often say they 'wish they had known how good it was going to be' as they would have encouraged others to attend. Please consider coming along - it will be a game changer for you.

TRAILER THEFT

As some of you may be aware, a trailer was stolen from our locked staff carpark during the term break. The trailer, belonging to our wonderful Office Administrator Kathryn Macintosh, had been loaned to the school to pick up some office furniture that had been donated.

Once used to pick up the furniture, the trailer was returned to our car park, secured with a trailer lock and then the gate locked. A large 4x4 vehicle (early model Toyota Surf or similar) then drove through our gate on 1 July and took the trailer. A community member witnessed the trailer being taken several kilometres from the school (not realising at the time that it was stolen) with the jockey wheel still down!

The trailer was a very large 10x6 H&W 2023 Tandem Trailer and is very recognisable. Please contact the local Police if you manage to see it being used - but do not approach the thief for safety reasons.



Noho ora mai

Kris

Welcome

We are really pleased to welcome to Travis, Emilia, Riley and Aleah to school. They have all started their learning journey in Kaikanui.

2025 Term Dates

Term 3: Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept = 100 half days (No Public Holidays)

Term 4: Mon 6 Oct - Tues 16 Dec + 100 half days (Labour Day 27 Oct; Canty Anniversary 14 Nov)

Board Triennial Election

Schools throughout New Zealand will be holding their Board elections later this year. Nominations are now open. Information and nomination forms were emailed today. Parents and Caregivers who do not have an email in our system will receive theirs via post early next week. Please contact the Office if you would like more another nomination form.

Dates for your Diary

We do try to put dates on the Hero Calendar as they arise, the dates below have been added or updated recently.

July

21st – 25th: Learning Conferences

30th NC Maths Competition @ Ohoka

August

6th Board Meeting @ 6pm

6th Nominations close for parent representatives to the Board

7th John Parsons – Cyber Safety

8th Subway Lunch – order via Kindo

18th Sausage Sizzle – order via Kindo

19th One Day Winter Sport Tournament

September

3 rd	School Ski Trip (participation is optional). School will run as usual for non-skiers
10 th	Board Meeting @ 6pm
10 th	Board Triennial Trustee Election
11 th	Fish & Chip Lunch – order via Kindo
15 th	Sausage Sizzle
19 th	Last Day of Term 3

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 this does not happen for everyone. So please check your HERO App from time to time. When you log into your Hero user account and click on 'Menu', you will see the finance icon (dollar sign). Clicking this will enable you to view the invoices related to your family.

Throughout the year we offer a variety of sports as an optional extra for children. Parents who opt into these are required to pay the fee before the competition starts.

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

Scholastic Books

The latest brochures have arrived and were sent to the classrooms this week.

Please order online, ordering information is on the brochure. If you would like your book(s) to be held in the office please mark this clearly on the order and let Kathryn know, or order under the Office tab

Orders close on 6 August
