

# The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

From the Principal:

## Pet Day

Thanks to Annie Jackson, The Catlins Area School held yet another successful Pet Day. It is a great event for students to show their expertise in the Agriculture field and supports curriculum-based learning in many areas such as the Key Competencies, Agriculture, Science and the Arts. Events such as Pet Day develop diverse skill sets in students whilst allowing them to showcase their expertise. The Catlins Area School would like to thank Annie, her team of judges, the parents and students who made entries in the various categories and the senior students who gave up their time to attend, assist judges and participate.



Just thinking about Pet Day and the Key Competencies (I'll leave the other curriculum areas for another time!)... The New Zealand Curriculum identifies the key competencies as:

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Using language, symbols, and texts
- Managing self
- Participating and contributing

I can think of ways in which each of these were displayed by our participating students on the day. Can you?

The New Zealand Curriculum document asks 'Why do Key Competencies Matter?', this is their statement:

*"The key competencies take account of the vast changes in society, work, knowledge, and technology that have occurred since education systems were established.*

*Key competencies matter because things have changed. Since our education systems were first established there has been enormous change in the nature of societies, change in the nature of work, change in how knowledge is viewed, and change in technologies, to name just a few. Those changes, and the certainty of ongoing change, have implications for the kind of education our young people require, and the focus of the teaching and learning they experience. The key competencies take account of those changes – they put today's students at the centre, and bring a future-focused perspective to teaching and learning."*

## Science Roadshow

On Monday, Lisa Hooker accompanied students from Years 7-10 at the Science Roadshow in Balclutha. This experience was funded by The Campbell Trust. The Catlins Area School distributes The Campbell Trust funds to support rich learning experiences across the school. Thanks to the Campbell Trust Committee, we were able to run this trip with no cost to parents. The students were able to view and participate in experiments that cannot be performed in schools.

## Camp

Our Room 19, Year 7 and 8 students left for Camp on Tuesday. They have four action-packed days of kayaking, orienteering, adventure-based learning, bush craft and raft building amongst many other activities. Thank you to Mrs Bopp for all the organising and Mr Samson for accompanying them with the parent helpers, and to Adventure Southland for running the activities which require specialised safety training. Our students certainly are lucky to have facilities like Camp Columba nearby and to have so many adults willing to support this experience. See photos below.



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

Kate Staniford  
Principal

### Upcoming Events:

BOT Meeting - 27th November  
Y1-10 Beach Day - 8th December  
End of Term - 8th December  
First day for students in 2018 - 30th January

### 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.



Can parents of Room 2 & 3 please check their book shelves at home for 'Henry's Map', a picture book by David Elliot. This is a Clutha District Library book that mistakenly went home with one of our students. If you find it, please return to either the Owaka or Balclutha Libraries. Thank you.

### Ex-pupil Excels

Matthew Smith, The Catlins Area School Dux in 2017, has been awarded a \$4000, 10 week scholarship from the University of Otago to help produce the first high resolution maps of the new uplifted terraces in Kaikoura.

This will lead into his Master of Science thesis (Geography) which will be looking at seismic controls on the coast with an in depth study of Kaikoura. Congratulations Matthew. It is great to see the successes of our past students.

### Room 19 & Year 7/8 Camp

The Year 4- 8 camp has been supported financially from the fund set up in the year 2000 by the 125th School Jubilee Committee. A big thanks once again to that Committee who set up this fund for the ongoing support of Education Outside The Classroom.

## SPORTS NEWS

### **Touch**

Due to the South Otago A&P show next weekend there will be **NO Touch** on Thursday 23rd. Good luck to **Kasey Valli, Hattie Kerr (U/14) Jade Gutsell and Cooper Cleland (Under 12)** who are playing for South Otago in the Southern Inter Provincial Touch Tournament in Invercargill on Sunday.

### **Quadrathon**

The draft draw was sent to schools with a few minor changes being made. The final draw is hopefully confirmed by end of today. It will then be emailed out with transport arrangements. Reminder to competitors that are biking please ensure your bike is roadworthy and your helmet meets safety recommendations.

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **SOUTH OTAGO A & SHOW**

Saturday **25th November** is the South Otago A & P show. This is a great opportunity for the students 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. Items do need to be in Balclutha by 6pm on the Friday. See website for more details.

It would be great to get as many of our students participating as possible.

