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NEWSLETTER: TERM 3, WEEK 10 - September 17, 2025

Hello • Bula • Kia Ora • Namaste • Kamusta • Talofa Lava • Ni Hao • Kon'nichiwa • Bojour • Hola

Welcome to week 10 of term. This week brings along a personal milestone for myself. At the end of this week it is 10 years since I started here at Clifton. I was welcomed into the Clifton family back in 2015 as can be seen in the picture below. Over this time I have seen many students come and go and some staff. Over 30 years of teaching this is the longest I have remained at a job and I will happily say the most satisfying. The way the Whanau, the staff and the students come together as one family is unique. The staff here are cohesive supportive and are as a family together in what they do. All staff that I have had the pleasure of working with have always had the best interests of the students at the centre. They go over and beyond for the children and are often here well beyond when I have left to go home.

School community and whanau come and go as the students do. I have had the privilege of working closely with a number of parents as part of the board of trustees and then many others simply in the day to day running of the school. I have always enjoyed the conversations that we have be it over coffee or not - always better over coffee. Please always feel free to drop in for a chat. I am never too busy for you.

However as in every school the most important part of it are the children. I have absolutely loved working with everyone that has come through these gates. Whether it was the first child I enrolled here on the same day that I started or the most recent. The smiles the hugs and high fives and the joy on the faces makes my job so enjoyable. Even though I'm not in the class teaching I have and will always enjoy to see and hear about their learning and watching all students grow and become more confident is why I love this job and this school.

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported Clifton School and myself over the past 10 years and I look forward to the next 10 - a scary thought for some!

Ngā mihi

Adrian Burn

Principal



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 17 September	Cultural Festival Marton School
Friday 19 September	End of Term 3
Monday 6 October	Term 4 Begins
Tuesday 14 October	Whānau Soup Night

Congratulations to our Most Valuable Pupils

TE RUMA KERERU

Tangaroa Ganotan for sharing kindness and supporting your friend with their writing.

TE RUMA TŪI

James Walker for your positive attitude towards your learning.- Ka Pai!

TE RUMA PIWAKAWAKA

Manatea Palmer for your contagious attitude toward learning.

TE RUMA TĪEKE

Malakai Vaqiri for a positive attitude & volunteering to play hockey.

TE RUMA KIWI

Manavai Palmer for showing a great attitude at quad sports.

TE RUMA KĀREAREA

Liam Gates for being a great mentor for classmates needing help counting money values.

TE RUMA KĀKĀPŌ

Shakhaia Teika-Tau for your excellent organisational skills.

MUSIC

Annabelle Scott & Romy Harvey for confidence & courage as lead vocalists

KEI RUNGA NOA ATU KOUTOU



Sports Ability Day

Last Friday a group of our Tamariki travelled to Whanganui for Sports Ability Day led by Sport Whanganui .

A day dedicated to providing opportunities to engage in sports and physical activities in an accessible and supportive environment. An inclusive event for disabled and neurodiverse individuals, including children, young people, and families. Below are some snaps taking of our tamariki.





Today

Charlotte Tupai
Te ruma Tūi
Turned 7 years old



On Saturday

Viraaj Sharma
Te ruma Tīeke
Turns 9 years old



On Sunday

Ricki Kennedy
Te ruma Tīeke
Turns 9 years old



Nga mihi nui to ra whanau



POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION

We want to let our school community know that there may be a nationwide strike planned for Friday 23 August. At this stage, nothing has been confirmed. If the strike goes ahead, the first action will not take place until next term. We will keep you updated as soon as we receive confirmation and will communicate any changes directly with whānau.

Thank you for your understanding.

HEADLICE

We have had cases of headlice reported in our school. We kindly ask all parents and caregivers to please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Headlice spread easily among children, so it's important that any cases are treated promptly to prevent further spread.

Please continue to check your child's hair over the coming weeks.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage sizzle is on the menu for this Friday



Last week of Basketball

Thankyou to all our Managers who looked after teams over the term.



Clifton Thunders had a great season and we placed 4th. Just lost the last game. But real team effort tonight.



Quad Sports - Hockey

Our final Quad Sports game was held in Marton last Friday. Despite the weather turning wet and the hockey eventually being cancelled, our team still managed to play through their games. They returned to school a little worse for wear after being drenched in the rain, but showed great determination and spirit by soldiering on. A huge thank you to Andre and Jason for their help and support on the day – we real-



Jaden Thompson competed with Zero Gravity Cheerleading in Auckland over the weekend at the "Spring Carnival" cheerleading competition. His team "Atoms" came first place in their division (Tiny Grade 1) Congratulations Jaden!



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September/October 2025

ASK Holiday Programme



Monday 22 Sep

Masterchef Monday and Spring Ribbon Craft



MasterChef

Tuesday 23 Sep

Trip: Globe Theatre (Cinderella) and Gymnastics Onsite: Spring Paper Craft



Wednesday 24 Sep

ASK Spring Fair with Stalls, Prizes and Games



Thursday 25 Sep

Trip: Lower Hutt Clip and Climb
Onsite: Obstacle course



Friday 26 Sep

"S" Dress-up Day, "S" shared lunch, Technology Day.



Monday 29 Sep

Mini-Munch Masters Monday and Sports Afternoon



Tuesday 30 Sep

Trip: Horse Riding and Ten-pin Bowling or Lollipops Playland
Onsite: Plaster of Paris



Wednesday 1 Oct

Wearable Art Competition and Talent Show



Thursday 2 Oct

Trip: Swimming and Movies
Onsite: Plate Art



Friday 3 Oct

Floral Fiesta Dress-up Day, shared lunch, Technology Day



Venues: Palmerston North ASK at 14 Sheffield Street, PN. Marton ASK at 123 Pukepapa Road, Marton

Please refer to our info sheet for further details

ASK Spring Holiday Programme runs daily from September 22nd - October 3rd, 2025



Dress ups!



Swimming!



Shared Lunches!

Trips!



Movies!



Arts & Crafts!

Horse Riding!



Masterchef!

Talent Shows!





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