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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

March

School Fair - 26 March
BoT Meeting - 7pm,
Staffroom, 30 March
Year 6 Camp Sharing
Evening - 5.30pm-6.30pm -
31 March

April

Sausage Sizzle - 1 April
Last day of the term.
School closes 3pm, 15
April

**St Clair School
FAIR
- Tomorrow -
26 March, 11.00am**

Sausage Sizzle
next Friday, April 1.
Payment for sausage
and / or drink by 9am
Thursday 31 March

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

We warmly welcome Anu Ahuja, Elizabeth Wells, Lachlan Couper, Mya Johnston, Jorja Thorn and Harris Wells. We trust you settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.

WHAT IS RICHARD UP TO?

Our principal Richard Newton has been awarded a 10-week New Zealand Principals' Sabbatical by the Ministry of Education. Consequently, he will be on study leave from the close of this term until Monday 11 July.

During his sabbatical Richard will be investigating teaching and learning issues associated with new and redeveloped schools. His sabbatical study leave will enable him to visit a variety of new and redeveloped schools in New Zealand, and speak with principals and teachers about changes in their school curriculum and teaching approaches. He will also have several days in Singapore with their Ministry of Education investigating changes in their own school network and curriculum.

The Board and staff wish Richard every success with his studies and trust that he has a refreshing break. We look forward to him returning to work late in Term 2.

During Richard's period of leave, Robyn Wood will undertake Acting Principal duties, supported by Ann Stevenson who will be our Acting Deputy Principal.

CLASSROOM ACCESS AND EXIT - ROOMS 1,2, 3, 8 &9

Now that work associated with our new boiler is finally complete, children in Room 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 will once again enter and leave the buildings via the stairwell at the 'beach end' of the main block. This will ease internal congestion in Te Manawanui.

Our School Values
**Kindness, Caring
and Manners**

This week's values focus is:

~ Caring ~

Caring for our own property and school property ensures that our resources are well used.

Our next focus will be:

~ Manners ~

Everyday interpersonal manners make a difference to us all. We all try to use thank you and please.

Wheels at School - a summary of expectations and obligations

Our school is ideally located for easy child access by bike, scooter, roller blade and skateboard. Given the potential for injury that such vehicles offer however, the school has a set of clear guidelines which all 'riders' are required to adhere to:

- children must obey road rules and regulations at all times
- children must push or carry their 'wheels' once they arrive at school in the morning
- no wheels may be ridden in the grounds before school
- riding is permitted immediately after school but only on the far netball court
- after the 3.15pm bell, *careful* riding is permitted in all areas of the school.

These guidelines are designed to keep everyone safe.

Parents are asked to use their judgement about whether their child should ride to school. The police recommend that children under the age of 9 be directly supervised if riding a bike.

Care is taken with bikes and scooters but no responsibility can be accepted for missing or damaged items. Fortunately, we seldom have problems in this regard.

Year 6 Camp and Living & Giving Week



Children from our senior school have just completed a wonderful week of adventures. No doubt families will have heard many stories about the variety of interesting and challenging activities and experiences offered. Our sincere thanks to the many parents who supported both programmes and to the teachers who spent many extra hours preparing and delivering high quality learning experiences for our senior children.

**Parents are asked not to enter Te Manawanui until 2.50pm.
Please wait under the glass room to avoid disruption to classrooms at a busy time of day.**

No Dogs on School Grounds

The Board of Trustees does not allow dogs on the school grounds. This requirement is a simple health and safety measure aimed at ensuring our grounds are safe for play.

Lost Property will be on display on the last two Fridays of the term - April 8, April 15.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Station School Care Programme (based at St Clair School). Quality before and after school care for your child/ren. Casual bookings welcome. Ring Kevin on 0274 492 102 or 4559344 for further information.

ASB Holiday Fun Football: NZ Football are offering a holiday football programme for children Dates: 26-29 April. Cost: \$72. Email: dave.fdo@footballsouth.co.nz

Drive-In Movie Event : 7pm, 8 April. Big Rock School Brighton Domain
ph 481 1781

SCHOOL FAIR TOMORROW - 11.00AM - MARCH 26

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