

# NEWSLETTER

26 August 2025

CLARKVILLE  
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

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## **KAIAPOI LEARNING SPACE ENTRANCE**

If you happen to walk past Kaiapoi Year 5/6 learning space you will notice a new deck and entrance area. The previous ramp and shelter were very old and were well past 'end of life'. Tasked with raising money to build a new deck and entrance area, our wonderful PTA have been working quietly behind the scenes to make this a reality.

What we wanted was a 'soft' area for children to sit and play, rather than something hard and cold like asphalt. Somewhere where children could play cards, chess or colour- in during their class breaks.

One of our parents, Landscape Architect Leonard Wall, kindly designed and perfected the plans to meet the needs of the school. This meant that the project now could be visualised.

A massively generous donation of all the timber and materials required to build the deck was an incredibly kind gesture from one of our parents from VIP Trade.

The PTA then raised funds over the past 12 months from various projects to ensure that the deck could be constructed. Local builder and parent Simon Ansley was tasked with this and has done a wonderful job!

Thank you to the PTA, VIP Trade, Leonard and all of the other parents/caregivers involved with getting this project 'across the line'. Thank you also to our students and their whanau over the past 12 months to raise enough funds through PTA initiatives. Clarkville, and especially our Kaiapoi Year 5/6 learning space now has an amazing entrance and deck area for children to enjoy for many years to come.

## **ONE DAY WINTER SPORT TOURNAMENT**

Congratulations to all the Year 5-8 students who represented the school at the One Day Winter Sport Tournament last week. Students from Clarkville formed Netball, Hockey and Football teams to compete against other North Canterbury Schools. Final results, placings and countbacks are now being evaluated as both Pegasus and Rakahuri Zones competed together as 'North Canterbury'. Final placings and further opportunities for teams to attend Canterbury Champs will be announced when we have this information. Well done to our students who attended this event to compete for Clarkville - feedback from teachers was that you all displayed good team spirit and fair play while competing to the best of your ability and playing in a determined manner to achieve good results.

## **NZEI UNION MEETING**

Thank you to our parents/caregivers who supported our teachers to attend their union meeting last Thursday. Teachers are contractually entitled to attend x2 union meetings annually during school hours, although those in Primary education very rarely use this opportunity. Despite what Government Ministers are stating publicly, I can assure you that no Primary school teacher in New Zealand earns anything close to \$147,000 annually! For that matter, no Secondary School teacher earns anything close to that either! While there is base salary parity between Primary and Secondary School teachers, Secondary Schools receive a much higher number of units (worth \$5000 each for Secondary or \$4500 each for Primary) than Primary Schools do per student. This can



result in Secondary School teachers being paid significantly more for accepting extra responsibilities than their Primary colleagues. Despite this, only Deputy Principals of very, very large Secondary Schools (think over x2000 students) 'might' earn anything near this amount. Once a teacher reaches the 'top of the scale' without accepting any extra responsibilities, the annual maximum salary for a teacher with a four year University Degree is \$103,086. It usually takes a teacher about 11 years of service to reach this max salary amount. Primary Teachers, as part of their negotiations, have requested greater support for the learning and behavioural needs of students so that all get the best public education that they deserve. The Government has offered teachers 1% pay increase a year over the next three years and tried to remove some favourable conditions from their collective contracts. Both Primary and Secondary teachers have rejected these offers. Thank you to the Clarkville community for the continued support of our amazing teachers!

Noho ora mai

Kris

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## Welcome

We are really pleased to welcome Charlotte and Elaina to school. They have both started their learning journey in Kaikanui.

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## Our New Board

All state schools in New Zealand are governed by a school board, whom are elected every 3 years. At Clarkville, we have 5 parent representatives, a teacher representative and our Principal.

As the number of nominations equalled the number of parent vacancies on the Board an election will not be required in September.

We are really pleased to announce that our new Board is  
Rachael Spencer  
Nick Dench  
Sarah Sheard  
Manuel Silva  
Angela Boereboom

Our Board members will introduce themselves to the community in the next newsletter.

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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

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 - reminder

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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# The School Garden..

The enviro group has wanted to change the garden, because it's been dormant for a long time and we wanted it to become a place where everyone could come and enjoy it. We can't do it by ourselves and we asked for help from the school community. We have a group of parents and grandparents who have been helping plan and revitalise the garden. We really appreciate the hard work that this parent group has been putting into the garden and would like to thank them for their dedication and passion for this work.

As part of what they have been working on they have asked a number of businesses to help sponsor different parts of the garden, particularly the strawberry patch, which is going in between the new orchard trees. We particularly like to thank Kelly who has worked hard to get all these sponsors!

We would like to thank all of these sponsors. We really appreciate your help to transform our garden into a really amazing space.







### **Advance Landscapes**

Donated wool hemp weed mat for strawberries

### **The Warehouse Rangiora**

Donated 4 bags of Strawberry mix

### **Mitre 10 Rangiora**

Donated money. We used it to get 5 bags of strawberry mix and watering cans for the children to use.

### **Tui**

Donated strawberry, compost mixes, and some super food for strawberries

### **Southern Woods Nurseries**

Donated 2 blueberry bushes, red current bush and hedgehog bush

### **Bunnings Shirley**

Donated seed raising mixes tools gloves and other essential equipment

### **Canterbury Landscape Supplies**

Donated grow veggie mix and strawberry mixes, short grow for berries weed mat pins soil

### **Goughs Nurseries**

12 Cranberry plants









From the Enviro Group

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## Get Bookish

Join us for a cosy evening of stories, snacks, and conversation.


At Get Bookish, our friendly librarians will guide you through our collections, share what's trending, and recommend the titles they couldn't put down. Enjoy some delicious refreshments as our talented team help you find your next read.

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## From our PTA

### KAIAPOI LEARNING SPACE NEW DECK

It has taken us over a year, but with the hard work of a few extraordinary school families, we now have a brand new deck for the Kaiapoi Learning Space.

A massive thank you to:

**Leonard & Nathalie Wall** from Sullivan and Wall Landscape - designing the deck & preparing the plans.

**Simon Ansley** from Ansley Homes (and his son Oskar) - building the deck over the Term 2 break and multiple weekends over Term 3.

**Celine Edinburgh on behalf of VIP Trade** - this build would not have happened without Celine sourcing the donation of all materials through VIP Trade. Celine has worked tirelessly over the past year to have this deck built and we sincerely thank her for her efforts.



### 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 and Ice Blocks included with your ticket!

**Tickets:** \$12 – available now on Kindo.



## **MANDEVILLE VILLAGE BAKEHOUSE**

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!

## **FISH AND CHIPS**

Our popular once a term Fish & Chip lunch is back Thursday 11th September orders close 9am Tuesday 9th September.

Ordering will be available via Kindo 2 weeks prior.

## **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

**When:** 6:30 PM

**Where:** 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.

## **SUSHI**

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

## **SAUSAGE SIZZLES**

We extend our sincere thanks to New World Kaiapoi, Scott Carrying Co. & Amy Scott-Thomas for their generous donation of sausages & bread. Helping us keep our much-loved monthly sausage sizzles going strong.

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

Next BBQ: Monday, 15th September

Order window: Opens two weeks prior and closes at 9am, Monday 15th September.

All the best  
Zoe and Angela  
Co-Chairs



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## **KAIAPOI TENNIS CLUB – Open Day**

**Come and 'Have a Go'**

on

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> September from 9am – 11.30am

Racquets available to use

Register for Term 4 Coaching (Groups and Teams)

For more information contact Kat Sutherland 021 058 1821

or Lois Daniell 021 133 0154

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