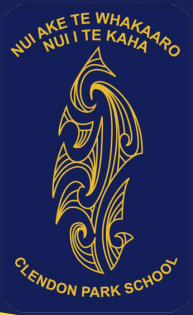


# CLENDON PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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TERM 1 WEEK 4

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### Why is Attendance at School So Important



School is your child's first and most important job.

Attending school is more than just about reading, writing and math. It's about learning valuable life skills, developing good work ethics and becoming a valuable member of society.

Regular attendance at school greatly improves employment, social and life chances and reduces the development of antisocial behaviour and youth offending.

### What is a justified reason for my child to be away from school?



- \*Short term illness or for medical / dental reasons.  
(The school may ask for a medical certificate to explain an extended absence or illness).
- \*Bereavement Leave
- \*When special permission has been granted by the Principal.
- \*When the school is closed for any reason

### Can I take my child out of school for a special occasion such as their birthday?

No, the law requires your child to be at school every day that school is open including on their birthday.

### Other unjustified reasons for your child to be away include the following:

- \*Family holidays or extended weekends
- \*To look after siblings or other family members
- \*To visit friends or family / whānau
- \*To avoid school activities such as sports days
- \*Going shopping

### Running Late?



Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning. Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers. Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.

### What if my child is sick?



Children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. However, don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints such as a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. Don't send your child to school if they have a fever, diarrhoea, vomiting, a serious cough, rash, conjunctivitis or a contagious illness e.g. chicken pox.

## BELL TIMES

8:55am	School starts
10:55-11:15	Interval
12:45-12:55	Lunch eating
12:55-1:45	Lunch playtime
3:00pm	End of day

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

### Week 5

24.02.25	CCSA Tag
25.02.25	Counties Girls Softball
26.02.25	MPSSA Swimming
28.02.25	CCSA Swimming

### Week 6

04.03.25	Counties Boys Softball
05.03.25	Twilight Market / Meet the Teachers 3.45 to 6pm
06.03.25	Boostrix Vaccinations

### Week 7

11.03.25	Counties Tag
12.03.25	IZ Boys Softball
12.03.25	MPSSA Cricket
13.03.25	IZ Girls Softball
14.02.25	Counties Swimming
14.02.25	Crazy Hair Day

## SUNHATS

It is now **COMPULSORY** for your child to wear a sunhat while outside, especially during morning tea and lunch times.

Please ensure your child brings a hat with their name on it to school everyday.



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**From a MATES  
Year 8 Mentee  
at Clendon Park  
School: MATES  
made me see the  
positive things  
about myself**

"One interesting thing I've learned as a mentee is that I'm not alone – I thought I was the only one with specific thoughts – good, bad and sad. For example, I feel like going to high school is like a long, torturous breakup, and I worry that my friends will make new friends next year. My mentor shared that he felt the same way, and it helped me see that these feelings are normal as I grow up.

"While being in MATES, I've learned the importance of being open-minded and the value of good communication. I've

gained tools to interact with people I never thought I could approach, and it's helped me to understand not to judge a book by its cover. It's made me see the positive things about myself, which makes me more confident. Since joining, I've noticed a change in my self-belief. I still struggle with self-doubt sometimes, but now I have the skills to sit in my thoughts and identify what makes me a good person.

"I like that my mentor listens to me and makes me feel like my thoughts matter. I've been at Clendon Park School since I started school, so I don't know what it's like at a bigger school like high school. MATES has helped me a lot, and I'm grateful for the tools it's given me to help me prepare. I would definitely recommend MATES to others, it's a great way to make friends and learn how to deal with new situations with amazing support."



COMMITMENT + PRIDE = SUCCESS

# SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL




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# CPS Twilight Market

Enjoy With Us

**Food** **Music** **Games**

 **Clendon Park School**

 **Wednesday 5th March WEEK 6**  
**Starts at 3.45pm**

**MORE INFO:** Please Text Matua Des 021 264 1613

If you wish to hold a stall : each stall cost \$20 and you will need to provide your own tables , utensils, power etc




**SCHOOL POOL OPEN FOR SUMMER**

*Please check with your child's class teachers for the pool timetable & when your class has swimming*



**KARATE CLASSES**



**MANUKAU DOJO**  
AFFILIATED TO ISKF

**Starting now!**

Clendon Park School  
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**Monday & Wednesday**  
5pm - 6pm  
Beginners

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for more information

