



NEWSLETTER

2 February 2024



CLARKVILLE TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville Te Kura ki Waimātao whānau

Welcome back to all our Clarkville children and families and a special warm welcome to all of those who are new to the school. We hope all of our new people love being part of our special Clarkville community :)

Welcome to the following children and their families:

Ari P - Kaikanui

Daniel G - Kaikanui

Emily J - Kaikanui

Kora T - Kaikanui

Matilda E - Kaikanui

Micah G - Kaikanui

Phoebe M - Kaikanui

Liz C - Kaiapoi

Skylla H - Kaiapoi

We also welcome two new staff members - Mitchell Bailey, Team Leader in our Year 7/8 Wairaki space and Jaimee Keys, Year 3/4 teacher in Horotueka space. Thank you to the children and the community for making them both feel so welcome.

Starting back with a three day school week and then with Week 2 featuring a Teacher Only Day on Mon 5 Feb and Waitangi Day on Tues 6 Feb is certainly allowing everyone to ease back into routines. Please remember this term has 11 weeks as we have the Easter break before the end of the term. All New Zealand primary schools must be open for instruction for a set amount of days but there is some choice on start and end days depending on what might suit best. Children, especially young ones, can struggle with tiredness as they get used to longer school days where they are required to really concentrate after a long summer break. Two of my sons (aged 6 and 9) were very tired and crabby at the end of yesterday - we are going to bring their bedtimes forward half an hour as they always get up at the same time in the morning anyway!

Teacher Only Day

Just another reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 5 February**. We will be meeting as a staff with St Patrick's Kaiapoi to work with Literacy Connections, a professional learning provider. Our focus for the day is to further strengthen our well-established structured literacy practice. I hope our families enjoy the long weekend with Waitangi Day on Tuesday :)

Uniform

Our new uniform is being worn by many students and the new logo looks amazing! Please remember, the old uniform is still able to be worn for the foreseeable future and is still for sale through the PTA's secondhand uniform shop.

There is one new uniform item that has been introduced at the start of this year - navy blue socks! When the School Board consulted the school community in 2023, approximately 35% of parents/caregivers were in favour of navy blue socks, approximately 35% were in favour of either navy blue or plain white socks and approximately 30% were not keen on socks being part of the uniform. The School Board felt it was quite clear that having a specific sock colour as part of the uniform was popular (and looks really smart). They decided on the plain navy option as most white socks often have logos and didn't want staff to have to determine whether a white sock was plain or not.

Aly Maclean stocks beautiful NZ made navy school socks in a 3-pack for \$21 or alternatively, navy school socks are usually available from Kmart, The Warehouse or Postie Plus and are very reasonably priced.

Please also be aware that navy shorts or trackpants featuring logos (like the Canterbury ones) are not part of our school uniform. Navy shorts (and culottes) or trackpants must either be plain (old uniform or with Clarkville School written on them) or with the new logo available through Aly Maclean's website.

School Pool

The school pool will only be available for school community members who would like to purchase a key for WEEKDAYS ONLY and after 3.30pm. The school is required to test the water quality each school day as our children are using it, but a qualified member of staff is not able to test the water quality over weekends. Pool keys will be available for purchase by school community members for \$30 with an added bond of \$20 refunded at the end of the season with the return of the security fob and key. Please see Kathryn in our school office if you would like to purchase one of these.

Noho ora mai

Kris

Dates for Term 1 2024

Monday 5 February - TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tuesday 6 February - Waitangi Day - Public Holiday

Wednesday 7 February - Kaiapoi learning space Camp parents' meeting @5pm

Thursday 8 February - Jubilee Committee meeting @4pm
- PTA Meeting **POSTPONED** to Tues 13 Feb

Friday 9 February - Wairaki learning space at Tech for full day

Tuesday 13 February - PTA Meeting @6.30pm(The Platform 184 Williams Street, Kaiapoi
all parents/caregivers welcome :)

Wednesday 14 February - Friday 16 February - Kaiapoi (Year 5/6) learning space at camp

Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April - Easter break

Friday 12 April - End of Term 1

More dates to follow

School Jacket Orders

Size 6 and size 8 jackets will be available for purchase at all times (to cater for 5 year olds starting school). If your child/ren requires a jacket larger than this for Term 1, orders must be placed by 22 February. Size 10 and larger jackets will be available for order again at the beginning of Term 2.

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

Scholastic

The first brochure for the year was given out this week. 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.

Dental Van

The dental van is here and the team is planning to start next week. Some information for parents is below.



Free Dental Care for Children - including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
 - Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
 - Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
 - Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 - Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a **FREE private dentist** from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Music and Dance Lessons at School

Music Lessons: How It Works

- Frequency: Once a week on Fridays, during regular school hours, we offer a range of music lessons, including group sessions, individual instruction, and band practice.
- Curriculum: In these lessons, students will delve into the fundamentals of their chosen musical instrument while working on mastering a selected 'song'. Our repertoire spans various genres, from contemporary hits to timeless classics, encompassing everything from classical melodies to rock anthems.
- Enrollment: To sign up for our music lessons, please use our [Music Google Enrolment Form: Link](#)

Dance Lessons: Friday Sessions

Our dance program offers group and individual lessons conveniently scheduled during school hours on Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm. Here's what you can expect:

- Weekly Focus: Dancers will spend each week refining their skills and mastering the choreographed dance piece designated for the term.
- Lesson Summaries: At the conclusion of each lesson, a brief video summary will be created, highlighting the key aspects covered during the session and outlining the practice goals for the upcoming week. These videos will be easily accessible to students and parents through Google Drive.
- Enrollment: To enroll in our dance lessons, please use our [Dance Google Form: Link](#)

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need more information about our music and dance programs. We look forward to sharing the joy of music and dance with your child.

Nolan

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

Clarkville Te Kura ki Waimātao

UNIFORM

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Choices can be made from the following:

Culottes:	Navy
Shorts:	Navy (drill)
Track pants:	Navy, monogrammed
Polo Shirts:	Royal Blue, monogrammed
Polar Fleece:	Royal Blue, monogrammed
Jacket:	Navy, monogrammed
Socks:	Navy blue
Sunhats:	Navy bucket, monogrammed

Child's first name may be embroidered on the rear of the hats.

Kaipoi Monograms currently charge \$5.00 per name, ph 03 327 7058

All tops, trackpants and sunhats are monogrammed. Shorts and culottes are not monogrammed.

Footwear: your choice, however we recommend sensible and sturdy shoes. No crocs or jandals.

Sport Uniform: In 2023 a sport top will be available for purchase.

Second Hand Uniform – most items are \$2.00 each, To inquire - please text Jenna - 021 104 2819

FOOD TRUCK

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COMMUNITY
HALL



FRIDAY
1 MARCH 2024
5PM - 9PM

FRIDAY



This is not a fundraiser, but a chance to connect with our wider community.

A CHANCE TO CONNECT, CHAT
AND EAT SOME YUMMY KAI

A MIXTURE OF FOOD TRUCKS,
PLUS LIVE MUSIC

A BYO EVENT

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