

The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 3rd November 2017

From the Principal:

Country Fair

The Country Fair starts at **11am tomorrow morning**, we're looking forward to seeing everyone there! The Home and School Committee have organised a number of events which include: Market Stalls, Games, Camp Fundraiser Car Wash, Face Painting, Fair Rides, Pony Rides and more...

Prizegiving

Our full school Prizegiving starts at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8th November at the Owaka Memorial Community Centre. All students should report to the area between the tennis courts and the Community Centre by 6.15pm for roll call and organisation. Students should be in full, clean, winter school uniform. All students are expected to attend; if for any reason a student is unable to attend please call the school office in advance to let us know the reason, we will then be able to amend the official list. We're looking forward to sharing the success of our students with you.

Energy Drinks and Fizzy Drinks

Over the last few weeks I've noticed a few students arriving to school with bottles of fizzy drinks and cans or bottles of energy drinks. These students have been advised that items such as these are inappropriate for school. Due to high sugar and caffeine contents, these types of drink have a detrimental effect on learning and concentration in the short term, iron levels and sleep patterns in the long term. Water and milk are great options to keep hydrated and healthy, both are available at school. Thank you in advance for assisting us in maintaining a healthy environment for learning.

Card Competition

Mrs Bloxham has noticed that our school cards are looking a bit outdated. We'd like students to create a new image for the front of our updated card. Any student who would like to design a new picture for the front of our school card should create their image on either A4 or A5 size and hand it in to the main office. There will be a prize for the winning design in each age range Y1-4, Y5-8, Y9-13. Get your design to the office by 1st December if you want to be in the competition!

Financial Donations

Thank you to a group of parents who have made recent donations to the school. Some have donated their gas contribution for camp back to the collective camp funds, others have donated to the school and Home and School Committee. I have sent letters to each of them on behalf of the school community we truly appreciate the contribution our community makes to the school for the benefit of our students whether that is financial or practical.

New Student

Welcome to Jethro Ware who started at The Catlins Area School at the beginning of this term. He has transferred from Romahapa School to join our Year 7 group. We look forward to working with you as you progress through at The Catlins Area School.

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

Kate Staniford

Principal

Upcoming Events:

Country Fair - 11am onwards - 4th November
Last day for Senior Students Y11-13 - 8th 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

PRIZE GIVING

Our full school (Year 1 – 13) Prize Giving starts at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8th November at the Owaka Memorial Community Centre. All students should report to the area between the tennis courts and the Community Centre by 6.15pm for roll call.

Pet Day Update

Entry forms in by Wednesday please... this helps for smooth running of the day. Last week for training!! Any questions or queries please contact Annie Jackson 03 4158769. Please read attached programme carefully so your child is ready for judging.

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

Touch

All schools are busy with end of year productions and camps so the next couple of weeks will be a little messy with changes to draws; keep an eye out for emails with any changes.

Good luck to Kasey Valli, Hattie Kerr and Jade Gutsell who are travelling to Oamaru for the Otago Touch age group trials this Sunday

PE Uniforms

There are three tracksuits outstanding from sport events from last term. These students have been told via morning notices. Reminder that all tracksuits ideally need to be returned washed and clean within a week from the event. A couple of students have also 'misplaced' their PE top; could families please have a double check on names of ones they have at home and don't accidentally have two floating around.

Cricket

Junior students have had two visits from an Otago Cricket representative since the beginning of Term 4 and have been thoroughly enjoyed. These lessons will be followed up during Friday's PE classes.

Our Year 4-6 cricket team also had their first competition game last Friday vs Rosebank and are looking forward to another game tonight vs Balclutha Primary.

Rainbow Run

Sport Otago are running this great event again next weekend **11th November**, 11am start in Balclutha. It is a 5km fun run/walk where participants can wear either white or black and go through 5 colour stations turning them into a rainbow of colours. This is a great family day out and was good to see so many Catlins community members there last year. For more information on ticketing go to www.sportotago.co.nz

Beach Ed Day

There is still 40 students to return their Beach Ed permission slips - these were handed out last Friday to all Year 1-10 students. The Beach Ed day is to be held on **8th December** which is our last day of school. These permission slips are needed ASAP and if they have been misplaced more can be collected from the Office.

Swimming

The pool is now open and students have been enjoying heading over at lunchtimes and in the afternoons with their classrooms. If students bring togs, goggles and towels each day they won't miss out if their teacher decides they deserve a quick dip in the pool.

Lunchtime swimming will be available to students eight years and older and **ONLY** if they have no other commitments on.

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