



**CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL**  
Te Kura O Mātairangi



**13 December 2024**

### **Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau**

Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Valttukkal, Abhinandan, Subhakansalu, Grīṭigaza, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαίρετίσματα, Grüß Gott, Zdravím, Приветствия, Sawasdee, Konnichiwa, Pozdrowenia, Selamlar, Guten Tag, Salaam, Salama Aleikum, Leikum Zdras-Tvuy-Te, Ahn-Young-Ha-Se-Yo, Marhaba, Nay Hoh, Ayubowan, Xin Chào, Kia Orana, Shalom, Buenos Dias, Bom.

### **Merehi Kirihemete me Ngā mihi o te tau hou**

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga karangaranga maha o te wa

*Hear the call*

E te whānau o Mātairangi Clyde Quay tēnei te mihi atu ki a tātou

*Greetings to us all*



The memories I have accumulated over my 25 years at Mātairangi Clyde Quay are embedded in my minds eye. I am humbled by the acknowledgements and accolades bestowed upon me. The adage 'It takes a village to raise a child' is apt.

Our by line *Creating Thinkers & Celebrating Diversity* was on display this week. Our ākonga were exemplary in realising this mantra. It was manifested in 'Te Ihi Te Wehi Te Mana' displayed in their performances and tributes at the *Poropoko Farewell on Tuesday and last evening*. Whaea Liz



# CQS Board of Trustees Update

Kia ora koutou Clyde Quay Whānau,

As we race towards the end of the year, the board would like to take a moment to reflect on a fantastic 2024.

Our tamariki have had a very successful year developing their akoranga (learning), their hautūtanga (leadership) and their matatika mahi me te manawaroa (work ethic and grit). All of Clyde Quay School is proud of the mahi our tamariki put in over the year and the way they consistently demonstrated living our CQS values.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our hard working staff - teachers, support staff and management. This year would not have been successful without all your hard work, dedication and obvious care for our ākongā. If the children are the heart of our school, our teachers and staff are our soul. Thank you all!

The board would like to give a huge thank you and congratulations to the Whānau and Friends of Clyde Quay School team for their incredible hard work over the last year. WAF have raised a record breaking amount for our school and the construction works we are about to undertake could not have gone ahead without them. Thank you again for all your efforts on CQS's behalf.

## **Farewells:**

Congratulations to our Year 8 leavers! It is a bittersweet goodbye as we farewell our senior students onto bigger and brighter things as they head off to high school next year. I'm sure your many friends here at CQS would love for you not to be strangers, and to pop back and visit us from time to time.

It is also a very bittersweet farewell to our long serving Principal Whaea Liz. The farewell assembly held on Tuesday at Wellington East Girls' College was a fantastic success and a fitting farewell to our beloved Principal. The power and emotion from the kids and staff in the final waiata and haka was palpable and a testament not only to our tamariki but also the special place Whaea Liz holds for all of them, past and present. As our incoming Principal Cameron said, it is not haere rā (goodbye), but ka kite anō (see you soon). No words can adequately express the school's thanks for everything you have given over the last 25 years, Thank you Whaea Liz!

And also, a sad goodbye to three of our wonderful staff; Anne, Jayne and Elyse, who are all off on exciting new adventures next year. Jayne and Elyse to travel overseas, and Anne to teach at Mt. Cook School. Again, we hope you will not be strangers and will pop back and visit your whānau at CQS sometimes. Thank you for everything you have all done for CQS.

## Property Projects:

As we wrap up the year, we look forward to the huge amount of work that will be taking place on our grounds over the school holidays and into next year. There will be no work undertaken while our students are still onsite, with the contractors coming in Friday evening and over the weekend to drop off materials in preparation for a flying start next Monday, 16th December.

We would like to let everyone know that the bottom playground of CQS will be closed for the entire school holidays, with no access available to the community. From this weekend, the bottom playground will be fenced off and not accessible. The preparation work for the Hall Relocation will be started before Christmas with the hall being moved in Mid-January. The hall being relocated will be an impressive sight, and for any who would wish to watch some of the work, the top block will be the best place to view this from (please stay well clear of the bottom block and the entrances/exits onto Elizabeth Street for your own and the builders safety).

We also want to let our community know that unfortunately, as part of this work, we will be bidding farewell to one of our beautiful Pohutukawa trees, and while this will be a loss, we will be reclaiming the wood to be used for something special post the construction work. And while we are losing this tree, we will be adding more trees to the school grounds and to add more nature back into the playground as part of our playground upgrades. This work we are hoping to start late 2025/early 2026.

The works will still be underway when we return in 2025. The board and staff will send more information about how the school will work around the construction in preparation for returning to school next year. In the meantime our school website has some information, which we will update on a regular basis, please see. <https://www.clydequay.school.nz/our-campus>

All the best for a fantastic holiday, I hope all our whānau get a chance to rest and recover after a year full of activity!

It was great seeing everyone at our farewell picnic last evening!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays to all,

Michelle Little  
on behalf of the CQS Board of Trustees

## Clyde Quay School – Annual Plan 2025



**Thank you to the families who have responded - we've had 25 responses so far, we have over 140 families at CQS, so please get this done as soon as you can. The survey closes at the end of business today.**

Your feedback is very important! We invite our school community to contribute your feedback, ideas, and opinions to ensure we understand what is important to you.

**[Please complete the survey here!](#)**

You can find out more about the Ministry of Education requirements and expectations of school planning on the [Ministry of Education website](#).

You can find more information about our school Strategic Plan 2024-25 and Annual Plan 2024 on the school website [here](#).

We'll take all school community feedback into consideration and a drafted Annual Plan for 2025 will be provided early in Term 1 for further consultation with our school community.

We'd be happy to discuss your thoughts further, or receive detailed feedback via email – [board@clydequay.school.nz](mailto:board@clydequay.school.nz)

Clyde Quay School Board



# See some photos from this week's final festivities

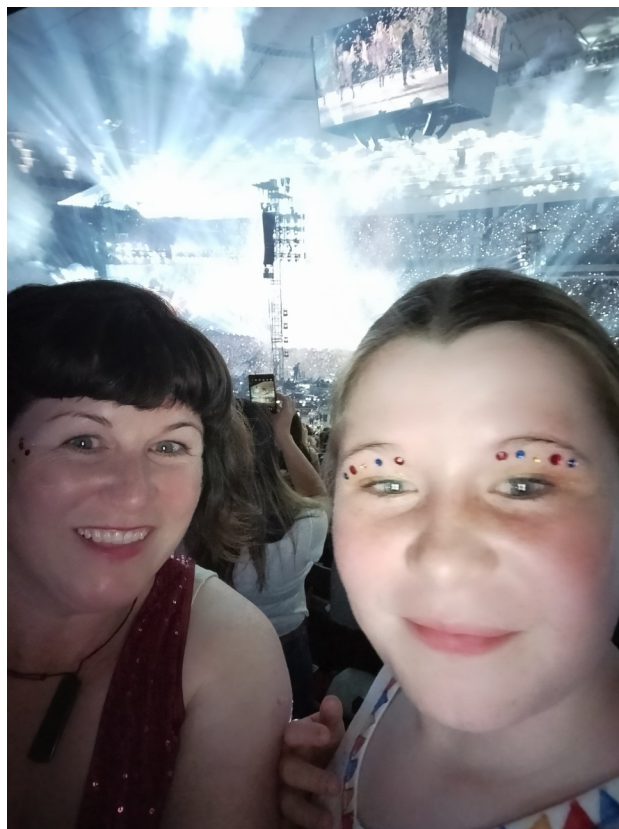








Here are some pictures from the Taylor Swift raffle winners who attended the TS concert in Vancouver last Friday. They had an amazing time and have extended their thanks to CQS and WAF for running an amazing raffle.



*Hi Phernne and Clyde Quay School,*

*Thank you so much again for allowing us to experience this amazing prize!*

*We had such a great time and I am now officially a Swiftie. We had some great fun with Amy and her daughter Zita too.*

*Thanks  
Hayley*

# School Calendar

	2025 Term Dates
Term 1	3 February—11 April 2025
Term 2	28 April—27 June 2025
Term 3	14 July—19 September 2025
Term 4	6 October—17 December 2025

## Sport—Netball

*Pictured here are 5 of the 8 players who represented CQS in the Motu Kairangi Netball for Year 3 & 4s on Saturdays in Term 4. This photo was taken at the last game for the Term, where CQS Pango played a mini tournament, consisting of 3 games against different Wellington schools. We didn't drop a game! We would like to thank Brett and Ang (Kiki's parents) for the practices, coaching and umpiring at the games. We are looking forward to playing again in Term 1 2025, and we will be recruiting as our Year 4s will be heading to the next league. So if you are keen let your teacher know. CQS Pango Players for Term 4 were: Temi, Esme E, Esme K, Hazel, Lorca, Charley M, Kiki, Charlie W.*

