

TE RUMA KERERU NEWSLETTER

Nau mai haere mai ki tō ruma kereru.
Welcome to room kereru
previously known as room 1.

Talofa Lava, Kia ora, and welcome back to school. I am Whaea Justine and I'm looking forward to the year ahead as we get to know one another. I have previously taught at Clifton, so for me my new role feels like coming home! I have teaching experience in both early childhood education and primary, this has given me the skill's and knowledge required to support tamariki and whānau as they transition from early childhood into a classroom setting. In the coming weeks our focus will be on developing relationships and a sense of belonging for all.

About me...

I live in the beautiful Manawatu with my husband, Aaron, our two teenage children and our dog Ash.



You are most welcome to pop into the classroom, and catch up. The best time to do this is from 8.30am, in the morning before the school day begins at 8.55am. I am also available via email and messaging on Seesaw. I am really looking forward to meeting you.

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You may have noticed our classroom has had a change of name. Rather than calling each class by number we now have names that represent our endemic New Zealand birds.

Our curriculum focus for term 1 will include;

- Inquiry-Who we are, as we learn about ourselves and one another in our community. Our school values of respect, courage, responsibility and diversity will be connected to our inquiry learning.
- Numicon will be introduced through a variety of learning experiences using manipulative's to explore patterns and relationships as we develop number knowledge and strategies. We will learn about statistics and graphing using the information acquired through the process of getting to know one another.
- Literacy and phonics will include developing letter and sound knowledge, oral language and foundation writing skills including handwriting.
- Kapa Haka & Te Reo Māori
- Music with Mrs Beckers
- Swimming- Water Saftey Skills

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Introducing Our Class Bear

A name will be chosen for our class bear over the coming days. Our bear is a taonga, and will go home each Friday, to be returned the following Monday with a child who has demonstrated during that week the Clifton School values of respect, responsibility, courage and diversity. Bear will also come home with a journal, so with your support tamariki can share Bears weekend adventures. Time will be given for journal entries to be shared with the class.

A soft start to the day supports tamariki to transition into the learning environment and school day in a calm and focused way. This is especially helpful for those tamariki that find the transition a challenge.

This strategy fosters a sense of belonging and allows time for tamariki to develop positive relationships. Promotes self-regulation, as tamariki learn strategies to regulate and manage emotions through engaging in a variety of play experiences. Tamariki have time to connect with one another, collaborate, sharing ideas, thoughts, and interests.

Swimming will take place from weeks 1 to 5, although weather dependent we aim to be in the pool each day. Our sessions will be in the afternoon, please ensure your child has tog's and a towel as day. Our learning will be based on developing water safety skills, with a display towards the end of our sessions to share our learning with you.

Waitangi Day

Tuesday 6th February (Week 1)

Meet the teacher evening

Thursday 13th February (Week 2)

Junior Water Safety Display
(Date to be advised)

Mt Lees visit

Tuesday 4th March (Week 5)

Parent Interviews

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April
(Week 9)

Easter Bun delivery

Thursday 8th April (Week 10)

We will visit the school library during the week as a class. Tamariki are welcome to borrow books, however these must be returned on Monday of each week so that tamariki can loan another book. Library books will go home in book bags.

Please support tamariki to bring their book bag to class each day. These are important as they are used to transport parent information, readers and other items between school and home safely.

You will receive information about how to connect to our Seesaw platform. If you need support to do this, let me know. We will be learning together! Seesaw is a great tool for communicating between school and home, as we share your child's learning. It is also useful for messaging, and allows for you to comment on your child's work. We love to celebrate your child's success as it raises their mana.

Welcome

Dean, Tamahou and whānau to
Ruma Kereru.

