

The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 24th November 2017

From the Principal:

Camp

Thank you to Mrs Bopp and Mr Samson and their army of parent helpers for a very successful 2017 Camp. Our students in Room 19 and Years 7 and 8 took on all the challenges available to them; there were some very tired faces when I dropped in for a visit on Friday! Congratulations to all the students who pushed themselves to be successful in new activities. Your tenacious spirit was obvious to the activity providers who commented on your positive behaviour and your engagement in the tasks presented to you.

School Magazine 2017

The 2017 School Magazine is now available from the school office for \$13.00. Pick up your copy today!



Year 1-8 Uniform Update (phase in by 2019)

I'm pleased to tell you that the first order of new uniform tops for Y1-8 students has arrived. If you wish to purchase them from the office now, they are \$35 each as stated in previous communications. Or you may wish to pre-order from the office for the beginning of 2018.

If your child intends to change to the new uniform, they must change entirely to the new uniform and not wear a mix of old and new. The appropriate matches for the new top are navy skorts, skirts, drill shorts, pants or track pants (no branding). Their existing fleece, merino, shoes and socks remain. The tops are available through school; all other items are available on the Schooltex website or in the Warehouse. We will soon have our own section in the Balclutha Warehouse, but for now, I have included the correct codes on the attached uniform breakdown.



Please note: During 2017 there has been a more 'relaxed' attitude to uniform due to the planned change. From the start of 2018, all students are expected to wear either full, correct 'old' uniform, or full, correct new uniform. Common items seen this year that will not be acceptable next year are: non-uniform sweatshirts, hoodies, coats, converse (or similar) 'boot' style footwear, canvas shoes and trainers for seniors, sports shorts and track pants with obvious branding, or not purchased from the uniform retailers, general mufti items. If you are not sure about any item, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office for advice rather than experiencing disappointment after purchasing expensive, non-regulation items.

Morning Tea for Tracy Blanchard

On Thursday 30th November at 11.00am we will have a morning tea in the school hall with Tracy Blanchard. As most of you know, Tracy is formally leaving us at the end of the year, and so we wish to celebrate her connections with the students, staff and community. All community members, or students who wish to attend are encouraged to bring a plate to share.

NCEA Level 1 Mathematics Examination

You may have noticed articles in the media regarding the NCEA Level 1 Geometry paper, which some students in New Zealand attempted. No students at The Catlins Area School sat, or were entered for this particular paper. Fortunately, our students were enrolled for different papers in the external examination, meaning that no student at The Catlins Area School will be negatively affected by the NCEA Level 1 Geometry paper.

Congratulations

Lastly we congratulate Mr Prasad on achieving full registration as a New Zealand teacher. It was acknowledged at a combined NZEI & PPTA presentation at the Balclutha Town and Country on Monday night.

At the same event we honoured our retirees Mrs Heather Abernethy, Mrs Moira Spicer, Mrs Glenda Landreth, Mrs HM Burgess for their long service at The Catlins area School.

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.

Thank you – Anabel McPhee

Board of Trustees

The board members, Principal, staff and students would like to take this opportunity to thank Lauren Martin who was the Board of Trustees Student Rep for 2017. Her last meeting for the year is next Monday.

In the middle of Term 3 nominations were called for a 2018 Board of Trustees Student Rep. Congratulation to Logan Bird who was nominated and he starts attending Board meetings at the beginning of 2018.



SPORTS NEWS

Quadrathon

Team and transport information was emailed to families on Monday. If you did not receive it please contact Tania. If you are helping with transport we aim to leave from the school gym at 10:20am and to those students travelling with volunteers, reminder a donation to the driver is appreciated.

Beach Ed Day

Beach Education programme is two weeks away and we have over 60 students attending. We would like to give a huge thank you to the 18 parents that have offered either transport or help in the water on the day. Without your support this fantastic opportunity for the students wouldn't be possible. If the payment of \$11.50 and permission slips has not been made already could this please be made by next **Thursday 30th November** or an arrangement made with the office. Final details with transport information, gear required and supervisors will follow next week.

School Holiday Swimming Lessons

Holiday Swim Programme at the Owaka heated swimming pool with Aleisha from JC Swim School

- 8th to 12th January
- 2x lessons a day
- \$160 per student
- Students grouped into ability levels
- Minimum age is 3 years old

Please email Fiona at fionaw@catlins.school.nz to secure your place (please include age and swimming ability/experience)

Note: this will only go ahead if we have the numbers to support this excellent opportunity at our own community pool

COMMUNITY NEWS

SOUTH OTAGO A & SHOW

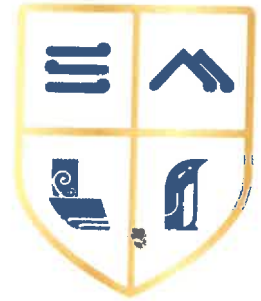
On Saturday 25th November, the A&P show run a pet class for differing classes and a dress up class. This is a great opportunity for the kids to show their pets off once again and participate in the Grand Parade. This year we will borrow the PE tracksuits and use this as a great opportunity to showcase our school. If anyone would like to bring their animals, and need transport for their animals, I can take them. I will be taking a horse float and happy to fill it up.

Please let me know if your children are coming so we can organise the tracksuits which I will have on the Saturday morning.



There is also a creative section which the kids can enter. Please see the details on the website. **ENTRIES ARE TO BE IN ON THE FRIDAY 2pm-6pm.** Any further details, also please look on the SOAP website. Any questions, queries please contact Annie Jackson andrew.anniejackson@gmail.com or 4158769 or 0274825282 (workhours only). Thank you.

The Catlins Area School Uniform - Phase in by 2019



Junior School (Years 1-8)

Polo Shirt with Crest
Navy Half-Zip Polar Fleece with Crest
Navy Merino Vest or Zip Sweater
Navy Skort
Navy Skirt
Navy Drill Shorts
Navy Pants
Navy Track Pants (no branding)
Any school suitable shoes



Senior School (Years 9-13)

White shirt, long or short sleeves
Optional Tie (must be worn with blazer)
Optional Navy Blazer with crest (can be purchased, or borrowed from school)
Kilt - Napier Tartan
Triple Pleat Skirt - Napier Tartan
Navy Drill Shorts
Navy Pants
Navy V-Neck Wool Vest or Jersey with crest
Navy Merino Vest or Zip Sweater
Black nuggatable shoes (no canvas, boots or ballet style)

Uniform Accessories

Black stockings
Black over the knee socks
White ankle socks
Coloured band socks (Navy and Gold) to be worn with shorts
Black/Navy/White Thermal
Black/Navy/White Skivvy
Plain navy bucket hat / Plain navy beanie
Plain navy or black scarf in winter

All students

School soft-shell jacket with crest or Plain Black/Navy Coat



Most items are available online from schooltex.co.nz, item codes are listed below. We are awaiting our own section in the Warehouse Balclutha for Schooltex items, but most items are already stocked, except those with crests. Unavailable items are in **bold**, I will let people know as these items become available.

Junior School (Years 1-8)

Polo Shirt with Crest - available from school office now (\$35) - or for pre-order
Navy Half-Zip Polar Fleece with Crest - **not yet available with crest from Warehouse**
Navy Merino Vest or Zip Sweater - available from merinowoolforschool.co.nz
Navy Skort - Item 112411 from Schooltex, Balclutha Warehouse or Warehouse Basics
Navy Skirt - Item 112563 from Schooltex, Balclutha Warehouse
Navy Drill Shorts - Item 110688 from Schooltex, Balclutha Warehouse or Warehouse Basics
Navy Pants - Item 109375 from Schooltex, Balclutha Warehouse or Warehouse Basics
Navy Track Pants (no branding) - Item 109348 from Schooltex, Balclutha Warehouse or Warehouse Basics
Any school suitable shoes

Senior School (Years 9-13)

White shirt, long or short sleeves - Item 110424 (M - short), Item 110423 (M - long), Item 110334 (F - short), Item 109745 (F - long) from Schooltex and Balclutha Warehouse
Optional Tie (must be worn with blazer) - available from school office
Optional Navy Blazer with crest (can be purchased from Schooltex and Balclutha Warehouse - **not yet available**, or borrowed from school)
Kilt - Napier Tartan - Item 108830 in TRT027 from Schooltex, or second hand from the school office
Triple Pleat Skirt - Napier Tartan - Item 109339 in TRT027 from Schooltex
Navy Drill Shorts - Item 110688 from Schooltex, Balclutha Warehouse or Warehouse Basics
Navy Pants - Item 109375 from Schooltex, Balclutha Warehouse or Warehouse Basics
Navy V-Neck Wool Vest or Jersey with crest - **not yet available with crest from Warehouse**
Navy Merino Vest or Zip Sweater - available from merinowoolforschool.co.nz
Black nuggatable shoes (no canvas, boots or ballet style)

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Black stockings

Black over the knee socks

White ankle socks

Black/Navy/White Thermal

Black/Navy/White Skivvy

Plain navy bucket hat / Plain navy beanie

Plain navy or black scarf in winter

Coloured band socks (Navy and Gold) to be worn with shorts - available at Balclutha Warehouse

All students

School soft-shell jacket with crest - available for pre-order from the school office

Plain Black/Navy Coat - no specified supplier