

NEWSLETTER

22 January 2024

CLARKVILLE
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville Te Kura ki Waimātao whānau

Welcome to the first school newsletter for 2024

I hope you have all had an awesome break with your children and have enjoyed some special family time. The Barrow family camped in Timaru for 5 nights - definitely long enough in a tent with 3 boys ;) It gave us a chance to get out of Christchurch and an opportunity for us to go away for a holiday.

All of the staff will be back this week (although some have been in earlier) to prepare for our busy year ahead.

Clarkville School (Te Kura ki Waimātao) turns 150 years old this year and a jubilee event is planned for later in October.

Just a reminder about the learning space structure for 2024:

Wairaki - Year 7/8 - Mitchell Bailey (Team Leader), Meg Wix (Monday and Tuesday) Jenny Collinson (Wednesday, Thursday and every second Friday)

Kaiapoi - Year 5/6 - Bridget Chilton (Team Leader) and Kristie Morrison

Horotueka - Year 3/4 - Holly Greenslade (Acting Team Leader), Jaimee Keys and Paula Gray (Friday)

Kaikani - Year 1/2 - Sue Edwards (Team Leader), Hayden Smythe and Kate Colbran (part time)

Connect Day

On Tuesday 30 January, we will be holding our annual Connect Day. This is an opportunity to meet/catch up with your child/ren's learning space teacher/s, find out more about the classroom programme/s, and gather some important upcoming dates and information.

Connect Day Blocks:

6 sessions

Session 1 - 8:30am to 9.30am - Years 1, 3, 5 and 7

Session 2 - 9:30am to 10.30am - Years 2, 4, 6 and 8

Session 3 - 11:00am to 12:00pm - New Entrants/new to school children, Years 3, 5 and 7

Session 4 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Years 2, 4, 6 and 8

Session 5 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm - Years 1, 3, 5 and 7

Session 6 - 2:30pm to 3.30pm - Years 2, 4, 6 and 8

Parents/caregivers are asked to select a 1 hour block of time each for their child/ren. This then indicates the hour of time you will spend in each learning space. The blocks will be structured with a 10 minute catch up with all of the children and parents/caregivers at the start. Then for the other 50 minutes, you will stay in the learning space, connecting with other children and their parents/caregivers and maybe completing some information gathering activities with your child/ren. During this 1 hour block, you will also meet with one of the learning space teachers for a 10 minute time slot. Please remember to bring your child/ren too :)

Please email me if you have any queries - k.barrow@clarkville.school.nz I am always happy to help. **This year our Connect Day bookings are through our Student Management System Hero.** The links to book your Connect Day session have been sent to you through Hero. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the bookings.

School Office

Our School Office will be open several days before school starts back. The times are below:

- Wednesday 24 January - 10am - 3pm
- Thursday 25 January - 10am - 3pm
- Friday 26 January - 11am - 1pm
- Monday 29 January – school office closed
- Tuesday 30 January – normal hours resume

Maths No Problem and Numicon math workbooks will be available at the times above and from Connect Day on Tuesday 30 January.

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. This day was chosen that families could enjoy a long weekend.

School Pool

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there was an opportunity for a parent/caregiver to complete the Introduction to Pool Operations course over the break so that we could open the school pool to the community over Term 1. Unfortunately there was no expression of interest to undertake this training.

I would love to have the pool open to the school community but need to be certain that the school is following all of the rules and requirements expected of us. After a discussion with the School Board, pool keys will be available for hire to members of our school community for use from the start of Term 1 (Wednesday 31 January) until late March (likely depending on the pool temperature). The pool will only be available for those school community members who have purchased a key on WEEKDAYS ONLY and between 3.30pm. to 8.30pm. The school is required to test the water quality each school day as our children are using it, but a qualified person is not available to test 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. \$50.00 in total. Please see Kathryn in our school office if you would like to purchase one of these. As in previous years, school accounts to the end of 2023 need to be paid in full prior to uplifting a key.

Dates for Term 1 2024

Tuesday 30 January - Connect Day (students attend for 1 hour with their parent/s/caregiver/s) - details above

Wednesday 31 January - First full school day

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 @6.30pm **all parents/caregivers welcome :)**

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

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

Noho ora mai

Kris

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



Dental Van

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

Uniform orders and collection

School Uniform Collection

Uniform ordered before the cut off day on 8 Jan will be available for collection from the school office from Thursday 25th January. School uniform is still available for ordering as usual - and will be sent to our school office in the next delivery the following week.

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Clarkville Te Kura ki Waimātao

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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

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

We look forward to seeing you all again.