

The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 7th December 2017

From the Principal: Tokiwa Exchange

I'm pleased to report that Hannah Clarke has safely arrived in Japan for her exchange visit with Tokiwa High School. She was met at the airport by Tadaki Sagara, a teacher at Tokiwa High School and taken to her homestay family, her host is Haruki. When Haruki visited The Catlins Area School on an exchange visit, her hosts were the Walker family. I'm sure Hannah will take full advantage of this fantastic opportunity; she returns to New Zealand before Christmas. She will report back to the school in an assembly early next year.



Staffing

As you know, we farewell some staff at the end of the year. Our thanks to **Heather Abernethy, Tracy Blanchard, Helen-May Burgess, Glenda Landreth, Adele Scott, Moira Spicer and Marian Smith**. Thank you for your service to the school, I know we'll miss you all greatly next year. Heather, Helen-May, Glenda and Moira have pages in the 2017 Magazine which look back over their ever changing careers. Grab a copy from the main office to read more!

In 2018 we welcome new staff members. **Kath Watkins** joins us from Taihape Area School, she will be teaching English and Art. **Emily Currall** will be teaching Agriculture and Horticulture with Food Technology, she joins us fresh from university having just completed her Masters in Education qualification. We are currently advertising for a Deputy Principal and a Teacher Aide to fill the other positions.

Other members of staff will change positions in 2018. **Emma Longmore** returns from maternity leave to work part-time with our Room 3 students alongside **Taylor Pennell** who remains in Room 3 but also takes up the challenge of Junior PE, her subject specialism from university. **Louise Burgess** becomes Gateway Co-ordinator and Attendance Officer. **Murray Patterson** returns as English and Social Studies teacher in the middle school for Term 1.

Meri Kirihimete!

We're hoping you've had a great year at The Catlins Area School, and wish you a safe and happy holiday. Students in Years 1-10 receive their reports today. This envelope also contains class placements for 2018 (Y1-5 only), stationery lists, a provisional calendar for Term 1, and a writing sample (Room 2 only).

Thank you for making this a smooth start to Principalship, you've looked after me well! It has been a whirlwind throughout the three terms. I'm looking forward to my first full year at The Catlins Area School in 2018!

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

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

End of Term - 8th December

First day for students in 2018 - 30th January

Principal Awards

Phoebe Souness	Room 2	For great work in Art.
Astrid Morrison	Room 3	For creating a great safety poster in writing.
Jack Walker	Room 19	For showing excellent initiative and enthusiasm for learning.

Waistcoats, Bow Ties and Musical Instruments

Please return any school waistcoats and bowties which may be still at home. There are a few missing and I would like them returned to the school office please. Also, if students have been learning a musical instrument this year and they do not intend learning next year then please return the instrument to the school office.

Thank you Glenda Landreth

SPORTS NEWS

Beach Education Day

Students will start the day in classrooms as normal for roll call before heading to the school gym where students will join up with their driver to and from Kaka Point. Students are to wear suitable clothing for a day at the beach, no school uniform please.

Few reminders of what to bring:

- Large packed lunch
- Water Bottle
- Togs, Towels (at least 2) and a wetsuit if you have one
- Change of clothes
- If your son/daughter is legally required to travel in a car seat please supply the car seat
- Sunblock (waterproof and at least SPF 50+)

Please make sure your child has a full coat of sunblock on before they come to school. We will have some sunblock, but if your child has to wear a specific kind of sunblock please apply before leaving.

The school has hired the Kaka Point hall for an extra inside space. There is some learning inside, so your child will not be in the sun all day. We will gather at the hall once we arrive for our start time of 9.30am. We will be finished for the day by 2.30pm and be back to school in time for the buses (town students may leave once their ride gets back to school).

Thank you once again to all our drivers and supervisors for the day. It has required a lot of you to make this day happen and we are very grateful as it is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about having fun and being safe at the beach which is in our own backyard!

Touch

Semi finals are being played tonight with three out of our four teams playing in semi final games. Well done on getting this far and good luck for tonight's games. Regardless of the outcome of tonight's games ALL teams will have another game next week. More details will be emailed to families early next week.

On behalf of the Sports Department we would like to thank everyone who has helped out over the year with transport, managing, coaching, and fundraising for our sporty students to help them get to all the events on offer to them. It is awesome to see so many of our students wanting to play sport, and without the parent support it wouldn't be possible. Best wishes for the Christmas break, enjoy the summer with some backyard cricket, touch, swimming and good family fun times together. Look forward to seeing you all back in 2018.

Fiona Wilkinson and Tania Barr

COMMUNITY NEWS

