



NEWSLETTER

10 November 2023



CLARKVILLE
TE KURA KI WAIMĀTAO

Kia ora Clarkville whānau

Welcome

A very big welcome to Jaimee who started her school journey in Kaikanui this week.

Staffing News

As I sit down to write this, I am filled with both happiness and massive sadness when reflecting that an amazing member of our teaching team will be leaving us at the end of 2023. Linda Baran, our fabulous and immensely skilled Deputy Principal will leave Clarkville at the end of 2023 after a significant contribution over 9 years. Linda is probably the most gifted and dedicated professional I have had the pleasure to work with. From starting her career as a microbiologist, and then deciding to change direction and become a primary school teacher, Linda has always challenged herself consistently through her working life. Linda quickly gained management responsibilities, firstly at Selwyn House School as Deputy Principal and then at Clarkville where she was appointed to the same position in 2014. Linda has also had stints as Acting Principal at Clarkville, where she has transitioned and supported two Principals into their role and the school. This was first when the school appointed Juliana Rae after Pene Abbie moved on and then, supporting me with my transition in late 2022. Linda has been an absolute rock for me in a new setting. She has ensured that I have had all the information I have needed and has been thoughtful with her rate of passing this on to me - not all at once! It says a lot about a professional and her dedication to a role and our school that Linda would ensure that a new Principal is firmly established before looking to move on herself - I am immensely grateful for this! Linda has also made a significant contribution as a learning space teacher, Special Needs Coordinator and a phenomenal leader of curriculum over the past 9 years. She has made a massive impact on our learners and on our curriculum which is the envy of so many other kura and this will be her lasting legacy to Clarkville. I am sad that my colleague is moving on, but also happy that she has chosen a new direction that will continue to satisfy her continued drive to learn and embrace new challenges. Linda will move on to the Literacy Connections organisation for 2024. Literacy Connections is an incredibly well-respected structured literacy learning development service for teachers. It is exciting for Linda to be able to work with furthering teacher knowledge in this area and I know she will have a massive impact on literacy learning, through her work with educators, on many of Canterbury's students in school settings.

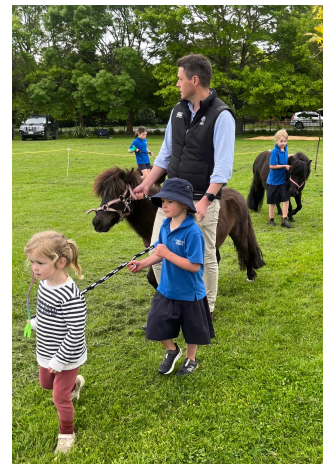
Paula Gray has accepted the position of Acting Deputy Principal until the end of Term 2 2024. This will give the school the time required to follow a process to appoint a new permanent Deputy Principal. This will mean that Paula will teach across all our learning spaces for several days a week for the first half of the year.

Paula will also act as our school's Special Needs Coordinator, support the leading of strategic direction and deputise for the Principal where required. I really appreciate Paula taking on this new role on a temporary basis to support the school. As you all are aware, Paula is a fabulous Team Leader and teacher and deserves to be recognised with this promotion for the first half of 2024.

This also means that we require a new Acting Team Leader for Year 3/4 for this first half of 2024 while Paula is undertaking her new Acting Deputy Principal role. Holly Greenslade has accepted the position of Acting Year 3/4 Team Leader for the first half of 2024. This is a great opportunity for Holly to step into the leadership space and is well-deserved recognition of her excellent classroom practice. We will be appointing a new teacher to work with Holly at Year 3/4 over this period in the coming weeks.

Pet Day

Last Friday saw the return of the annual Clarkville Pet Day that had been paused due to Covid. It was also my first Clarkville Pet Day along with many of our younger students. What an awesome event! It was great to learn about our students' pets and how each animal is cared for. Congratulations to all of our children who took part and thank you to those parents/caregivers who were able to support their child/ren to do so. A massive thanks also to Paula Gray who organised the event with support from staff. It was a really cool day!



Horotueka Learning Space Year 3/4 Camp

Was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15 November with students camping out at school in tents. **Unfortunately this event needs to be postponed until Wednesday 29 November** as the Police vetting service is taking longer than usual.

Wairaki Learning Space Year 8 Camp to Wellington

Early Tuesday morning, Year 8 students will be travelling to Wellington for their special leadership camp. This extra curricular activity is held annually for our Year 8 students so that they can witness leadership in action in Wellington with visits to parliament and other significant local destinations. The students (and some parents/caregivers) have worked so hard to raise money for this camp through fundraising initiatives - thank you to the Clarkville community for supporting this through purchasing pizza for school lunches or chocolate bars on sale some Friday afternoons at school. It is going to be amazing to see our Senior students excel in a new setting - this is definitely a primary school highlight for our lucky children. A massive 'thank you' to Kristie Morrison for work that she has undertaken to this point to make this camp a memorable and exciting experience for our big kids. I will be travelling to Wellington with Kristie to support this programme and will return on the evening of Thursday 16 November.

Have a great week ahead!

Noho ora mai

Kris

Reminder - Teacher Only Day - Monday 20 November

We have a Teacher Only Day on Monday 20 November. The Ministry of Education has instructed New Zealand schools to hold a Teacher Only Day between Monday 13 November - Friday 24 November 2023 to prepare for the Curriculum Refresh currently being implemented. Our School Board has chosen Monday 20 November as this is the Monday after Canterbury Anniversary weekend and would likely cause the least amount of disruption to families.

Dates for Term 4, 2023

Nov 12	Photo orders due, orders after this date will incur a charge for postage
Nov 15	Horotueka Camp Out (POSTPONED)
Nov 14 – 16	Camp Wellington, year 8
Nov 16	Book Club orders close
Nov 20	Teacher Only Day
Nov 29	Horotueka Camp Out (NEW DATE)
Dec 15	Last day of school (finish @ 12.30)

Dates for Term 1, 2024

Jan 30	Connect Day
Jan 31	First full day of school
Feb 5	Teacher Only Day
Feb 14-16	Kaiapoi Camp @ Wainui

School Accounts

The end of the school year is also the end of the school financial year so we would appreciate that accounts are paid by the end of December.

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 we have discovered that this is not happening for everyone. So please check your Hero App.

When you log into your Hero user account and click on 'Menu', you will see the finance icon (dollar note). Clicking this will enable you to view the invoices related to your family.

Payment can be made online, via the app or by eftpos at the office.



The Christmas Raffle is our last fundraiser of the year. Please have your donation to your class by Friday 8th of December. We make up some wonderful prizes from the donations. Raffle tickets will be distributed next week and we request that you sell your 10 tickets (worth \$20) and deposit the money to the PTA account and hand your tickets to the school office. Thanks everyone!



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