

The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 15th September 2017

Principal's Comment

Conferences and Course Selections

Information regarding Y10-12 Conferences and 2018 Option Choices has been distributed to the relevant students. Please read this carefully with your child, ask them to log in and show you around. You can book your half hour Conference for September the 22nd (1-5pm), and select courses for 2018 using this online forum. Courses must be selected by 22nd September.

In-home Meetings

Thank you to the parents who attended the In-home Meetings. It was great to meet you! I will be collating the themes coming through from our discussions, which I'll take to the Board and wider Community later in the year.

Clutha Dance Sessions

Thank you to Elspeth Geddes for her work with our students over the last term and a half, their dance skills have skyrocketed! Elspeth completed her last session this week, her maternity leave starts next week. We'll see her back at school in the New Year.

Camp Meeting

Mrs Bopp held the first meeting for the 2017 School Camp earlier this week. Thank you to the parents who came along and shared their ideas for some new fundraising initiatives. If your child is in Mrs Bopp's class or Year 7 and 8 and you weren't able to make the meeting, I'm sure you'll hear more soon. Mrs Bopp went over the plans for the camp and explained the links to learning and the key competencies. Thank you to Mrs Bopp for taking on the organisation of this year's camp, it is a mammoth task! Mr Samson will be joining her for the Camp along with parent volunteers. Please look out for further notices and communications.

KidsCan Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday brought a raft of crazy hairstyles to school. It's great for our students to have the opportunity to support kiwi students in need by donating to KidsCan in a fun way. Thanks to the parents who went above and beyond with their styling skills on the day! We raised over \$200.00 for this very worthwhile cause.

Sports Stars

Congratulations to everyone participating in sports over the last few weeks, but special recognition to Naomi McLay who presented our school as part of the Lawrence Area School netball team at the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament in Christchurch (beating my previous school). Also to Ryan Dey who is participating in the Aim Games, there is a feature and photos about his achievements later in the newsletter.

Kapa Haka

Does anyone know of someone in the community who could be approached to support our Kapa Haka group? Our students have learned so much and many are keen to progress their learning and skills. If you know of someone that we could approach, please call the School Office to discuss: (03) 415 8036.

School Assembly

Next Tuesday's full school Assembly at 2.50pm is hosted by Room 19. Parents are welcome to attend

Nau te raurau, Naku te raurau, Ka ora ai nga tangata.

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Senior Preparation Exams Conclude - 19th September

BOT Meeting - 21st September at 7.00pm

Home and School Country Fair Meeting - 21 Sept @ 7.30pm at 11 Burns Street

Mr Barnsley's last day - 22nd September

Y10-12 Family - Teacher - Student Conferences and 2018 Option Confirmations - 22nd September

Junior Production - 27th and 28th September

End of Term - 29th September

Keeping Ourselves Safe Y1-8 Programme Starts - 24th October

Country Fair - 11am onwards - 4th November

Senior Prizegiving - 8th November

Pet Day - 10th November

JUNIOR PRODUCTION

Do not forget the Production on 27 & 28 September
Owaka Memorial Community Centre at 7.00pm.
See you all there!

Pet Day 2017

Pet day is going to be held on **Friday 10th November**. Our dairy farming kids: it's time to pick those special calves. Our sheep farming kids: it's nearly time to pick that special lamb. Our creative kids: it is time to start thinking about your creations! Any questions please contact Annie Jackson 03 4158769 or andrew.anniejackson@gmail.com

Otago Secondary Schools' Music Festival

On Monday 11th September, fifteen students took part in the 48th Otago Secondary Schools' Music Festival in Dunedin Town Hall. Rehearsals for the orchestra took place at 11am and whilst they practised the members of the Chorale visited the Animal Attic and the Gallipoli exhibits at the Otago Museum. After lunch the massed choirs and orchestras were assembled for rehearsals with the actual concert at 6.30pm. To hear the early rehearsal you would not have believed it possible to get the orchestra all in tune and in time with the choirs, but they did. The concert was a magnificent showcase of talent in the region.

In addition to the whole group performances there were individual violinists, chamber group, jazz and rock bands and kapa haka. Country singer Kylie Price was MC and filled in between acts with an entertaining commentary and impromptu interviews with some of the performers as well as expressing delight that some of the choir members were from The Catlins!

It was a privilege to accompany the students to the music festival as they were great ambassadors for our school. Thanks must go to Glenda Landreth for making the trip possible and all the hours of preparation that are needed to develop the students.



SPORTS NEWS

Aims Games

Day one saw Ryan in the pool for eight races from 2:30pm until just after 8:30pm - a huge effort with over 70 boys in Ryan's age group. Looking at the lead up sheets going into competition Ryan was ranked anywhere from 14th to around mid-20's in his races and so what he was looking for was just getting some good personal best times but he managed to fight his way into two finals 100m butterfly and also 50m butterfly.

Ryan went into his 100m butterfly as 10th qualifier, very tough race and apparently on the livestream he and the school got a big mention as he was racing!!! Ryan placed 8th with another small PB which was fantastic and his goal!!! This was followed by his 50m butterfly where he was 9th qualifier and with another PB he achieved a wonderful 8th.

Ryan was also selected for a Fair Play medal which AIMS Games have introduced this year and apparently there was 300 made to be given out between the 10,000 plus athletes. Congratulations Ryan.



Touch

Grading games start next Thursday 21st September in Balclutha. The draw will be emailed to families when it is received early next week. If you are on Facebook 'Like' the South Otago Junior Touch Page as this will have updates on cancellations and draws throughout the season.

Touch Holiday Camp is being held during the school holidays for Year 3-9 students. Information on this camp was handed to players on Thursday along with a 'Sport Registration Form' that all players and parents need to sign and return BEFORE next week's game.

Draw for next week's games are as follows -

Catlins Crackers - 4pm - Ground 3

Catlins Crushers - 5pm - Ground 4

Catlins Cobras - 4:30pm - Ground 7

Catlins Crusaders - 5:30pm - Ground 6

South Island Secondary Schools Tournament

On the 4th of September I travelled with the Lawrence Area School Netball team to Christchurch to attend the South Island Secondary Schools Netball tournament. We played two games a day for four days outside at Hagley Park Netball courts. It was tough but we managed to get 5th overall in our grade, winning a game every day. Thanks to the TCAS Netball Committee for helping me get there. It was a great but tiring week! - Naomi McLay

Tania Barr
Fiona Wilkinson