

Clinton Primary School

Te Kura o Popotunoa

Tipu oki kaha

District Newsletter- Pānui Whānau

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Kia ora whānau,

Several weeks ago we asked our families for their feedback on Clinton School Health Education Curriculum. At Clinton School, Health Education focuses on helping students care for themselves, others, and their community. It supports their emotional, social, mental, and physical development, while encouraging them to make positive, healthy choices.

Our programme is based on the learning areas outlined in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum:

- *Mental Health*
- *Relationships and Sexuality*
- *Food and Nutrition*
- *Body Care and Physical Safety*

At the heart of our health education programme is the school value of Manaakitanga—showing respect for oneself, others, and the environment.

Cross Country

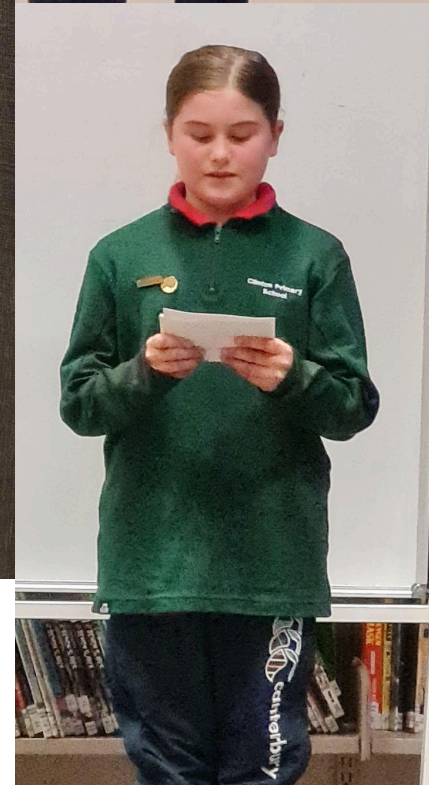
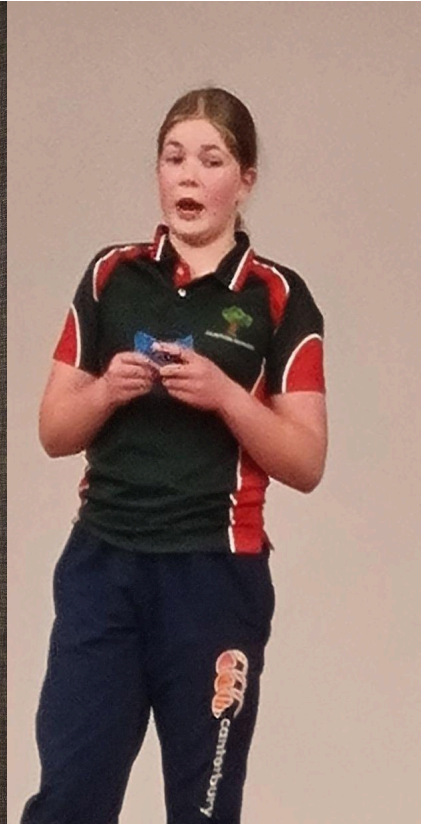
Thank you to everyone who came and supported our students at our two cross country events. We have five students who qualified to compete at the Otago Cross Country event on the 5th September. We wish Juliette, Evelyn, Freddy, Fletcher and Sophie all the very best for their event.

*Ngā mihi nui kia koutou
Karin*

South Otago Speech Competition

On the 18th August Anna Powley and Juno Allan took part in the South Otago Speech Competition, organised this year by Rosebank School. Both girls spoke so well and represented themselves and our school with pride.

Juno Allan placed first in the Year 8 competition with her speech 'Should Brain Surgeons and Street Cleaners be paid the same?' Juno's energy and enthusiasm together with her stage presence was commented on by the judges. Congratulations Juno!



South Otago Cross Country qualifiers for OPSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who qualified at the recent South Otago Cross Country and will be competing at Otago on 5th September.

Fletcher Kahukura placed 1st Year 5 Boys; Evelyn Wilson placed 3rd Year 5 Girls; Juliette Wilson placed 5th Year 7 Girls; Sophie Johnson placed 3rd Year 7 Girls and Freddy Allan placed 1st Year 6 Boys.



Congratulations to Holly Smith who received most improved player in 10th Grade Balclutha Junior Football Club. Holly is in the Team Cobra's. Well done Holly!

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrated in **August**: Jazmine Dawkins who turned 5 on the 8th, Aubrie Wilkins who turned 9 on the 9th, Adaline Mitchell who turned 6 on the 16th, Romeo Sparrow who turned 9 on the 18th, Jackson Campbell who turned 8 on the 25th and Fletcher Kahukura who turned 10 on the 27th of August.

Birthdays celebrated in **September**: Erica Waters-Murch who will turn 9 on the 6th, Santana Noanoa who will turn 13 on the 7th, Evelyn Wilson who will turn 10 on the 9th, William Mitchell who will turn 8 on the 13th, Bella-Grace Harman-Hunt who will turn 8 on the 16th, Lila Mitchell who will turn 8 on the 19th, Clayton Clark who will turn 8 on the 21st, Adelaide Roy who will turn 7 on the 24th and Liam Wilson who will turn 9 on the 25th of September.



Dates for the Diary -

4th September	Technology - Year 7 & 8
12th September	Assembly - Rooms 1 and 3 hosting
18 September	Technology - Year 7 & 8
19 September	Term 3 ends
6th October	Term 4 begins
7th October	Think Safe Brain whole school trip

Attention Farmers!!!

If you have any Sgt Dan Stockfoods Ltd pellets lying around your place we would love to take them off your hands as an ongoing fundraiser for Clinton School. We can arrange pick up if required or if you return them yourselves, mention the school's name and we get money for every pallet returned. Get in touch with Laura Allan 0274157553 for further details.

Clinton Seniors Shopping

Every Thursday, alternates between Gore and Balclutha, open to everyone. Pick up 10am at Clinton Community Centre. For further information, please contact Val 4157929.

Falls Prevention Exercise Group

Meets Tuesdays, 1pm at the Presbyterian Hall. Please contact Val, 4157929 for information.

Clinton Senior Citizens

Meetings are held 1st Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Presbyterian Church Hall. New members are always welcome to join us and enjoy guest speakers, fun and games, new friends and afternoon tea. We also enjoy regular bus trips, concerts, weekly shopping trips and so much more. For more information please contact: Katrina 0272822588, Val 4157929 or Irene 4157881, or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClintonSeniorCitizens/>.

Clinton Youth Group

Join us for awesome games, crazy adventures and sweet food every Friday night!

Free Admission and supper provided.

Ages: 11-16.

Time: 7pm - 8.45pm every Friday night during school term.

Location: Clinton Presbyterian Church.

Contact: Alex Watt 0274054772.

Clinton Playcentre

Calling all families with pre-school children join us for fun-filled mornings of play, activities, and experiences for all ages. Bring your morning tea.

Tuesday 9am-1pm
11 Manse Street

Our centre is available for Hire, contact us for details

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Clinton@playcentre.org.nz

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Clinton Senior Citizens Club



While you may be growing older in years, there's no reason to forget to laugh, love and enjoy the simple things in life such as: making new friends, fun and games, bus trips and guest speakers. Membership is open to anyone over 55 and a minimal fee. We meet in the Presbyterian Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 1 pm.



Weekly Shopping Trip alternating between Gore & Clutha. On Thursdays Pick-up at 10 am at Community Hall. All are welcome



Falls Prevention Exercise Group which meets in the Presbyterian Hall every Tuesday at 1 pm. Non-members welcome.

For more info etc, Ring Val 4157 929

Clinton mini movers

Clarke Hall 9am Wednesday

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US
FOR A COMPLIMENTARY MUSIC
SESSION & MORNING TEA

Wednesdays during the school terms

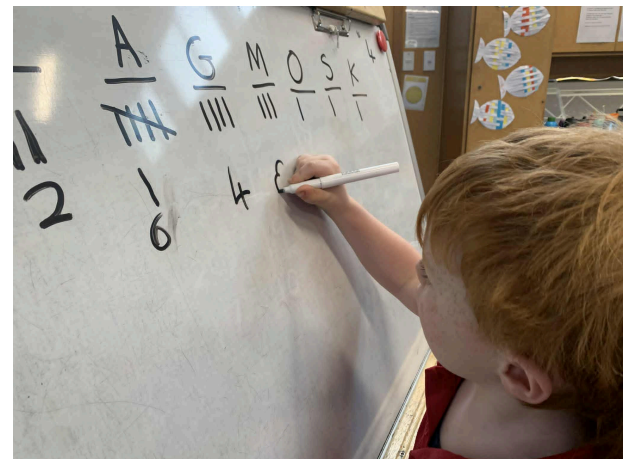
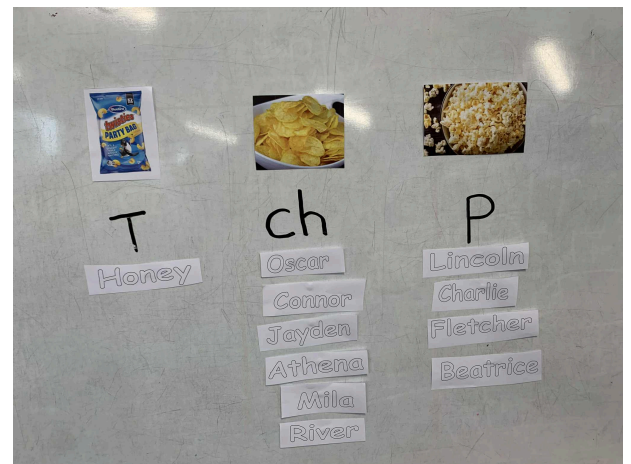
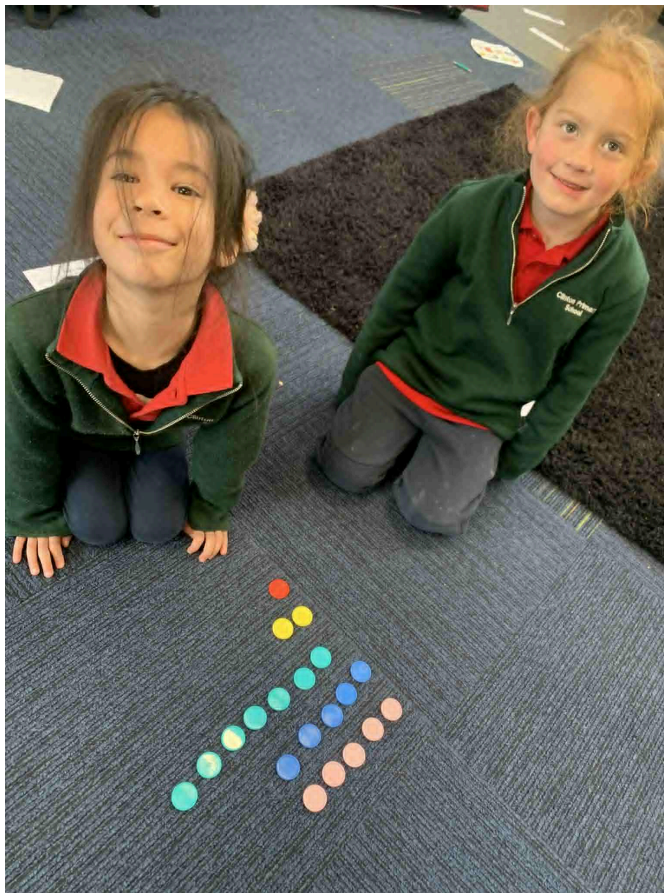
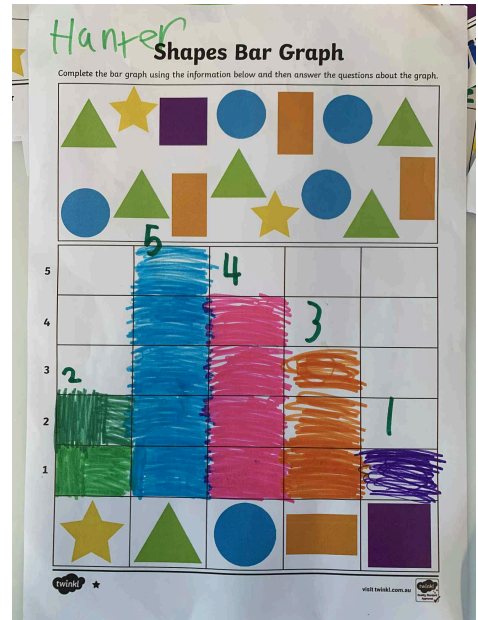
MUSIC - DANCE - PLAY



No booking required - just turn up or call Emily on 0276990908

Room 1 - Kuriwao

During maths, Room 1 has enjoyed learning more about each other through asking investigative questions and displaying the collected data on graphs. We have also been sorting data into different categories and learning how to decipher the graph to decide which category has more, less, or if any are equal. We enjoy using our new maths vocabulary within everyday situations and other areas of learning too.



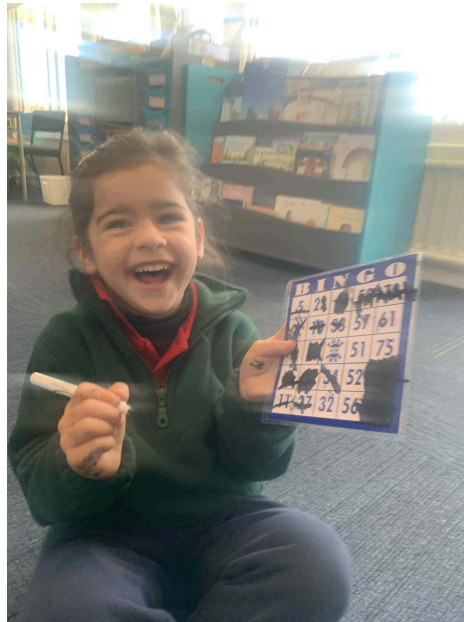
Room 2 - Popotunoa

Room 2 are scientists! They have been exploring a variety of experiments to notice and discover different reactions. They have looked at acids and bases, chromatography, how yeast reacts and the best temperature of water that it likes and made some delicious bread. They are moving on to discovering and learning about atoms and the states of matter!



Room 3 -Taumata

Room 3 has been joining with Room 1 every Thursday afternoon, they are focusing on building their Tuakana/Teina relationships. Where the older ākonga are encouraged to share their knowledge and to help build confidence with younger ākonga. This week they played Wharewhare (Bingo), focusing on numbers in Te reo Māori. Having as many opportunities to gain a firm foundation in another language plays an important role in the classroom at Clinton Primary.



Room 4 - Wairuna

Room 4 has had a busy month with a number of different extracurricular events including cross country, the football tournament in Balclutha, the Mathalon and the Tony Torrell Golf Tournament. In the classroom we continue with our chemistry inquiry and we are enjoying conducting different experiments and learning about atoms and their components. We recently started a writing activity whereby ākonga are inventing their own creatures. Once they have completed their descriptions about their animals' different characteristics, diet, habitat and behaviour, we will create images of their creatures using AI.



POUPOUTUNOA KINDERGARTEN

SPACES AVAILABLE

We are a rural community based kindergarten in the heart of Clinton, with children aged 6 months - 6 years attending from a wide surrounding area.

Our teachers develop strong relationships to support children to grow and learn with confidence

Our kindergarten also offers:

- 20 hours free ECE for 3 - 5 year olds
- 100% qualified teachers
- A world leading curriculum
- ECE all year round - including school holidays!
- Close connections to community and local schools

Our curriculum empowers, inspires and provokes children to lead their own learning individually with support from the teaching team, whānau and peers.

Visit our kindergarten to find out more about joining our caring whānau!



Enrol Now!

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WHĀNAU
MANAAKI

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