

# The Catlins Area School Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## From the Principal:

### 2018 Health Consultation

Under Section 60B of the Education Act 1989 (as amended in 2001), Boards of Trustees are required to produce a written statement regarding the implementation of Health Education, to inform the school community about the content of the Health Education curriculum, and to consult with members of the school community regarding Health Education.

This consultation takes the form of:-

- a). presenting the information to the school community
- b). providing the opportunity for the school community to give feedback
- c). consideration of the feedback by the Board
- d). Confirmation of the Health Education programme

Health and Physical Education is one of the eight essential learning areas of The New Zealand Curriculum. It is a compulsory subject until the end of Year 10. Our Health Consultation Google Survey is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to comment on the proposed Health programme and to provide feedback or raise concerns in writing to the school. Any feedback will be treated as confidential and will be considered when making final amendments to the Health programme. The survey and proposed curriculum document can be accessed from the homepage of the school website (<https://www.catlins.school.nz/news/health-consultation-2018>). Alternatively, a letter including your views can be addressed to the Board of Trustees – c/o the school office. This deadline for submitting this information is **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**.

### Cyber safety

Thank you to Rochelle Gordon, our community education officer from NZ Police for her presentation on Cyber safety and Cyberbullying delivered to our Year 9-12 students on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please discuss the content of this presentation with your child. Constable Gordon was careful to explain the legal and social consequences of poor online behaviour. She encourages students to THINK before they engage in online communications.

We acknowledge the need for students to bring cell phones to school, but have an expectation that cell phones should not be used in classes. Our school Wi-Fi has site blockers installed which limit social media. However, some students subvert this by installing apps to bypass our systems, or by using their data - please monitor this from home.

At school, in recent months, we've had a number of internet communications brought to our attention that would be potentially damaging to students. The communications happened on personal devices outside of school hours. Unfortunately, the associated social upheaval often interferes with learning. Keep an eye on your child's device and their messages, it's a great way discuss with your child appropriate and inappropriate communications as they grow (and make mistakes!).

NetSafe's '10 tips for parents' can be found at: <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford  
Principal



### **Upcoming Events:**

Be motivated, Be you! (Year 9-13) - Friday 6th April  
Year 3-6 Football Tournament - Thursday 12th April  
St. John's Mufti Day - Thursday 12th April  
Splash and Dash - Friday 13th April  
Term 1 Ends - Friday 13th April

### **From the Head Students:**

#### **St. John's Mufti Day and Fundraiser – 12 April 2018**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April we are helping raise money for St Johns by holding a Mufti Day. Last year the organisation managed to raise \$2.2 million which went towards new ambulances and lifesaving equipment for different communities across New Zealand. This year, we will be helping our local St. John by fundraising so they will be able to respond to calls as quickly as possible with the best equipment to help the injured or sick.

For our fundraising we are holding a mufti day and holding other events and activities throughout the week such as colouring competitions, activities and a quiz, all with prizes. The colouring competition will be available at the office on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> and is due back at the office by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at the end of lunchtime for judging. Gold coin donation please for this very worthy cause.

#### **GRIP Leadership Conference**

We joined 200 other student leaders from Otago and Southland at the GRIP Leadership Conference in Gore on Tuesday this week. The GRIP Leadership Conference concentrates on training student leaders for their roles. The style, topics, and content of the conference focuses on what the students can do right now within their own school. The goal is for student leaders to leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding of leadership and lots of ideas for their time as a leader. We attended workshops on school pride, developing a leadership plan and event planning along with hearing motivational keynote speakers.



He kai kei aku ringa,

Britney, Alicia and Hannah.

#### **University Liaison Visit**

Next **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**, the University of Otago liaison officer will be speaking to the Year 12 students at 10.30am. This is to give students an idea of what the University has to offer, the requirements for entry to University, the benefits and costs of a University education and what University life is like. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend this session.

## Library News



Here is a selection of some of the new books we have recently bought for the library:

The “dirtrider” magazine is a new edition to our collection and if it proves popular, we may subscribe to this on a regular basis.

The “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” series is always popular and we have bought a few new ones to add to those we already have.

“Computer Coding” - hopefully this will be an interesting book for students to learn more about the capabilities of computing.

“Explore! Aotearoa” is a fascinating book about the exploration of this country beginning with Kupe, then Thomas Brunner’s exploration of the South Island, the first mountaineers, pioneer cavers and deep sea divers. Beautifully illustrated and very easy to read. (Suitable for wide variety of readers 9yrs old+)

**ALL** junior classes have Library time on a Thursday. Please make sure your students bring their books back on that day. We are using a sticker incentive scheme – the student with the most stickers from each class will get a new book from our book prize box at the end of the term. Thank you!

*“Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.”*

*Laura Bush*

## Sport News

### Triathlon

Last Wednesday Catlins Year 5-8 students had some awesome results at the South West Otago Triathlon with two teams Catlins Duo - **Benji Kinraid** and **Dion Ngatai** and TCAS 6 - **Maia Hartvigsen**, **Ella Senior** and **Amelia Morrison** placing 1st in their sections and Individual competitors **Sam Hancox** 2nd **Cooper Cleland** 3<sup>rd</sup>, and **Eddie Burgess**, **Leo Burgess** and **Hattie Kerr** all placing 4th. All these students qualified for the Otago Triathlon that was held yesterday in Cromwell in superb conditions and all students should be very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship on the day.

### **Southern Area School Tournament**

Permission slips were handed out last week and were required back today but we have only had eight returned so far. Waiau Area School had asked for these to be back by Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE can they be returned IMMEDIATELY. If these have been misplaced another can be collect from the office or contact Tania Barr and one can be emailed to you.

### **Splash and Dash**

Next Friday, on last day of term students will have their last House Challenge for Term 1 in a 'Splash and Dash' Year 1-3 will complete a small run around the local pool/playcentre area followed by Year 4-13 either swimming four lengths of the pool or running a circuit from the pool around the school and back. Students will assemble in their teams at 2:15pm for event to get underway from the pool around 2:30pm.

### **Hockey**

Last game of Hockey is next **Monday 9th April** with the Year 3-4 team playing at 4:15pm. Year 5-6 both teams playing at 4:45pm and Year 7-8 at the South Otago Turf at 4:30pm.

### **Hockey coaching sessions**

There will be two coaching sessions run on **Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd April** for all interested players in the Years 5 to 8. These will be run at the high school turf.

Years 5 and 6 will start at 9.00am and will run for approx. 90 mins Year 7 and 8 will follow and run from 10:30pm till 12noon. From these sessions we will be picking a team to play in the Dunedin Year 7/8, 11-aside competition. If interested players are unable to make it please contact us.

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Good luck to **Sam Hancox, Jade Gutsell and Hattie Kerr** who are competing at Otago Swim Champs on Saturday in Dunedin and to **Blake Affleck, Shelby Given and Dion Ngatai** who are heading to Invercargill to compete at the Southland Athletics Meet.

**Fiona Wilkinson, Taylor Pennell and Tania Barr**  
**Sports Department**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Catlins Kids** (see attached flier)

FREE Holiday Programme for Years 1 to 8

**on 23, 24 and 26 April**

in the Owaka Grace Fellowship (beside garage)

from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Contact Karen 4158377 or Heni 415 8116. Thank you.

### **Waste Free Living Workshop** (\$40 goodie bag with every ticket sold)

This workshop is run with Kate Meads on **Friday 20 April 2018** from 6.30 – 9.00pm at the Rosebank Lodge, Clyde Street in Balclutha. At the workshop Kate will show you ways to reduce waste at home, introduce sustainable household products and show the environmental impact of the choices you make.

Cost is \$10 for individual or \$10 per couple. Book now at [www.katemeads.co.nz](http://www.katemeads.co.nz)