

# NEWSLETTER

11 August 2025

CLARKVILLE  
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora, talofa, bula, ni hao, groete, ayubowan Clarkville whānau

## LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers that were able to attend their child's/children's learning conference earlier this term. We had a little over 90% attendance which is fantastic! I know many families are busy, so if you did miss out, please make contact with your child's learning space teachers to request an alternative time to discuss their learning. Educating children is a partnership between home and school. While teachers are responsible for using the curriculum and keeping your children safe during the hours of 9am-3pm, parents are expected to take on pretty much everything else! Simple things like making sure your child is getting enough sleep makes such a massive difference to them being able to come to school and be successful with their learning. Teachers and parents 'being on the same page' is such an important aspect of a successful education partnership.

## JOHN PARSONS

### - CYBER SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSULTANT

What an amazing day at Clarkville on Thursday! We were very fortunate to host New Zealand's most highly regarded Cyber-Safety and Risk Assessment consultant John Parsons. John works with New Zealand Government, Police, Social Services, Oranga Tamariki, private businesses and within education at all levels.

John worked with all of our students in their learning spaces to discuss ways to ensure personal safety. His message was adapted depending on the year level of the children. Important messages about social media, gaming, bullying and keeping safe were several of the items discussed. John has a lovely warm and humorous way of getting his messages across that can be extremely serious in nature. He really cares about young people in New Zealand and works so hard to encourage safe practices and habits.

John also spent over an hour with our teaching team after school, discussing child safety and best practice.

Finally an evening session was held for our community where John was able to share safety tips and ideas to an adult audience. Some of what he shared was confronting but also reassuring and gave attending parents/caregivers positive tips that they can use as their children become young adults. One of my favourite takes from John's presentation was 'you are their parent, not their friend'. I think having a close relationship with your child/ren is extremely important but don't let that get in the way of making a less popular decision if you believe that is in their best interests. You may not be popular immediately after, but that is part of being a loving parent.

We had over 100 parents/caregivers attend last night - I would like to thank each and every one of you for coming out in the cold and dark to listen to John's presentation.

A massive 'thank you' also to my teaching team who supervised a Movie Night for our children so more parents/caregivers could attend, not having to worry about childcare. Asking teachers to come out in the night, away from their own families/children to supervise students really goes 'above and beyond'. I know my team was happy to do this though, so as many parents/caregivers could attend John's presentation as possible.



Finally, thank you to our wonderful PTA for making sure attending parents/caregivers had full tummies and something to drink, and to parent and PTA member Kane S for providing the delicious cake for everyone.

Noho ora mai  
Kris

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## Welcome

We are really pleased to welcome to Hudson, Felix and Poppy to school. They have all started their learning journey in Kaikanui.

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## 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)

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## 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.*

### August

- 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly @ 2pm, Kaikanui
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sausage Sizzle – order via Kindo
- 19<sup>th</sup> One Day Winter Sport Tournament
- 20<sup>th</sup> CantaMath Competition @ Woolfbrook Arena
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pizza Lunch
- 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly @ 2pm, Horotueka

### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> School Ski Trip (participation is optional). School will run as usual for non-skiers
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kapa Haka performance @ Ohoka School hall, 9 -11.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Disco for School Students
- 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting @ 6pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Board Triennial Trustee Election
- 11<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chip Lunch – order via Kindo
- 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly @2pm, Wairaki
- 12<sup>th</sup> PTA Movie Night
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sausage Sizzle
- 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 3
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pizza Lunch – Year 8 fundraiser

### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Term 4 starts
- 17<sup>th</sup> School Athletics Day (pp 21st)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Labour Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting @ 6pm

### November

- 10 – 13<sup>th</sup> Year 8 Camp Wellington
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Canterbury Anniversary Day (Public Holiday)
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## 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.**

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### Girls Festival of Rugby

Use this link for information & registrations, <https://forms.office.com/r/LQrqng1ima>

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## From our PTA

### MOVIE NIGHT – SMURFS (2025)

Join us for a smurf-tastic Movie Night featuring the new Smurfs movie! Grab your friends, bring a blanket or beanbag, and enjoy a cosy night in. Don't miss out on the fun!

**Date:** Friday, 12th September 2025

**Time:** Doors open at 5 PM, Movie 5.30 - 7 PM

**Location:** MPF

Pizza, Popcorn, Ice Blocks

All included with your ticket!

Tickets: \$12 – available now on Kindo.

### MANDEVILLE VILLAGE BAKEHOUSE

We're pleased to announce that Village Bakehouse lunches will continue throughout Term 3. In response to feedback, we've arranged for new sandwich options to be added to the menu. These will be available now!

**Please note:** There will be no Village Bakehouse lunch on Thursday, 11th September 2025, due to the scheduled Fish 'n Chip lunch.

Thank you for your continued support!

### PTA MEETINGS 2025

The Clarkville PTA is always looking to welcome new families who are interested in supporting our school community. Whether you're full of ideas or simply curious to learn more, we'd love for you to come along to a meeting, no pressure to commit!

It's a great opportunity to connect with other parents, enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, and hear about upcoming events and fundraising initiatives. Your voice and involvement, big or small, help make a real difference.

A special thank you to the new families who have already attended recent meetings. Your enthusiasm and fresh ideas are greatly appreciated!

**Next PTA Meeting:** Monday, 15th September 6:30 pm, Joe's Garage Ravenswood, 4 Clayton Pl, Ravenswood.

We hope to see you there!

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you're looking for second-hand uniforms, please contact **Sarah Bout**.

- **Old style uniform:** \$2
- **New style uniform:** \$5

Contact Sarah on 027 228 5802 for all inquiries.

### SCHOOL WISHLIST

The PTA is committed to raising funds to support key projects and resources that enhance our school's learning environment and facilities. We invite our community to consider sponsoring or assisting with any of the following priority items.

#### School-wide Priorities:

1. Construction of a carpark and parent/caregiver turning bay
2. Installation of a fan system for the Pool
3. Replacement of damaged concrete and asphalt areas
4. Creation of a new front entrance through the cultural archway
5. Installation of double-opening doors for Ignite/MPF

#### Wairaki:

- 10 Chromebooks

#### Kaiapoi:

- 10 Chromebooks

#### Horotueka:

- 5 Chromebooks
- 5 iPads
- 2 Jellybean tables

#### Kaikanui:

- 10 iPads

If you or anyone in our community is able to assist with sponsorship or donations toward any of these initiatives, please contact the PTA: [clarkvillepta@gmail.com](mailto:clarkvillepta@gmail.com)

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us provide the best possible environment for our students' learning and growth.

#### SUSHI

Order before 9am every Wednesday on Kindo for a yummy lunch.

#### SAUSAGE SIZZLES

We extend our sincere thanks to **New World Kaiapoi** and **Scott Carrying Co.** for their generous donation of sausages, helping us keep our much-loved monthly sausage sizzles going strong.

A special shout-out to **Julz Nairn, Sarah Bout & Angelique Jarrett** for their continued efforts in running the BBQs — we couldn't do it without you!

**Next BBQ: Monday, 18th August**

**Order window:** Opens two weeks prior and closes at 9am, Monday 19th August.

**Update:** We've switched tomato sauce brands after receiving student feedback that the previous option had a bitter taste — thanks for the input!

All the best

Zoe and Angela

Co-Chairs

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