

The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 9th February 2018

From the Principal:

Itinerant Music Concert

On Monday, the Year 1-10 students were treated to a concert performed by the music teachers from around Otago. This included our own Itinerant music teachers Beverley Dwan and Paul Claman, who continue to provide instruction in woodwind, brass, and string instruments at The Catlins Area School. During their performance they played arrangements from Monsters Inc, The Star Wars Franchise and other movies along with classical pieces such as one of Vivaldi's 'Seasons' and popular songs from Ed Sheeran and the like.

It was very beneficial for our students to see mastery of a variety of instruments and the ease with which the musicians moved between them. We learned about everything from bassoons to viola!



Cavalcade

The Cavalcade is coming to Owaka at the beginning of March. We have been asked to make banners for the trails and for our Kapa Haka Roopu to perform and walk with the parade. Please see our attached flyer for more information.

Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new staff and students

On Tuesday **20th February** we will be holding a Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new staff members and students. This will be in the gym at 9.00am; all parents and whanau are welcome to attend. Existing students and families should be seated in the gym by 9.05am; you will be directed to the appropriate seating. New students and staff should assemble on the driveway outside the gym with their families (if they wish to attend) at 9.10am. You will be called into the Gym at the start of the mihi whakatau by Hannah Clarke.

After the mihi whakatau there will be a shared morning tea for new parents and students, visiting parents, the Kapa Haka Roopu and all staff. This will be held in the Hospitality Room.

BEATS-R Survey

Our school, along with all others in the Otago region has been asked to take part in a University of Otago study entitled: **Built Environment and Active Transport to School in Rural Settings: BEATS-R Study**. The BEATS-R Study investigates transport to school habits, the neighbourhood environment and physical activity of Otago students aged 13 to 18 years. The study will survey students and parents at our school. Detailed information for parents is provided on the BEATS Study website: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/beats/participants/parents/index.html>.

Parents and students in Years 9-13 have received an email providing more information on this research, based at the University of Otago. Please look out for the email and follow the instructions if you wish to participate. Please contact the school office if you would like to withdraw your child from this survey (1 hour of class time). Participating students will receive an information pack from the University once their participation is confirmed.

PB4L - Values - Rewards System

The school has been selected by the Ministry of Education to be part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning Programme which already has over 650 schools involved. Our staff will attend 4 training days this year to enhance our knowledge and practice.

PB4L links the school values to learning in the classroom and reinforces positive behaviour rather than lingering on the negatives. As a staff and Board, we've simplified the existing school values into 4 easy to remember statements:

The TCAS Way...



T is for TENACITY - represented by the Catlins River - The river is persistent in making its journey to the sea, it takes with it all that it passes and cuts its course to its goal.



C is for CARE - represented by The Nuggets - At the top of the nuggets is the lighthouse which cares for the passing ships and sailors, it warns them of danger and guides them to safety.



A is for ACHIEVEMENT - represented by the head of our Waka - The waka serves as a vehicle to take people to their destinations. 'He waka eke noa' - we're all in this, with no exception.



S is for SERVICE - represented by the Yellow-Eyed Penguin - The yellow-eyed penguin has been pushed to the edge of extinction. Charities provide service to their community, which is slowly increasing in size.

Look out for:

- Your child letting you know they have a TCAS Card, this is a reward for displaying the correct behaviours identified by their class teachers and linked to the school values. If they collect 20 from the same value, they receive a badge with that value on it. They can work through from bronze, to silver to gold during their time at school.
- House badges – we're giving value and identity to each house and enhancing the tuakana/teina relationships



- You may receive a postcard in the mail if your child has produced exceptional work, or made strong progress etc...
- Signage around the school reinforcing the behaviours we endorse (coming soon)
- Leadership opportunities for a variety of students headed up by the prefects
- Recognition of birthdays by student leaders

NCEA Parent Meeting

Mrs Lean will be holding an NCEA meeting for parents and students who wish to know more about the NCEA system. This meeting is suggested for parents of students in Years 10-13, especially if you are new to NCEA. The meeting will be held at 7pm in the Library on **Thursday 1st March**. This is directly after the release of the settling-in reports. It would be a good time to catch up with Mrs Lean or myself regarding the reports if required.

He waka eke noa,
Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Secondary Triathlon - Wanaka - Thursday 15th Feb

Y8 HPV Vaccination - Thursday 15th Feb

Y11 First Aid - Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st Feb

Mihi Whakatau - Gym - 9am - Tuesday 20th Feb

Settling-in Reports Sent - Friday 23rd Feb

Athletics Day - Friday 23rd Feb

NCEA Parent Meeting - Thursday 1st March - 7pm - **Please add to term calendar**

Prime Lamb - Tuesday 6th March - **Please note change of date on Calendar (flier attached)**

Ugly Shakespeare Company – Tuesday 6 March

Swimming Sports – Friday 16 March

Vision Hearing Screening Programme

The Vision Hearing Technician plans to visit our school on **8 March 2018** to carry out the screening for Year 7 students' vision. Any parents not wishing their child to be screened will need to complete an opt-out slip from the school office.

HPV Vaccinations

On 15 February all Year 8 students will be having their HPV Education meeting starting at 9.00am. Parents are most welcome to attend this meeting also. The students were given a letter to take home to their parents about this on the first day of school (copies at the office). Their first HPV vaccination day is on 15 March.

EOTC Consent Forms

Students have taken blanket EOTC consent forms home for short, low-risk, daytime trips. This consent covers events such as a class visit to the 4 Square, or a supervised daytime event in Dunedin. You can still expect to receive a letter containing information about our trips as they come up throughout the year, and may still withdraw your child if you wish. However, there will no longer be a need to return a permission slip for individual events. Please ensure this form is returned promptly, further copies are available at the office if required.

Room 19

Room 19 have been collaborating to come up with their understandings of our school values for a class poster. Here they are writing up their key points for each value.



Ex-Pupil

Congratulations to a former student, **Max Olsen**, who was awarded his PhD at a University of Otago Capping Ceremony in November 2017. Max was our Dux in 2007 completing his primary schooling at Tahakopa School and his secondary schooling at The Catlins Area School. This is a very prestigious degree achieved after many years of hard work. Well done Doctor Olsen.

Mainly Music

Mainly Music starts this **Monday 12 February** at 10.00am in the Owaka Grace Church Hall next to Owaka Motors. All preschoolers, parents and carers are welcome. For any enquiries phone 4158119 Glenda Landreth or 4158117 Heni Landreth.

Sport News

Swim Coaching

Aleisha from JC Swim School is returning to the Owaka Heated Swimming Pool throughout Easter (**Friday 30th March - Tuesday 3rd April**). She takes lessons from 3 years old and up and was hugely successful with the children that attended during the holiday block lessons in January. Lessons range from beginner to squad swimmers - so all swimming abilities would benefit from this. If you are interested and would like to know more email Fiona - fionaw@catlins.school.nz

South Otago Primary Swim Meet

Students who are competent at swimming two lengths (50m) of the Balclutha pool and would like to enter the South Otago Swim Meet on **Wednesday 7th March** are to see Tania by Wednesday 21st to enter or email taniab@catlins.school.nz .

Swim Club

Thank you to Aleisha Gutsell who has kindly offered to run training sessions for those swimmers keen on competing at the South Otago Primary Swim meet, with the aim of qualifying for the Otago Primary Swim Champs. The training sessions will be on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Owaka Pool, starting at 7.00am and swimming for about an hour. Starting **Tuesday 13th February**.

Southern Steel Netball

Students who are looking at playing netball this year will start the season off with a preseason training run with some Southern Steel players next Friday from 1:30 – 3:00pm. Interested players have been asked to sign up in the gym foyer and will join players from Romahapa and Tahakopa to take part in drills and skills activities some of the best netball players in South!

Hockey

Good luck to the four primary school teams playing their first game of hockey on Monday. Parents should receive the draw by email over the weekend, and hard copies can be collected from the office from Monday.

Papatowai Challenge

Is there anyone who can help at the Papatowai Challenge next Saturday? This event is very worthwhile for our Sports department. Last year the cricket team benefited from \$500 worth of new equipment. The duties for the day involve taking entries and some recording of runners/walkers as they come in. If you are able to help us out please get in touch with Fiona or Tania - Thank you!

Fiona Wilkinson, Taylor Pennell and Tania Barr