TE KAIHAU-Ā-KUPE
CASTLECLIFF SCHOOL

"Deeds Not Words"

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HE MIHI NŌ TE AMOKURA TAITUARĀ

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau,

Teacher Celebration Day 2026 – Ngā Mihi ki ā Tātou Kaiako!

Today we celebrate and acknowledge our wonderful kaiako at Castlecliff School! Teacher Celebration Day is an opportunity to recognise the dedication, passion and care our teachers bring to our kura every day. From creating engaging learning experiences to nurturing confidence, curiosity and a love of learning, our kaiako make a lasting difference in the lives of our tamariki. To our amazing teaching team, thank you for your hard work, commitment and the aroha you show our tamariki and whānau. We appreciate all that you do!

DATES AT A GLANCE

Date	Event
Wk 4, Mon 3 November	Senior End of Year Testing Continues this Week
Wk 4, Sat 7 November	Election 2026 - Voting available at our kura in the school hall

OUR TAMARIKI - CELEBRATING SUCCESS

MANA STUDENTS
Ka rawe, e ngā ākonga!


Indie-Rose


Amara

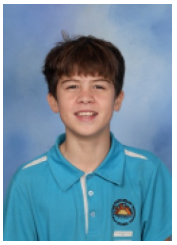

Hunter


Jaelah


Kylas


Kayden


Sevenah-Codie


Anaru

2026 Term Dates
Term 3: Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep
Term 4: Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec

School Bank Account
Castlecliff School BOT
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Always use ākonga name as reference

MANA RIBBONS
Ka mau te wehi!

MANAAKITANGA
Waipunarangi - Quade
Wai Māori - Kayleen, Vaciseva
Wai Marino - Renee
Waitī - Cash

AKO
Wai Marino - Giana
Waitī - Jessica
Waitā - Phaze

NGĀKAUNUI
Waipuna - Noah
Wai Māori - Elijah, Levi, Miliseini
Wai Marino - Mason C
Wai Mārie - Jaydee, Nathaniel
Waitā - Laite, Nico

AROHA
Wai Māori - Lavaea-Rose, Noah C
Wai Toiora - Armani-Rose
Wai Mārie - Vilimoni
Waitī - Holden, Marlee

OVERALL MANA
Wai Māori - Lavaea-Rose, Levi, Miliseini, Vaciseva
Wai Marino - Mason C
Wai Mārie - Nathaniel
Waitā - Laite, Nico

STAR STUDENTS
Koia kei a koutou!

Waipuna - Lachlan
Waipunarangi - Jay
Wai Māori - Wynter-Lee
Wai Toiora - Ngawiki
Wai Marino - Charles
Wai Mārie - Victoria
Waitī - Eli
Waitā - Ollie

READING EXPERT
Kei runga noa atu koe

Wai Māori - Noah Cook
Noah's accuracy has improved greatly over this year, thanks to his habit of coming to the library to read in break times.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS THIS WEEK?

End-of-Year Assessments – Celebrating Learning and Progress

Last week, our Year 3 ākonga completed their end-of-year Reading and Mathematics assessments. This week, our Year 4–6 ākonga began their assessments across a range of learning areas. These will continue next week and into Week 5.

Assessments provide our kaiako with valuable information about what our tamariki know, understand and can do, helping us celebrate their progress and identify their next learning steps.

It is important to remember that an assessment is simply a snapshot of where a child is in their learning at a particular moment in time. It does not define who they are, what they are capable of, or where they might be tomorrow. Every child learns, grows and develops at their own pace, and their potential extends far beyond any single assessment result.

Regular attendance at kura during this time is essential to ensure our tamariki have every opportunity to participate in their assessments and demonstrate their learning.

We encourage whānau to continue supporting their tamariki with positive conversations about learning, effort, perseverance and progress. Every step forward is worth celebrating!

KETE WHĀNAU



NOTICES & REMINDERS

THANK YOU MATUA GEORGE

Today we farewell our student teacher, George, as he completes his teaching placement with us. George has become a valued member of our Castlecliff School whānau, bringing warmth, enthusiasm, professionalism and a genuine commitment to our tamariki and their learning. His willingness to contribute, positive attitude and dedication to becoming the best kaiako he can be have been greatly appreciated. George, thank you for everything you have brought to our kura. We wish you every success as you continue your teaching journey. Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.

KEEPING OUR TAMARIKI SAFE

We are aware of recent social media posts raising concerns about a vehicle reportedly approaching children in our wider community.

While we do not want to cause unnecessary alarm, this is a timely reminder for all whānau to have a conversation with their tamariki about staying safe around people they do not know.

Please remind your tamariki to:

- Never get into a vehicle with someone they do not know.
- Never accept gifts, treats or offers of rides from strangers.
- Walk with friends or trusted adults whenever possible.
- Move away and seek help from a trusted adult if someone makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Tell a trusted adult straight away if anything concerning happens.

Our tamariki's safety is everyone's responsibility. By having calm, reassuring conversations at home, we can help our children feel confident, aware and prepared without making them fearful.

If you witness suspicious behaviour, please report it to Police on 111 if there is immediate danger, or 105 for non-emergencies.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
We have noticed an increasing number of non-uniform items being worn to school, including coloured shoes, coloured pants and bike shorts. We kindly remind all whānau of the commitment made when enrolling their tamariki to support and follow our school's policies and expectations, including our school uniform requirements.

We understand that there may be times when a temporary uniform issue arises, and we are always happy to be understanding of these situations. However, ongoing non-uniform clothing is not in keeping with our school expectations.

We ask whānau to please check that their tamariki are wearing the correct school uniform each day and to communicate with us if there are any difficulties. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a consistent standard of school uniform and encouraging pride in belonging to Castlecliff School.

SPORT & BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Ka Rawe, Justin – Giving Back to Our Community!
A big shout-out to Justin, who, for the second year running, volunteered his time to support the annual Rotary Food Drive last Thursday evening. Working alongside other community volunteers, Justin helped sort food donations collected from households across Whanganui to help restock the City Mission's shelves. It was a busy evening and a fantastic example of kindness, generosity and community spirit. **Ka rawe, Justin!** We are proud of you for giving your time to help others. A big thank you to everyone involved in supporting this worthwhile cause!

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

YEAR SIX LEAVERS DINNER - FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026
A reminder to RSVP and fill in the online form **Friday 6 November**.

https://forms.gle/pQTpCQZxDBoU9ZUM9

Ring the office if you are having any trouble and we'll fill it out for you. Thank you to those who have already paid ($40 per adult). The school will pay for our Year 6 Leavers.

2026 PRIZEGIVING - FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2026
Prizegiving will be held at Central Baptist Church on Friday 11 December, beginning at 12.45 pm. Whānau must collect their tamariki from the church at the conclusion of prizegiving, expected at approximately 2.30 pm.

