

# CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### A LOOK AHEAD...

- **Technicraft, Rimu - Monday Afternoons, Term Three**
- **Assembly, Harakeke & Pohutukawa- Friday 8 August**
- **Wellington Free Ambulance, Pohutukawa - Friday 8 August**

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

This week it was awesome to receive a report from Beau in Rimu related to the hall build. He had come across a problem - balls were going under the new ramp which was causing all sorts of problems. As part of his maths learning, he has identified the problem, measured a variety of sports equipment and come up with a solution! All backed up with evidence. This has helped us to understand the problem, and work with Dave and Maycroft on a solution which will be in place soon. Ka rawe Beau! This is great critical thinking.

Another example of students in action has been Leon working with the Student Council. They have surveyed and the feedback from the students will see hot chocolates return soon! More information next week!

Finally, thank you for those who have been able to fill out the Google Form related to picking up your child early due to the Union Meeting. If you haven't it would be great if you could [click here](#) and complete it.

Looking forward to a great Harakeke / Pohutukawa assembly tomorrow - see you there!

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi,  
Cameron

### LET'S GET BEHIND AND SUPPORT WILLOW!



**REVOLUTION**  
New world championship 2025

Going for gold  
**HIP HOP UNITE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025!**

Fifteen young dancers need funding to compete at Hip Hop Unite World Championships in Prague, Czech Republic.

They're doing everything they can to bring gold home for Aotearoa New Zealand in October, proud to be official TeamNZ representatives.

Sponsor Revolution going for gold in Prague.

Email [revolutiondancecrew2025@gmail.com](mailto:revolutiondancecrew2025@gmail.com) to discuss corporate sponsorship and donation options.

Scan the QR code to donate via Givealittle.

[Link to Give a Little](#)

### TERM THREE DATES, 2025

**Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September**

## ATHLETICS HELPERS 2025

On Wednesday 17th September we will be running our CQS athletics event. We would appreciate some adult help to supervise and run some of the events. Please can you fill in this form if you are able to assist with this. You do not need to fill in the form if you are unable to help. Thanks very much.

[Link Here](#)

## OUR SCHOOL CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING IN ART SPLASH

We will have a rehearsal at the Michael Fowler Centre on the same day, Wednesday 27 August, from 12:00pm to 1:45pm. We will walk from school to the rehearsal and return afterwards.

Concert Six on **Wednesday 27 August at 7:30pm** at the Michael Fowler Centre.

***Drop-off for the evening performance:***

*FYI - Parents will need to drop their child off at the Michael Fowler Centre. More information will be sent out closer to the date with the exact drop-off location.*

Ticket cost: \$10.00 | Ticketmaster Transaction Fee: \$5.00 (the transaction fee is set and collected by Ticketmaster).

**<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/artsplash-tickets/artist/3050049>**

Regards

Fiona (CQS Teacher, Karaka)

## LOST PROPERTY

Yesterday student Julia from Ngaio misplaced her white see through wallet. If you have found it can you please return to her.

We also have had a football bag, uniform and pair of boots that have gone missing. It was sitting outside the Karaka classroom area prior at the end of Term. If anyone has seen it, please get in touch with the office.

Thank you.

REPORT ON GAP UNDER THE HALL

Problem summary:

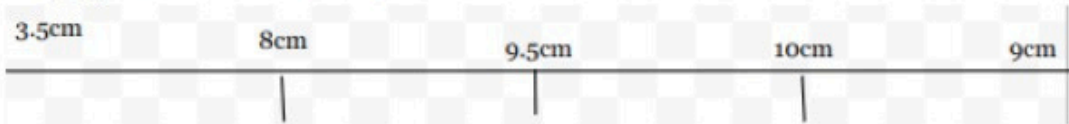
There is a gap under the hall on the treehouse side, which small balls can roll under. There is no way to retrieve such balls once they have disappeared, rolling all the way to the other side of the hall, which doesn't have any gap. Once lost, finding is impossible. But why do they need to be lost at all?

Photos of the gap:



Measurements of the gap:

The gap is 4.38 meters long, and has different elevations from the ground throughout, at points less than 5 centimeters tall, at others over ten. Here is a graph of the height of the gap after each of the 4 meters:



After 4 meters the gap is blocked by a bundle of leaves and a patch of turf:





**Balls that can fit under:**

Table tennis balls could easily fit under at pretty much any point, but the main focus is on small bouncy balls and also tennis balls, which can fit under at certain heights.

**Bouncy balls (handballs):**

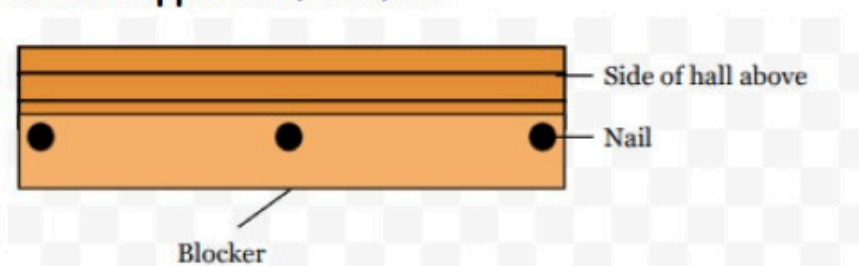
I measured two different balls each from different companies and they both measured in at exactly six centimeters in diameter, which could fit under the gap in 3.47m out of 4.38m, equal to 79.2% of the gap.

**Tennis balls:**

According to Google AI, the average tennis ball ranges from 6.54 to 6.86cm, which seems very accurate to me. At these heights tennis balls could probably fit under a little less than handballs, but not much, as the height of the gap isn't really at the 6cm range much, as soon as the height reaches about 4cm, it starts jumping straight up to your 9 and 10cm range. I'd estimate that a tennis ball would fit under about 75% of the gap.

**Solution Summary:**

Despite the horror of this problem, there happens to be an easy solution. Simply putting a plank of wood over the gap would block it, preventing anything rolling under. I would recommend the dimensions of such a plank being 4.4 meters long, and 13 centimeters high.

**Possible application method:**

Simply nailing the plank to the side of the hall above should secure it even though the bottom half cannot be nailed on, as the plank would only be around 13cm high.

Doing this would completely prevent any more balls from rolling under.

Report compiled by Beau Lucas



## CALLING FOR SCHOOL NOMINATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

### Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **4** parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with this notice, and the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **Wednesday 13 August 2025**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4.00pm on Wednesday 17 September 2025**.

Signed Catherine Dunn  
Returning Officer



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Clyde Quay School is excited to be opening a newly refurbished hall in the centre of Mt Victoria. The vision for the hall is a heart for our school and community – somewhere to host, meet, learn and play.



[givealittle.co.nz/cause/clyde-quay-school-kit-the-kitchen](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/clyde-quay-school-kit-the-kitchen)

Kai is an important part of community, so to make it a usable and functional space for all, we need help building in a kitchen. If you'd love to see Mt Victoria have this meeting place, donate the cost of a fork, a plate, or even the kitchen sink through our Give-A-Little.



**Kit the Kitchen**  
CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL  
Te Kura O Matairangi

If you're someone with handy skills or hook ups on deals, we'd be just as keen for your help.

## ISLAND BAY SCHOOL

125<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY

SAT 23 AUG, 1.30-3PM

Share your memories,  
Reminisce over old photos,  
Devonshire Tea with our current Principal!

TE KURA  
O TAPU  
TE RANGA



## Tuition in Academic Writing

\*Enrolling Now\*

Limited Places Available

## Group Classes

Online after-school tuition (one-hour lesson)  
Small groups (maximum of 4 students)  
Groups: Years 5 & 6, Years 7 & 8  
(For fluent speakers of English)

## One-to-One Lessons

One-to-one online after-school tuition (one-hour lesson)  
Years 5-10  
(For fluent speakers of English or ESOL students)

## Master the fundamentals of academic writing:

Developing core writing skills and boosting confidence in academic writing. This tuition covers key areas such as:

- Using a clear, scholarly voice
- Expanding academic vocabulary
- Writing complex, well-structured sentences
- Developing accuracy in punctuation and grammar
- Organising and structuring ideas effectively
- Building the core skills required for the NCEA Literacy Co-Requisite (Writing Assessment)
- Develop critical thinking skills & depth of understanding

## Allie Rankine:

Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher  
with over 35 years of experience.

Contact: [EnglishWithAllie.teacher@gmail.com](mailto:EnglishWithAllie.teacher@gmail.com)

ISLAND BAY SCHOOL 125<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Calling all ex-pupils! Island Bay School warmly invites you on Saturday 23 August, 1.30-3pm to an afternoon of sharing memories, reminiscing over old photos, catching up with childhood friends and sharing a delicious Devonshire afternoon tea! All welcome, spread the word!



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SOUTHERN PRIDE: SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (SWIS) HALL, NEWTOWN

14<sup>th</sup> APR – 25<sup>th</sup> APR 2025 from 7.00am-6pm daily.

Age range is 4 – 17 years with overnight sleepover activities provided with Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games. Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$84.04/cub per session or \$142.87 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$336.16 per cub/week or \$571.47 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families. Qualified 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$14/hr

ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors is also available if needed at \$37/hr per mentor.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online:

[www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz](http://www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz) or Visit our Facebook page:

[www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare](https://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare)

Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi (Neurotypical and Neurodivergent)

At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent children and youths with on-on-one support available to those that need it in our communities.



### SCOUTS

Scouts in Wellington have space for youth between the ages of 5-14. Keas age 6-8, Cubs 8-11, Scouts 11-14 and Venturers 14-18

Every year we help 13,000 girls and boys in New Zealand enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors, make new connections, and gain confidence. This includes outdoor activities and Leadership.

We are also on the lookout for new Leaders in our Groups, it is a great and fun opportunity.

To find your local group, please visit <https://scouts.nz/join/>

### AFTER-SCHOOL STEM NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

- THURSDAYS, 5-6PM
- CODING, ROBOTICS, 3D DESIGN, SCIENCE
- YEARS 1-6
- 8 SPACES ONLY
- FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE



[BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ](http://BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ)

