

Week 8 Term 1 Newsletter

25th March 2022

Kia ora Clive Whānau,

What an amazing couple of weeks we have had here at school and in our community. 'Navigating' is a word that springs to mind as we manage through the twists and turns of living in the pandemic. I want to express our heartfelt thanks to you all for the way you are supporting us in these challenging times.

On average over the last two weeks we have been recording 40 - 45% absence due to students isolating being COVID Positive or being close family contacts. This is also beginning to hit our staff with many away at present isolating with their own whānau. For everyone battling infections, rest up and get well soon. We look forward to seeing you all back at school in what we hope will see a bit of normalcy return to our programmes.

We had to make the unfortunate decision to postpone our senior camps which were due to take place in week 7. With the way our infection rates have risen, we are pleased that we made the call when we did. I am excited to say that we have secured a new booking in late September for these camps. My utmost thanks is extended to our Senior School staff who, regardless of their own disappointment ensured the students still had fun filled camp themed activities on a daily basis in week 7. Check out some of the fun photos from their activities later in this newsletter.

A huge thanks to our **FRIENDS OF SCHOOL (FOS)** team who generously paid for the Seniors to have a fish and chip lunch on the Thursday activities. Our students really appreciated the efforts our FOS team made, to still make their days special. Ka mau te wehi FOS! Awesome!

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school soon. Until then, noho ora mai, stay well and look after yourself!

Chris Birch
Principal
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Camp may have been postponed, but that doesn't mean the team didn't have fun!

FOS are up to their old tricks again!

You won't believe what FOS has done. They have just decided to fund a whole lot of special projects for our awesome tamariki on top of everything they have already donated at the end of last year.

Their latest donations:

- **\$2,000.00** towards securing further grant funding to purchase a bubble cover for the school swimming pool!
- **\$5,000.00** Structured Literacy Reading books for our reading programmes!
- **\$1,500.00** Classroom wet weather games for each room!
- **\$5,000.00** Boys Kapa Haka uniforms, so they look as good as the girls!

○ **TOTAL INVESTMENT IN OUR KIDS: \$13,500.00**

BUT WAIT... There's more!

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- They are retaining money for a new Junior Playground, to be installed once the new classroom is built.
- PLUS - they want to fund a further \$6,000.00 as they have done in 2022 so our Senior Camps, Middle Gymnastics and Junior Swimming Programmes can once again be subsidised in 2023. (\$2,000 for each syndicate)
- They are also looking at our library books to see how they can help out there.

ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!

Thanks team FOS!

Community Group working bee: Can you help?

In preparation to plant the Muddy Creek banks in native plants we are working with a Hawke's Bay Regional Council volunteer group to remove as many agapanthus as possible:

WHEN: Sunday 3rd April. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at School.

We need:

- Trailers, cars and utes to transport green waste to BioRich
- Spades, brush cutters or handsaws
- Muscle or some semblance thereof!

Please let me know if you can assist: chris@clive.school.nz

Have you booked your Guitar and/or Ukulele spot?

Steve is back from Term 2!



After all the disturbance of COVID, Steve is keen to return to in-school guitar and ukulele teaching.

He has seen huge interest which is awesome, but wants to see if there is anyone else still interested.

If your child is interested in learning guitar or Ukulele, he'd really appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible by email to steve@stevewebb.co.nz

Terms and conditions will be provided upon application.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Board of Trustees Meeting:

Monday 28th March
5:30 pm in Room 6

All welcome to attend.

Term calendar:

28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOT meeting 5:30 pm in Room 6 All welcome to attend.
3rd April (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community working bee - agapanthus removal
14th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
2nd May	Term 2 Starts

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Rain didn't stop our Year 3 & 4 Hockey teams from carving up the Turf!

Theo has discovered we have a healthy population of native mokomoko (skinks) breeding in our grounds. This little guy was let go after these photos were taken. A great sign of the health of our natural environment.



The super Seniors enjoying their FOS fish and chips and a good old fashioned slumber party!



Our Junior's are learning to use the Beebots for Coding instructions. Awesome mahi!