

Term 1 2025

Room 2 Newsletter

Clifton School

Kia ora, Talofa Lava! Welcome back to school. ☺

I am looking forward to teaching in Room 2 this year.

At Clifton School I have always been known as Mrs Standish. With a change of class, it is the perfect time for a change of name. Instead, I will be known as Whaea Terri. This year comes with another change for me: as well as remaining our school's literacy leader, I am delighted to be the junior team leader from 2025. I am excited to teach alongside Whaea Justine (Room one) and Whaea Ayla (Room 3). With my leadership roles I will be out of the classroom on a regular basis. Whaea Vicki will be providing regular release for the junior team and carrying on with our regular lessons in our absence. It is wonderful for everyone to have a caring and dedicated teacher like Whaea Vicki to step in for us.

What's happening in room 2 this term: We are so lucky to have a term filled with a range of fun activities.

- weekly music lessons with Mrs Beckers
- inquiry – Who we are as we find out about each other and our place in our community. This will be complimented by finding out about our school values of **respeCt courAge Responsibility divErsity**
- math – our main focus each term will be building on our number knowledge and strategies. This term as we get to know each other and the math activities available to use independently, we will be also looking at graphing and statistics.
- literacy – continuing with a range of activities and lessons to build upon our literacy skills
- Kapa haka will be for all junior students with Milana followed by lessons in Te Reo Maori.
- We will be practicing water safety skills daily from day one until week 5 (weather permitting) and then focusing on athletic skills. **Please send togs and towel every day.** Look out for a separate invitation to join us in our water safety and athletic skills afternoons later in the term.



Library

We endeavor to get to the school library weekly. All children have the opportunity to issue and return library books every lunch time though. Please send your child with their book bag every day so that they can visit the library and then it will also be available to send any homework home safely.

A bit about me:

I am married to Jack and live near Ashhurst with him and our two teenage children and two teenage international students. We also have two dogs, a cat, pet sheep and a bunch of ducks. We love going to the beach (the dogs love it more!)

I love to spend time on word puzzles and playing games with my family.

Homework

We will not be sending homework home on a regular basis unless it is requested or needed. If needed, it will only be a small amount of literacy or numeracy to practice. Homework is always for practice and never new learning. We can chat about that at our whanau evening.

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Soft Start

In the junior school, we recognize the importance of play. To help meet the needs of all of our youngest learners, we encourage you to be at school from 8:30 for a “soft start” for a couple of reasons:

- It gives time for children to socialise and play together.
- In doing this, children often feel better prepared to start their learning as well as ensure that they will be in time for class to start at 8:55.

Water Bottles

We will have a space inside for our water bottles to be stored. There is a need to bring a water bottle every day (it can stay here if you prefer) as the weather stays warm. Children are welcome to refill their bottles as and when needed.



Seesaw

You will receive details for hooking in to our Seesaw platform. Please come and see me to get that set up if you need. Your child will share their work with you on Seesaw. We can also communicate via the messaging tab there too. Please share with your extended whanau too so they can see our work. Your children love to read the comments that you leave, so please do comment as well as take a look.

School Values

An easy way for our children to learn about taking responsibility is to carry their own school bag into class and home again. Children take pride in being able to do simple tasks like this themselves as well. Please let your child carry their own bag and find a peg to put it on out the back of Room 1 and 2. You are more than welcome to help them if needed of course.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 6 February Waitangi Day (week 1)

Meet the teacher evening on Thursday 13th February (week 2)

Junior water safety display date to be advised

Mt Lees visit Friday 28th February (week 4)

Parent interviews on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 of April (week 9)

Easter bun delivery Thursday 10th April (week 10)

Please come and see me for any reason. If you'd like to see what we have been up to in the classroom, have a question or query, I am usually in the classroom before school. You can also email me at terris@clifton.school.nz. Seesaw is a good way to get hold of me as well. I am looking forward to a fabulous term getting to know my class 😊

