

30 January 2019

Kia ora

Welcome to 2019. We are looking forward to a vibrant year of learning at Clarkville.

Special welcome to families new to the school:

Launch/Whakarewa – Jace, Joseph, Maia, Nico, Kade, Cleo, Josh, Matthew and Lucas
Discover/Tūhura – Jai and Rico

We also welcome Grant Buchanan back to the role of PE teacher on Thursdays.

‘Play then Eat’ Trial

This term, will be trialling a new schedule during lunch that will allow students to play first and then eat. The “Play then eat” schedule has been tried by a number of schools in Christchurch over recent years. Schools report benefits such as:

- Students are more relaxed and focused on eating rather than thinking about packing up to go and play
- More food eaten; increased fluid intake
- Improved student behaviour on the playground and in the classroom
- Fewer accidents during the lunch break
- Students return to the classroom more settled and ready to learn

Lunch will still begin at 12.30pm and children who are hungry at this time will be encouraged to take a snack with them to play, as they do at morning tea. A bell will ring at 1.00 pm signalling the time to sit in the amphitheatre to eat lunch.

Teachers have carefully considered the introduction of this new initiative and extra staff will be present in the first two weeks to ensure all children transition from play to eating. The change will be carefully monitored and reviewed across the term. Please do contact your child’s teacher if you have concerns about your child with regard to this change.

Heat

Hot days are predicted for the start to the school year. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and hat at school each day. We are fortunate to have air conditioning in all classrooms and if it is too hot at lunchtime, we will move eating to inside.

Assembly

Friday assemblies will move to the afternoon this year in an effort to capture precious morning time for quality learning. Our first assembly will be on Friday 15 February at 1.40pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

Thursdays

This year, our Thursday programme will run every second week for Years 1-6. This will provide more time for younger students to practise core skills. Lessons in P.E. and Enviromental Education will be our Thursday morning focus. Year 7 & 8 students will continue to attend Technology lessons weekly.

Sports 'no pay, no play' policy

Clarkville School is proud to have sports teams playing under the school banner in local after-hours competitions. We endeavour to offer our students an opportunity to play sports and develop new skills.

Participation in after-hours sport is voluntary and usually incurs a charge. These charges cannot be carried by the school and we require the payment of subs or fees prior to the start of the season. Fees will be collected by the coach or manager and paid in full to the school office. Any student who has not paid will not be eligible to play for the team.

Juliana Rae
Tumuaki/Principal

Calendar of Events

Term 1

Please note the dates in your diary now

February	7 13-15 15 21 22 27	Matawara/ Camp, Omaka Hōpara Camp, Hanmer Assembly, 1.40pm School Picnic Sausage Sizzle School Swim Sports
March	1 7 11 14 15 21 22 29 29	Assembly, 1.40pm Fish & Chips – order via Kindo School Tryathlon Pegasus Swimming Assembly, 1.40pm NC Swim Champs GALA Saus Sizzle Assembly, 1.40pm
April	4 11 12 12	Canty Swim Champs Subway – order via Kindo Assembly, 1.40pm Last Day of Term 1

Term Dates for 2019

Term 1: Monday 28 January - Friday 12 April (106 half days)

Term 2: Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July (97 half days)

Term 3: Mon Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September (100 half days)
Friday 31st May Teacher only day

Term 4: Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December (86 half days)