

# The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

From the Principal:

## Country Fair

Thank you to everyone who made donations or helped out with the Country Fair. It certainly was a busy day for the school! Despite the weather, we welcomed visitors from all around the region. Including the Library stall and the Camp Car Wash fundraiser, we raised close to \$3000. Thank you to the Home and School Committee, our student helpers and staff volunteers for their hard work. Now that the engineering report on the confidence course has been completed, the committee should be able to proceed with renewing this great resource in 2018.

## Prize Giving

I very much enjoyed my first Prize Giving at The Catlins Area School; we have a lot to be proud of. This was a well-planned event to congratulate so many of our high achievers, to celebrate service to the school and showcase our talented performers. Thank you to Mrs Lean for organising the evening, and to the other members of staff who worked tirelessly to prepare performances for the event. I was pleased to see so many parents supporting their children - what a lovely family evening. We've already received a large amount of positive feedback, which I will pass on to the staff at our next meeting. We also farewelled some of our longest serving staff which made for an extra special evening. Thank you to Heather Abernethy, Moira Spicer, Glenda Landreth and Helen-May Burgess for their immense enthusiasm and expertise while at this school. We will miss you all.



### **A Visit from the Mayor**

Bryan Cadogan visited the school to attend a session with Ruth Ratcliffe our Community Youth Worker. He sat in on a class with our Year 10 students then toured the school meeting many of the students as we went. He is very interested in all the great learning opportunities we have at The Catlins Area School and has offered future support for the school. We look forward to inviting him to some of our events next year!

### **Year 13 Leavers**

You may have noticed in the news over the last couple of weeks a few reports of school leavers from other schools getting involved with unsafe or disrespectful pranks. Our Year 13 group should be congratulated on their maturity and care for others whilst planning and executing their pranks. Yes, it was annoying to navigate through water-filled cups to get my morning cuppa, but I think they deserve to play a little, bearing in mind their achievements. I know that The Catlins Area School is sending five stunning adults out into the next phase of their lives. They are well qualified, all of them have already attained NCEA Level 3 (the national average for Level 3 is an 83.7% pass rate) and well prepared for their next step. Each has an academic plan for 2018 and beyond, with continued success well within their grasp.

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

Kate Staniford  
Principal

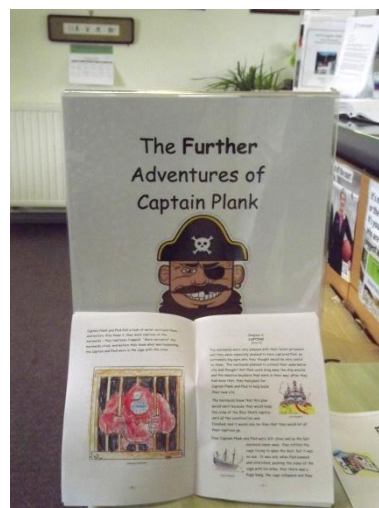
### **Upcoming Events:**

Y7-10 Science Roadshow - 13th November  
Room 19 & Year 7/8 Camp - 14th November  
Y1-10 Beach Day - 8th December  
End of Term - 8th December

### **Library News**

The second **Captain Plank** book is now out and for sale in the school office. This book has been written and compiled by **Rooms 3 and 19** in their library lesson time. They have all had some involvement in the writing or the illustrating or both, and have done a wonderful job. Show your support for their efforts by buying a copy, **only \$5.00**. The book would also make great stocking presents or gifts for family members. Copies of the original Captain Plank book are also available on request, also \$5.00. All profit will be returned to the library to buy books and resources.

**Thank you for your support!**



### **School Fair**

Saturday's fair was a huge success despite the terrible weather. The Home and School Committee and I would like to thank everyone for your contributions and to the wider community for coming along. It was an excellent way to showcase our amazing school.

A special thanks to those who helped on the day. I don't really think we expected to be as busy as we were but we really pulled together and worked as a team and had a lot of fun and laughs.

I would like to think we can do it again next year with everyone's support and hopefully a much warmer day.

Lisa Given – President Home & School

### **Science Roadshow**

I have booked places for the Year 7-10 students to attend the Science Roadshow in Balclutha on the morning of Monday 13 November 2017. Travel will be by minibus and teachers' cars. The Campbell Trust is subsidising this trip enabling our students to benefit from this opportunity. **So far only 50% of students have returned their permission slip – please return them on Monday.**

Thank you  
Lisa Hooker

### **Lost Property**

There is still heaps of un-named lost property here at school. If you are visiting please pop into 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.

### **School Waistcoats and Bowties**

There are still a few school waist coats and bowties to be returned to the Music Room after various functions throughout the years. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

Thanks – Mrs Landreth

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Touch**

The weather didn't play its part yesterday and Touch was cancelled. Next week Room 19 and Room 16 will be away on camp and these games have been rescheduled, so only the Catlins Crackers will have a game next week at 4pm on Ground 8.

### **Quadrathon**

On **29<sup>th</sup> November** we have a total of 35 students, nine teams, six individual competitors and 16 bikes to transport to the annual Quadrathon at Waiwera South School. Parental support is always great at this event and thank you to all the offers of transport. The schedule is due out next week and the teams, transport details and additional information will be emailed home.

### **Beach Ed Day**

There are still **20** permission slips NOT returned (14 of them from Year 7-10) these were given to ALL Year 1-10 students and need to be returned IMMEDIATELY even if not planning on attending

We need to know as provisions will be made at school for those who won't be attending as this is a planned day of school and is part of the water safety programme for the PE and Health curriculum this year.

### **Tracksuits and PE Tops**

There are a small number of tracksuits and PE tops outstanding, these students were told via school notices if they can please be returned.

### **Rainbow Run**

Fun Run/Walk tomorrow 11am start at the Balclutha showgrounds \$10 per person or \$30 family ticket. Tickets can be purchased on the day but you are advised to go early. [www.sportotago.co.nz](http://www.sportotago.co.nz) for more details

Tania Barr – Sports Co-ordinator  
Fiona Wilkinson - Teacher in Charge