



NEWSLETTER

December 2023



CLARKVILLE
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville whanau

What a busy end to the term and year we have had at Clarkville. It has been an awesome year filled with learning and exciting opportunities for our children. Everyone (children and staff) has worked hard and deserves a relaxing end of year break and some cool time with family. The children are feeling really tired and the teaching team is really looking forward to spending more time with those who are close to them.

This past week, we have been farewelling Linda Baran and Nick Burson. This was concluded with a final acknowledgement at our Friday Prizegiving Assembly. Both have made massive contributions to classroom learning and our programmes over their time at Clarkville. Both will be missed terribly, but it does provide an opportunity for others to 'step up' and support the school to move forward. I would like to take this opportunity to make a special 'thank you' to Linda. Clarkville is recognised as one of the best primary schools in Canterbury and has been for many years. This is in no small part due to Linda's hard work and dedication towards her position of Deputy Principal over 9 year and Acting Principal on two occasions. Many of the Clarkville learning programmes that are so effective in accelerating student learning, began with Linda researching and investigating opportunities that would really boost progress and achievement. The effective delivery of these across the school will be her lasting legacy to Clarkville.

In 2024, we are excited for Paula Gray who steps into the Acting Deputy Principal role for the first half of the year. We welcome Mitchell Bailey from Fernside School as Team Leader of our Year 7/8 Wairaki learning space. We also welcome Jaimee Keys to our Year 3/4 Horotueka learning space for the first half of the year to teach with Acting Team Leader Holly Greenslade. Kristie Morrison will move to Year 5/6 to teach with Team Leader Bridget Chilton and Meg Wix will move to Year 7/8 to share a teaching position with Jenny Collinson with both supporting Mitchell Bailey.

Strategic Planning

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who participated in the Strategic Planning consultation. All children who returned their forms went into the draw for a sushi lunch. Last Wednesday, lucky students Emily B, Kate S and Ella S all enjoyed a yum lunch after their names were drawn.

School Pool

The children have been enjoying our awesome school pool over the last couple of weeks. Thank you so much to the PTA, VIP Structural Steel and all of the supporters of the project that allowed us to save the metal frame structure supporting the roof. The structure looks sensational in bright blue!

I have been searching for a face to face NZQA Introduction to Pool Operations accredited course to offer for one of our interested parents to complete so that person could manage the pool over the break. This would have allowed us to sell pool keys to the school community over this time. Unfortunately there have not been any of these courses in Canterbury over the last term. This has meant that the School Board has not been able to seek an interested person to manage the pool over the break. There is a course on offer January 16 2024 in Selwyn. If you are a current parent of the school, and would like to test and maintain the school pool and facilities over weekends (test water and make sure toilet and changing sheds are tidy) for much of Term one, please email me before the end of the 2023 school year. If we get someone interested who completes the course, we will be able to sell keys and open the pool to the community for much of Term 1 after school and on the weekends. k.barrow@clarkville.school.nz

Have a safe break everyone! Enjoy this special time with the young people in your families and make some awesome memories! I'll see you all back on Tuesday 30 January 2024 for Connect Day. School and classes start as normal Wednesday 31 January with Monday 5 February scheduled as a Teacher Only Day just before Waitangi Day on Tuesday 6 February.

Noho ora mai

Kris

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

Uniform orders

Our new uniform supplier, Ally MacLean, has advised that orders prior to 8 January will be delivered to school in mid Jan, prior to school starting.

Thereafter deliveries will be made weekly

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

Dental Van

The dental van will be here early in term 1 to see children who were not seen this year. We will advise dates once we have had them confirmed.

Emergency Dental Care

COMMUNITY
dental service



Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

Community Dental Service will be closed for the holiday period:

Closed from: Monday 25 December 2023

Reopen: Monday 08 January 2024

Four of our community dental clinics will be open during January 2024 (from Monday 8 January 2024 – Friday 26 January 2024):

Northcote (24 Tuckers Road)

Aranui (240 Breezes Road)

Hillmorton (80-82 Sylvan Street)

Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you back

Stationery orders

All stationery lists are on the OfficeMax My School site
<https://www.myschool.co.nz/clarkville>

Stationery can be purchased from any retail store of your choice or through OfficeMax

Please have your stationery, clearly named, ready for the first full day of school on Wednesday January 31st 2024

An advertisement for OfficeMax My School. It features a green background with the OfficeMax My School logo at the top. Below the logo, the text reads "Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now!". At the bottom, there is a photo of three children smiling and the text "Class lists are ready to shop at myschool.co.nz".

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MySCHOOL

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Santa Appearance

We were fortunate to have the **Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Brigade** arrive with Santa in their fire engine and hand out ice blocks to the students on Wet n Wild day. Students also were able to check out the inside of the fire engine and talk to Santa and the volunteers.

Also a very special thank you to **Sullivan & Wall Landscapes** for donating the ice blocks. Although it was a pretty cold morning, every student took the opportunity to devour an ice block!!

Xmas Raffle

Massive thank you to Jenna for organising our Christmas Raffle. This raffle brought us in approximately \$1,500.00. Thank you to all the families who donated items for the prizes and for selling raffle tickets. The families who sold the most tickets were Beau and Jordan Williams and Hunter Melvin and each will receive a prize. All winners have now been notified and prizes are at the school office for collection.

Staff Morning Tea

Each year the PTA organises a morning tea for the staff as a thank you for their hard work and dedication. This year we held the morning tea on Wednesday 6 December. Thank you to the wonderful PTA and Friends of the PTA for baking the most delicious items and also to Kim and Mariska for morning tea duty. The teachers love this annual treat and are very thankful for all your effort.

School Pool

This has been a massive “behind the scenes” effort over this year. Thank you so very much to Amy Scott-Thomas and her exceptional skills enabling us to receive various grants from organisations. We also emailed local businesses requesting donations and received an exceptional amount of support. With the grants and donations we made just under \$23k with the PTA donating the remaining funds needed for the repair. This means that our very valued school pool can remain open for decades to come.

We are now waiting for the plaque to be delivered, which acknowledges our generous local donors, including **Rangiora Nursery, Scott Carrying Co. Limited, Kemp Whanau Trust, Cookie Time, Riverlands Holiday Park, Clarkville Stockfeeds** and **Salmon Smolt New Zealand**, together with receiving grants from the Casino and the Kiwi Gaming Foundation and a donation from grandparents of the school, **Gary and Shirley Ballinger**.

A huge thank you to **VIP Structural Steel** for completing the repair and looking after us during the process.

Thank you

I would like to thank the members of the PTA for all their help over this year. We are so lucky to have a dedicated team of parents wanting to give their time back to the school. The PTA has been involved in many events this year including our school gala, Naked Baker pies/hot cross

buns, House of Bricks, Kings Seeds, Milo/Cookie Time morning tea, nachos lunch, Kids Artwork, Xmas Raffle and our school disco together with our regular lunches - sushi, fish and chips and Subway. We have some new ideas for next year and look forward to bringing these to our community.

2024 PTA committee

We held the annual PTA AGM and officers for the committee were voted on. Continuing their service will be Angela Boereboom (Chairperson), Jenna Martin (Deputy Chairperson), Cherie-Lynn Lewis (Treasurer) and our new Secretary, Helen Barrett. Also thank you to Kim Frankish, Hannah Sutherland, Kat Sutherland, Amy Scott-Thomas, Zoe Mowbray, Mariska Shaw and Nathalie Wall as our committee for 2024. A big thank you for your service to those stepping down: Maria Pile and Kristy Storer.

Please Join Us

If you have been thinking about joining the PTA or even checking us out please do get in contact with us or attend our first meeting next year on Thursday 8 February 2023.

Notice Board

We have moved the notice board near the front gate. Next year, the PTA will also pop notices in there so check it out whenever you are passing. Hopefully this will help with remembering dates and events.

Free Sausages

That caught your attention!! We will be holding our popular monthly sausage sizzles next year, run by Zoe Mowbray. We would really appreciate donations of large bags of sausages to get us through the year. Any donor's child/ren will receive a free sausage in that month's sausage sizzle. Email the PTA for further information or if you wish to donate. clarkvillepta@gmail.com

The PTA wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to catching up in the New Year.

Angela Boereboom -