

Dear Parents

*Ko nga marama koanga inaianei
ka mahana mai nga ra
te reka o te karara o nga putiputi*

These are the months of spring
days get warmer
and the flowers smell lovely....



Welcome back to term 4, 2020. Boy did we need that holiday break. I hope your whanau and family were safe and you are all well and as happy as you can be.

Keeping Ourselves Safe is always on our mind and wearing a sun hat which is the School policy is essential at interval and lunch times during term 1 and 4.

Hand Washing. After a holiday break we often get outbreaks as new germs are introduced back into the school population. One small effective, free activity to lessen the impact of these germs, is for all children to **Wash their hands before eating any food. Wash hands after toileting and keep their fingers out of mouths. With COVID we should be well practised by now**

The school provides hygienic liquid soap and clean pull towels, so there is no excuse about dirty hands.

In classes we also have a 'foam' to ensure that before they eat food they can again easily effectively clean their hands. Lets keep hygiene as a focus all year and lessen or even defeat those bugs and germs.

If your children are sick or are 'coming down' with something then please ring the office and leave a message and keep them at home so they can recover in your care.

As staff we all agreed that a straight forward term with the some normal routines would be great given the disrupted nature of the year to date.

We as a staff have planned a full busy hands on learning term for all children. This term is about the concept of "Back to the Future", talk with your children about that concept what they saw found and the questions that they raised.

We are always reviewing aspects of day to day school life and changing in and out of what have been regular events, just to see if we can improve the flow of the school week. We have especially for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 a school activity day on Wednesday where children's learning occurs in a slightly different manner, Choir, Sports, Kapa Haka, ukulele, speech & drama and guitar etc.

In light of this review we are moving the '*last thing Friday assembly*' from Friday to Wednesday. It will allow us to let our four day Inquiry learning programme operate and allow children to get more time in the Sciences, Social Sciences, Technology, Arts than we have been able to. We will still have a Friday sausage sizzle but awards recognitions of achievement and contribution will be on a Wednesday. The formats for assembly will vary if groups of children are off site.

Fonterra Milk company have informed us that this term will be the last of the MILK in SCHOOLS programme as they move to fully support the In schools Breakfast Programme. This is a shame as nearly every child enjoyed the 'milk n stories' aspect that went with it.

Much has occurred over the holidays on the school site, **AFCARE** ran a very happy and successful holiday programme, many thanks to the staff who worked with children as their parents worked in their jobs.

In order to keep this service available for all families at Clive School it is imperative that users meet their financial commitments in a timely manner.

The **Board of Trustees** is seeking to replace three elected members with three new members as a part of a rolling process these **elections** have been notified to all parents via the Hawkes Bay Today newspaper and also the end of term 3 Board newsletter. The Board play a huge role in the ongoing development of the school as Trustees; Governance is their role and the Principal and staff work alongside them in achieving the schools Strategic Goals.

When children return they will see;

1. That the **swimming pool** area has had a near total revamp, new fencing, new sand filters and pool surrounds. It looks stunning and should continue to be a huge school asset.
2. The **grounds** have been worked on, top soil levelling and water **sprinklers** installed an extended practice cricket pitch added (this is a well-used community asset).
3. The school's **wifi** system has been fully replaced as the old system had passed its warranty and reliability ability. What we now have is good for another 6 years and uses latest technology to allow children access to computer technology.

Yet to occur is work on a new **Hall** kitchen, hall toilets, exterior cladding at the rear. The **refurbishment** of Rooms 6, 9 and 10 and a new toilet block (slightly more tricky to juggle building sites and children) is nearing tender stage. All of this is a part of what the Board of Trustees does.

Whakatu Bus children your behaviour is just excellent, the driver is pleased that you are always sitting in your seat correctly and not moving around, waiting carefully at the bus stops and looking after the younger children on the trip to and from school. **Whakatu Bus you Rock.**

Nga pōtae kura

School hats

I te mau pōtae te tamariki o nga kura

The school child was wearing a hat

He rangi tino wera

It was a very hot day

Ma Te Wa

*Brian Eales
Principal
Clive School*



A special place to be

