

The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 27th October 2017

From the Principal:

School Website





Our new website catlins.school.nz is up and running. Please feel free to browse. You can login to the portal through the new site too.

Reading volunteers

The Catlins Area School is seeking volunteers from the community to start a buddy reading group early in 2018. Volunteers would be asked to commit half an hour per week to read with one of our students. We hope to improve engagement in reading for pleasure amongst the students, and to develop mentor relationships within the community. Because of the 1:1 nature of this project, the Vulnerable Children's Act requires us to police check any volunteers, these forms can take a while to process, hence the early request for volunteers. Please call the office if you would like to be involved (03) 415 8036.

2018 Prefect Profiles

As mentioned in the last newsletter, here are the profiles of the Prefects for 2018 (listed in alphabetical order); there is a brief description of their special duties for 2018 and the activities they intend to lead. It is expected that each prefect will work to develop younger future leaders within their duties and activities. The four prefects will speak in assembly next week, describing their roles.

Britney Brown	Hannah Clarke	Darius McLean	Alicia Staniford
			
<p>Special duties: Assemblies, Prizegiving and Office Duties</p> <p>2018 Activities to lead: Seasonal Sports and Buddy Reading</p> <p>Achievements and Experiences: NCEA Level 1 and 2, Kapa Haka, Chorale, Music Festival</p> <p>Previous leadership: Representing the School in Productions and Music Events.</p>	<p>Special duties: Kapa haka, Cultural Events and HR</p> <p>2018 Activities to lead: Drama and Music Group</p> <p>Achievements and Experiences: NCEA Level 1 and 2, Chorale, Orchestra, Soccer (South Otago), South Otago Theatrical Society, Area Schools Tournament, Recipient of the Japanese Tokiwa Scholarship, Pamela Mitchell Cup.</p> <p>Previous leadership: Kapa Haka and Music Events, School and Community Productions, Manuka House.</p>	<p>Special duties: Student Pastoral Team and Techsperts</p> <p>2018 Activities to lead: Seasonal Sports and Student Mentoring</p> <p>Achievements and Experiences: NCEA Level 1 and 2, Otago Secondary Schools Athletics, Area School Tournaments.</p> <p>Previous leadership: Mentoring of Junior Students.</p>	<p>Special duties: School Magazine, Arts Events</p> <p>2018 Activities to lead: Swimming and Art@Lunch</p> <p>Achievements and Experiences: NCEA Levels 1 and 2 with Excellence, Water Safety and First Aid, Swimming (South Canterbury), Gifted and Talented Arts Course, Photography Development Course (USA), Senior Arts Cup.</p> <p>Previous leadership: Troop Leader in Scouts, School Magazine Editor, School Librarian.</p>

In-Home Meetings Feedback

Thank you to all the families who took the time to attend the series of In-Home Meetings. I have identified themes across the meetings which, along with other data collected will inform future decisions at the school. There were a number of positive themes from the meetings which centred around student relationships, community spirit, our facilities and the activities and opportunities available for our learners. The themes we will continue to work on are safety when travelling to and from school, leadership opportunities lower down the school, capitalising on our local assets for learning, digital technology opportunities, curriculum diversity and uniform.

High-Viz Jackets

Our Year 1-6 students have been issued with high-viz jackets for travel to and from school. **Please ensure your child is wearing the jacket every day**, each one is numbered and named - we're hoping that we don't lose any! They will be collected at the end of term for a wash. Thank you to Ravensdown and Fonterra for their donation of the jackets, and to the Home and School Committee who organised some of the donations.

Country Fair

The Home and School Committee met this week to discuss the Country Fair. Thank you to the community for the donations to date, it should be a fun packed event! A reminder of the ways you can support us in preparation for the big day:

- Donate some bread or margarine for the barbeque.
- Donate boxes of ice pops for the stall.
- Donate some baking (November 2nd or 3rd for drop off please).
- Spring clean at home, donate items for the White Elephant Market Stalls - suitable items include, household goods, clothes, books, DVDs, toys etc... (saleable condition please).
- Volunteer some time to sort and label the goods for sale (November 2nd and 3rd), or time on the day to supervise a stall if you are able to attend.

All donated goods can be dropped off at the school office. If you are able to volunteer some time to help sort goods, or set up, please contact Lisa Given using her number on the flyer.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide, I know this will be a great event.

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

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Country Fair - 11am onwards - 4th November

Prizegiving - 8th November

Pet Day - 10th November

Y7-10 Science Roadshow - 13th November

Camp - 14th November

Y1-10 Beach Day - 8th December

End of Term - 8th December

Sun Hats

Reminder to parents that in the summer we like all the junior students to wear their school wide-rimmed sun hat when outside. Thank you.

Kids Agri

Agri Kids is happening today if the weather is fine. Meet in the bottom car park if you need a ride.

School Waist Coats

There are still a few school waist coats and bowties to be returned to the Music Room after various functions throughout the year. Please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks – Mrs Glenda Landreth.

School Production DVDs

If you want to order a 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan' DVD please send \$15.00 to the school office asap.
Pet Day 2017

Pet Day - Friday 10th November

Pet Day is coming around quickly. The entry form and programme are included with the newsletter. Please read the programme carefully to see what time judging is for your pet. If you are unsure of anything please contact Annie Andrew.anniejackson@gmail.com

South Otago A & P Show

Also on Saturday 25th November is the South Otago A & P show. This is a great opportunity for the kids to show off their pets one more time. The pet section is enter on the day, and is lots of fun. They also get to participate in the grand parade. This year we will borrow the PE tracksuits and it will be a great advertisement for our school. Also, they have a creative section as well. Items do need to be in Balclutha by 6pm on the Friday. See website for more details... would be great to get as many of our kids participating as possible.

Lost Property

There is a heap of un-named lost property here at school. If you are visiting please pop in to the office and look through the clothes on the trestle in the foyer. Any item left at the end of term will be taken to the Swap Shop.

SPORTS NEWS

Beach Education

On Friday 8th December, all Year 1 - 10 students will participate in a Beach Education day at Kaka Point. A permission slip has been sent home today and these must be returned by next Friday 3rd November. For this day to go ahead, plenty of parent assistance is required. All information is attached to the permission slip.

Swimming in PE

Now that we are lucky enough to have the Owaka Community Heated Swimming Pool open, full and warm, it is time to get our students in the water and back into swimming for PE. All students who have Mrs Wilkinson for PE on Wednesdays need to please bring their togs, towels and goggles to their PE lessons. Any parent who would like to assist is always welcome, especially for our smaller children in Room 2.

Times are as followed

Room 3: 9 - 10am; Room 19: 11:20-12:20pm; Room 2: 2:15 - 3:15pm; Year 7 & 8: 1:15 - 2:15pm (Fridays)

Cricket

First game starts this afternoon for some very keen and eager Year 4-6 students and, with the help of fundraising at the beginning of year at the Papatowai Challenge, these young players have \$500 worth of new equipment to help them along the way.

Quadrathon

Today permission slips were given to the 36 Year 4-8 students interested in the Quadrathon which is held in Waiwera South School on 29 November, please check with your son/daughter that they have one and return by Thursday 2nd November as teams need to be confirmed early. This event has been running for over 30 years and is becoming more and more popular. This takes a long time to coordinated so your help with returning forms early will be appreciated.

Touch

Three wins and a close loss yesterday for our four touch teams continue the good start to the season. Due to camp in three weeks we will need to play that scheduled game sometime before 16th November. Contact will be made with the opposition teams to schedule teams to play a second game in the next week or two and players will be notified.

Tania Barr

Fiona Wilkinson

Community News

Halloween Party at Tahakopa Hall

Tahakopa School is having a Halloween Party in the Tahakopa Hall on TONIGHT **Friday 27th October** at 6.30 – 9.00pm. Fancy dress and lots of prizes. \$5 entry fee and you will also get fizzy and pop corn. Come and have some fun. Any questions phone Ange Osborne 0277111914.

OWAKA SWIMMING POOL OPENING

SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER

FAMILY KEY - \$100; ADULT (OVER 18 YEARS) - \$70

SUPER GOLD CARD (OVER 65 YEARS) - \$40

Casual Admission with a Key Holder only

\$3 adult & \$2 child

KEYS AVAILABLE FROM THE CATLINS CAFE AND

THE POUNAWEA MOTOR CAMP FROM SATURDAY.