

PRINCIPALS PEN

We all enjoyed seeing our **LEGENDs** return from the holidays. We had so many **LEGENDs 'orGanised'** in the correct school uniform and with brain food. We also had some of our sports teams begin their new sport codes. Thank you to all our whānau who have been '**iNclusive'** and stepped into the coaching or managing role! Without many whānau stepping up and learning alongside our **LEGENDs**, we would be unable to offer the opportunities that we have. Ngā mihi ki a koutou.

This week, Whaea Kerri, Whaea Lia, Whaea Megan and I spent 3 days at Waitangi. We are part of the MAC (Māori Achievement Collaborative) where schools across Aotearoa work together to learn about what we can do to support the teaching and learning programmes within our schools that ensure we are honouring Te Tiriti. We participated in great professional learning that included visiting the Treaty grounds, walking Te Ruapekapeka, visited the Hunderwasser Museum in Whangarei, followed Kupes footprint in Opononui, spent a day in Kaikohe at a marae learning about Ngapuhi and participated in learning workshops. One of our school focuses over the last 18 months has been the Aotearoa Histories Curriculum so this has linked nicely with the professional journey our staff are currently on. Each day we have been sharing pictures with our **LEGENDs** and we can't wait to further this learning with our kaiako. It was a huge learning experience, and we tell our **LEGENDs** that adults are always learning.



CLOVERLEA SCHOOL TURNING 50 IN OCTOBER 2025

Next year, we will be celebrating our school being opened for 50 years! You may notice that when you come into the office, frames of all the previous tumuaki (principals) can now be seen. We have had 9 tumuaki in total and each frame shares the length of time that each tumuaki served.

As part of our school celebrating 50 years, we have begun the process of meeting with Rangitāne Carver, Craig Kawana. He has agreed to create our own waharoa / tomokanga as part of the celebrations. Part of the process is gathering information about the history of our kura and connecting with whānau, staff and our **LEGENDs**. Throughout term 2 and term 3, we will be asking whānau for your connections with Cloverlea and the things that mean the most to you. We will also be gathering the voice of our **LEGENDs**. On Teacher Only Day in May, Coverlea staff will be visiting 2 other local schools who have theirs erected and listening to their school narrative as we continue to learn about local history. This is going to be an exciting journey for our community.

PINK SHIRT DAY – 17TH MAY 2024

The school council has had its first hui of the term! We had a kōrero about Pink Shirt Day at our kura, which will be 17th May. This year we are going to be collecting a koha of kai, as the councillors decided that whānau are having a hard time getting kai. If you can bring a koha of canned or long-lasting kai into kura on Friday 17th May. We will be having a second hui at the start of next week to kōrero about more ideas for Pink Shirt Day 2024! **LEGEND**s can wear pink to school on this day.

Nau mai haere mai ki te kaupeka tuarua! Welcome back to Term 2!

Rūma Iwa have been working together **iNclusively** in their new whānau rōpū to create their whānau crest. They have been rae pakari to create their whānau rōpū name, design their crest and colour it to Eva excellent standards. While working on their mahi, they have been catching up and having a daily kōrero about their hararei (holiday). Kairangi mahi, Rūma Iwa!





WELCOME MATUA KALEB

Welcome to Kaleb MacDonald who has begun as a new mentor. Kaleb brings strengths in basketball and has recently relocated from Wellington. Matua Kaleb will be supporting **LEGEND**s in classes as well as supporting some of our sports teams.



CELEBRATING OUR LEGENDS

We love hearing about our **LEGEND**s showing Kairangi outside of kura! Ruby competed in the Manawatu Performing Arts Competition over the holidays where she won first place for her Tap Solo and was awarded "Under 15 Most Promising"! It was a massive 3 days where she danced a total of 7 times, including twice with her Junior Crew, and performed a range of genres including Tap, Jazz, and Contemporary! It was also her first time debuting her new Slow Tap which she received a very highly commended! Ka rawe, Ruby!

