

The Catlins Area School Newsletter – 22nd February 2018

From the Principal:

Prime Lamb

Planning for The Prime Lamb Fundraising Competition is well underway. Thank you to the Home and School team who work relentlessly to support the school with additional funds which directly benefit our students. This year, we will be channelling the funds raised into the renewal of our confidence course at the front of school. There is a flier attached to the newsletter with further details of the event planned for **Tuesday 6th March at 3.30pm.**

Mihi Whakatau

On Tuesday, we held a Mihi Whakatau in the gym to welcome our new students and teachers. Thank you to the community members who attended, it is great to have your support and to know you have had the opportunity to meet new staff and attend the morning tea after the event. I was very proud of our students who displayed the very best of behaviour at the event. Our Kapa Haka Roopu supported me beautifully with their waiata, even though we were missing some key students who were at a First Aid Course, and have a number of students new to Kapa Haka this year. Special thanks to **Hannah Clarke** who called our new staff and students with her karanga (a new skill to add to her list of talents), to **Jarryd Osborne** who led a fierce Haka, to **Abby Parker** and **Heni Landreth** who organised and supported everyone in the preparation and delivery of the event, to Carol Bloxham and her helpers who prepared our kai, and to Tania Barr who took photos of the event.



Settling in Reports

Settling-in reports were released on Thursday. Students were issued with envelopes addressed to their parents. The intention of the report is to give a brief indication of how the year has started for each student. Detailed feedback will be available verbally at the Parent Interviews and Mentoring Meetings on **March 13th**.

Parent Interviews and Mentoring Meeting Bookings

Parent Interviews for Years 1-6 (10 minutes each) and Mentoring Meetings (20 minutes each) for Years 7-13 are available to be booked online at: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the event code: hvxp5. This is the best opportunity to access information relating to your child's learning directly from their classroom teacher or mentor. In Years 1-6 please book with the classroom teacher(s), in Years 7-13 book with the Mentor teacher attached to each year group. Further instructions are attached to this newsletter if required. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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 March 1st**. 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.

Cavalcade

The Cavalcade is happening in Owaka on **3rd March**. We have been asked to make banners for the trails and for students to walk with the parade carrying the banners. Students will be able to sign up at the main office to assist on the day. Parents, please see our attached flyers for more information.

NCEA Staff Training

As indicated on the school calendar, the school will be closed to students in Years 9-13 on **Monday 5th March**. NCEA teachers are travelling to Dunedin for NCEA training along with most other secondary teachers across Otago. This training is to update all teachers in the region with moderation practices for internal assessments which relate to their specific subject area. Please accept our apology in advance for any inconvenience caused, this is essential training for all NCEA providers. School will run as normal for students in Years 1-8 with minimal changes to programmes. Students in Years 9-13 will be provided with work for personal study on that day.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Ex-pupils

Congratulations to two of our past students who began their careers in Law Enforcement last week. Rachel Lean began as a Police Constable in Invercargill and Nicole Cuthbert as a Corrections Officer in Milton. All the best to both of them. Do you know what any of our past students are up to? Drop us a line to let us know. We are always interested to hear.

Upcoming Events:

NCEA Parent Meeting - Thursday 1st March - 7pm
NCEA Staff Training - Monday 5th March (school closed for Y9-13 study day)
Prime Lamb - Tuesday 6th March
Parent Interviews and Mentoring Meetings - Tuesday 13th March
Gateway Week (Years 11-13) - commences Monday 19th March

Library News

All junior classes have library time on a Thursday.

Please remind your student to bring their library books back for then.

This term each student will get a sticker for returning their books on library day, and another sticker for getting out more books. At the end of the term the students with the most stickers will win a prize out of our prize box.

Please encourage your child to get as many stickers as possible!

Cheers – Librarian Anabel McPhee



Sport News

Athletics Day

Following are details of an email that was sent out to families outlining details of Athletics Day which will be held on school grounds tomorrow **Friday 23rd February** with house chants starting at 10:45am and first event at 11am.

1. Programme of event can be found at the office and in the tent on the back field.
2. Students are to come to school dressed in house colours (spot prizes for best dressed, but remember clothing has to be appropriate to compete in - **plenty of warm clothes are also advisable.**
3. At this stage we **DO NOT** have a postponement day and Friday's forecast is windy 16 degrees with chance of odd shower. We will still plan to get as much of athletics completed so wrap up warm.
4. High Jump will be held in the gym this year with the ground being wet underfoot, and remainder of events will be held on the back field.
5. Relays are due to be run at 3.00pm. Students are expected to remain at school and support their house groups for the relays. Any students leaving earlier are required to inform the office before leaving.
6. Any student unable to participate is required to bring a signed note from parent/caregiver explaining why and will be assigned admin duties to help with the running of an event.

Year 9/10 students are heading to Camp in Twizel next week and to help with costs they will be selling the following from the Canteen by the school gym:

Charlies Cans	\$2	(Orange & Mango, Raspberry)
Flavoured Milk	\$2	(Strawberry, Chocolate)
Zero Water	\$3	(Berry, Lemon & Lime)
Coffee	\$2	(Cappuccino, Flat White, Raspberry Mochaccino, Coconut Rough Latte)
Hot Choc	\$2	(Hot Chocolate, Caramel Hot Chocolate)
Instant Coffee/Tea	\$1	
Frozen Juices	\$1	(Orange, Lemonade, Tropical, Wild berry)
Baking	from \$1	
Sausage/Bread/Sauce/Onions	\$2	
Watermelon slices	\$1	

Cricket

Round 2 - Friday 23rd February draw - Catlins vs Balclutha Primary at The Catlins Area School 3:45pm.

Hockey

Reminder Year 7-8 team will have TWO games on Monday 26th at 4:30pm vs Romahapa and 5pm vs Rosebank Pumas.

Netball

Last week we were lucky to have 2018 Southern Steel players join us here at The Catlins Area School and give back some of their knowledge and skills to our community with taking drills and skills sessions for our budding netball players. 16 Catlins players were joined by two from Tahakopa and 11 from Romahapa for a great afternoon full of ball-skills, fitness, training ideas.

Hopefully this will kick-start the girls off to a good start for the 2018 season ahead.



Fiona Wilkinson, Taylor Pennell and Tania Barr
Sports Department



Book School Interviews Online



Parent-teacher interviews for Years 1-6 and Mentoring sessions for Years 7-13 will be held from 3:40pm – 7:30pm Tuesday March 13th.

All meetings will be held in the staff member's classroom, or office. If you aren't sure where to go a list of rooms will be displayed in the Office on the day of the meetings.

To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, and enter the event code **hvxp5**. Then follow these three simple steps:



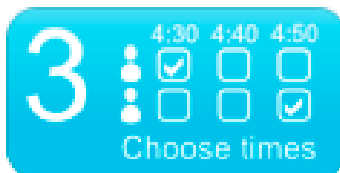
First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.

If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



On the next page, pick the teacher(s) allocated to your child.

First select the mentor group or classroom, then choose from the specified teacher(s).



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And you can return to the site and enter the event code **hvxp5** again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you don't have internet access, please call Carol at the school office (03) 415 8036. She will be able to make a booking for you.



The Owaka Swap Shop is
open from 9.30 - 11am
on Saturday March 3rd



If you have
time, pop in
for a visit 😊