

# The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

From the Principal:

## **IT Devices**

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned that a new Digital Technologies Curriculum Document was in the final stages of development and implementation for all New Zealand Schools. The Board of Trustees, as part of their Charter Goals and Targets, wish to continue to increase access to IT devices across the school in 2018. This increase will support the implementation of the Digital Technologies Curriculum in coming years and meet the needs of our whole school IT Plan.

For the Board, the most important overarching goal for access to devices is equity for all students at The Catlins Area School. As such, the Board has decided to fund devices on a 1:1 basis for 2018 and beyond. This does not prevent your child from bringing their own device, in fact, this is actively encouraged. If you wish to look at specifications for suitable devices, there is information on our school website ([catlins.school.nz/our-school/BYOD](http://catlins.school.nz/our-school/BYOD)). In line with our IT Plan, students in Room 2 will have 1:1 access to iPads. Room 3, 19 and Years 7 and 8 to Chromebooks, Year 9 and above to small screen laptops.

Students in Years 7 and above will be able to take the device around their classes with them; some families may wish to enter into a written agreement with the school where their child can take the device home for homework purposes. It will be expected that those families accept responsibility for the care of the device under their home insurance. Students whose devices will be kept at school will have personalised charging spaces to leave them at the end of the day.

I hope that this change in our learning systems will enhance the overall programme available at The Catlins Area School and provide all students equal opportunity in access to IT across their learning pathway.

## **Tracy's Morning Tea**

Thank you to everyone who attended Tracy Blanchard's morning tea on Thursday; a very emotional event. It was a lovely celebration of the connections Tracy has made across the school community and the contributions she has made to the learning and development of so many students. Special thanks to Kirsty Williams who helped to get the message out to students and parents old and new, and made herself available on the day. Also thanks to our student supporters who set up before and cleaned up afterwards.

## **Reports and Class Arrangements 2018**

Year 1-10 reports will be handed to students on **Thursday 7th December** (as Beach Day would prevent this happening on the last day). Included in the report pack are a stationery list for 2018 and the class placement indication.

To work with our growing numbers there will be a slight shift in the organisation across the classes; this will allow us to level out the load across the junior school teachers. Room 2 will continue to cater to Year 1 and 2 students. We're expecting a fairly large new entrant group during the course of the year. Room 3 will cater to Year 3, 4 and some 5s. Room 19 will have some Year 5s and all of the 6s. Class size is expected to be approximately 18 for Rooms 3 and 19.

## **Visitors to School**

We're bringing in some new procedures for visiting the school as we seek to meet all the Health and Safety requirements of the new legislation. When visiting the school, please sign in at the office as before. We have a new book which asks for your details and details of who you have an appointment to see, or which event you are attending. You'll be presented with a visitor lanyard; this way staff can identify you as a known visitor. Please return the lanyard to the office, and sign out on departure. This will help us to identify unknown visitors on our site, and allow us to streamline our evacuation procedures for fire alarms etc..

Your cooperation is much appreciated, and please know that you are always welcome at school!

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

Kate Staniford  
Principal

## **Upcoming Events:**

Y1-10 Beach Day - 8th December

End of Term - 8th December

First day for students in 2018 - 30th January

### **School Magazine correction - Year 7&8**

magazine page: The first line of the mixed up names should be "I GAIN BROKE CAR" and the second line should be "MEL ATE A PIE". Apologies for the word "CAR" appearing on the second line by mistake.

## Board Of Trustees News

The Board has made a substantial investment in IT devices for use at the beginning of the 2018 school year. Each junior student will have access to an Ipad, chromebook, or a laptop for the seniors. We have adopted a new 'Personal Property' policy for the school. This will include the use of cellphones.

A big thank you to Alicia Staniford for all the work and creativity she put into this years' school magazine. They are for sale at the school office for \$13.00.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Beach Education Day

Next Friday is our much awaited Beach Education Day. Each parent who has offered to take students over to Kaka Point and back, will be emailed the names of the students they are taking. Parents who have also offered to supervise, have been given five students to watch over as part of the required supervision system and they will be emailed these details as well.

Every student is to bring a packed lunch and drink bottle, at least one towel, togs, wetsuit (if you have one), sunblock (SPF 30+), sun hat and a warm change of clothes. We will leave from school at 9am and return back by 3pm. Please remember if your child is legally required to use a car seat, please pack it with them on the day.

### Quadrathon

On Tuesday we had 32 students travel to Waiwera South School to the annual Quadrathon; this was 66% of the eligible Year 4-8 students from The Catlins Area School and should be something to be proud of. Each one of the students put 100% effort into their race not only for themselves but their team mates and the school, which shows in the results below.

Teams competed in respective year groups and either in girls, boys or mixed section; in brackets shows their overall placing at the event.

**Individuals Sam Hancox** - 23.46 (2nd), **Eddie Burgess** - 24.31 (3rd), **Cooper Cleland** - 25.13 (4th), **Hattie Kerr** - 25.41 (2nd=) **Kasey Valli** -24.31 (2nd)

### Teams

**Catlins Crazyies** - Jade, Hayden, Charlotte, Dannielle - 28.29 (11th)

**Catlins Racers** Jade, Amelie, Kate, Keira - 27.44 (6th)

**Catlins Stormers** - Amelia, Blake, Ben, Hunter - 24.41 (4th)

**Catlins Duo** - Millie and Zoe - 29.47 (8th)

**Catlins Trio** - Leo, William, Benji - 26.44 (1st)

**Catlins Crushers** - Natalie, Peter, Maia, Olivia W - 26.54 (3rd)

**Catlins Gems** - Amelia, Olivia H, Ella - 27.07 (4th)

**Catlins Quad** - Natalie, Mark, Jack, Lana 29.06 (6th)

**Catlins Crackers** - Hadley, Archie - 26.57 (2nd)



Thank you to the many parents helping with transport and management of teams to ensure all competitors were at the start line in time and helping in the transition area.



### Holiday Block Swimming Course

This was advertised in last week's newsletter, although please note that there is now an option for your child to attend only one lesson a day for \$80 for the week.

- 8-12th January
- At the Owaka Heated Swimming Pool
- Swim course is run by Aleisha from JC Swim School in Dunedin who has kindly found time to come down to our pool for the week
- A huge thanks must be given to Lee-Anne Dey, who was the person who recommended we try and get Aleisha from JC Swim School down, and also for providing her with accommodation for the week.
- If you are interested then please email Fiona - [fionaw@catlins.school.nz](mailto:fionaw@catlins.school.nz). Age and a description of ability needed if your child does not attend our school.

### Tracksuits & Hi Viz Vests

As it is the end of term ALL tracksuits and high viz vests are to be returned by **Wednesday 6th December**. Reminders will be in the school notices next week letting students who have outstanding tracksuits or the high viz vests and if they are not returned parents will receive an email to ensure they are tidied away in the PE department for the Christmas break.

### Touch

With some catch up games from when we were away on camp there were six games played yesterday. This was the last of the round robin games and next Thursday will be semi-finals week. ALL teams will have a game no matter what weather is or whether they have made semis or not. The draw with times etc for these games will be emailed to families at the beginning of next week.

Tania Barr & Fiona Wilkinson

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SOUTH OTAGO A & P SHOW

Last Saturday a team of nine kids and animals went to the A & P show. We also had some entries for the creative section that all did well. Thanks to all the kids and parents that came!

#### Results:

<b>Champion Pet Lamb overall</b>	Ella Senior	<b>Fancy Dress – 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Ella Senior
<b>Senior Pet Lamb 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Ella Senior	<b>Best Dressed Gumboot Senior 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Mark & Peter Janssen
<b>Senior Dog – 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Kate Jackson	<b>Best Dressed Gumboot Jnr – 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Chris Janssen
<b>Junior Calf – 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Lana Magiera		
<b>Junior Calf - 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Anna Janssen	<b>Sweets – child 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Kate Jackson
<b>Lamb Feeding Race 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Kate Jackson	<b>Animal Novelty – snr 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Kate Jackson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Farm Scenic Tray - 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Kate Jackson
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Other items - 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Ella Senior

