

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 13th April 2018

From the Principal:

Be motivated, be you!

How fortunate our students were to attend the 'Be motivated, Be you!' event in Balclutha on Friday last week. While our teachers were participating in the Positive Behaviour for Learning training at school, our Year 9-13 students were participating in leadership workshops (some led by The Catlins Area School Clutha Youth Council representatives) and listening to internationally renowned speakers. There was certainly a buzz from students on their return, their feedback will be collected and returned to The Clutha District Council for their review of the event. Here is a link to an article in The Southland Times which gives more detail about the day: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/102962543/be-motivated-be-you-organisers-ecstatic-at-balclutha-workshop-success>

End of Term Assembly

At our end of term Assembly we acknowledged the success of a wide range of students and viewed stop-motion videos made by our Room 19 students.

We were able to award badges (they finally arrived!) to our Board of Trustees Representative and our House Captains. **Amelie Apte and Katelyn Jackson** were awarded Science Badges from the Royal Society Programme. **Robbie Jackson** received a \$20 book voucher for participating in the BEATS-R survey. **Hattie Kerr** was acknowledged for her progress towards her first TCAS badge - she is the student with the most TCAS Cards so far for 2018. Hattie received a \$20 Warehouse voucher, as did **Katelyn Jackson** who won the prize draw when her TCAS Card was picked out of the 264 cards awarded so far this year.

The sample of stop-motion videos presented at assembly were very entertaining, we viewed five; they were created by The students have delved deeply into the new Digital Technologies Curriculum, creating their own short, stop-motion movie. I was very impressed by their achievement and the time, effort and patience it had taken to construct the stories. The skills developed in the creation of their videos included: patience, striving against adversity, forward planning, fine motor skills and problem solving - all this in addition to the technical skills gained by using the devices required to make the film, then the editing and production. Awesome work Room 19, I'm looking forward to seeing more in upcoming assemblies!



Photos of students involved in the Chalk Draw and Colouring Competition.

Cellphones in School

Since the start of 2018 the school has dealt with a number of incidents relating to inappropriate use of cellphones and other devices such as iPods which access social media. Some of the incidents occur outside of school hours, but are dealt with by the school because of the associated behaviour which comes to class. All incidents (whether inside or outside of school) are distracting from the core business of our school - learning.

The school wifi is locked to social media. A few students have been bypassing NFL systems which keep students safe at school by using VPN or apps to access social media, and by using their own data. The Catlins Area School would like to consult with students and their families on the future of cellphones in school by using a questionnaire on our school website. We have developed two possible policies, please read them before answering the questionnaire. Follow this link to the policies and the questionnaire: <https://www.catlins.school.nz/news/cellphone-policy-consultation>

Maths Focus

One of the goals in our school Charter is:

“To increase the percentage of students in Years 1-10 at or above the correct curriculum level (as defined in the Learning Progressions) in Mathematics, by incorporating Science and Digital Technology Curriculum offerings which offer numerical opportunities. The Science opportunities will be supported by a Royal Society programme. The implementation of the Digital Technology Curriculum will be addressed with staff PD and 1:1 device integration.”

In Term 2, we will be reviewing the Maths Curriculum across the school starting with classroom observations and the pooling of resources. This week the Maths teachers from across the age range at school met to discuss our next steps, and ways in which we can incorporate Mathematics learning within our wider programmes. We are using a best practice document ‘Keeping children engaged and achieving in Mathematics’ to guide our review.

Term 2 Calendar

The Term 2 calendar is attached to this newsletter and can be accessed on the homepage of the school website. Please note, last minute changes will be updated via the newsletter, Facebook or website.

TCAS Values - Care focus - Uniform

In the first two weeks of Term 2, our values focus for The TCAS Way is CARE. TCAS Cards will be awarded for displaying values, with a specific interest in correct uniform and caring for yourself and others.

If you would like further guidance with uniform, please see the page on our website: <https://www.catlins.school.nz/our-school/uniform>.

Our school policy states:

“Students are expected to take pride in their uniform and wear it as required. It is worn at school, when travelling to and from school, and at school events as appropriate. All uniform items must be clearly named.

Details of the uniform are on our school website.

Students are also expected and encouraged to take pride in their general appearance and conform to the following guidelines.

- *Hair should be clean, and tied back if it is longer than collar length.*
- *The only items of jewellery permitted are sleepers or plain studs (one per ear), a watch, a culturally significant item such as a taonga worn around the neck. Nose piercings must be discreet, small, plain silver or gold studs. Other body piercings must be free of jewellery during the school day.*
- *Makeup and nail polish are not to be worn at school.*
- *Male students must be clean shaven.”*

The Warehouse stocks most of our uniform items and has a list of the correct items for The Catlins Area School. Unfortunately, our crested items are still on back-order, we expect them to be in stock soon.

School polo shirts for Y1-8 students and coats are available on order from our school office.

Reminder: Health Consultation

A reminder that 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 May 4th, 2018. Thank you to those who have already made submissions.

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Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Term 2 Starts - Monday 30th April
TCAS Values Focus - Uniform - Weeks 1 and 2
NZ Wide Bully Free Event - 14th April to 21st April
Y1 and 2 Road and Self Safety Training - Monday 14th May
Y7/8 NZ Police Anti-Bullying Visit - Monday 14th Mat
Area Schools' Tournament - 16th - 18th May
BoT Meeting - 17th May @ 6.30pm
Be bright, eat right - Friday 18th May
Pink Shirt Day - Monday 21st May
Gym sport Festival - Tuesday 22nd May

Term 2 Calendar – attached.

Prefects:

It has been a busy week with Prefect activities. We've collected for the Poppy Appeal across the school; thanks for supporting the RSA.

On Thursday we formed our leadership plan with Mrs Staniford for Term 2. We have a few events coming up like the anti-bullying week and Pink Shirt Day, a community litter pick, the Formal and a cultural food event. We're trying to tie these events to the fortnightly values focus.

The St. John's Heart of Gold appeal during this week went well. Students participated in a mufti day, colouring competition, chalk draw (in between rain showers) and a quiz. Pictures from some of the events follow. Thank you to Jess Gordon who worked on these events too. - Britney, Hannah and Alicia



Photos of students involved in the Chalk Draw and Colouring Competition.

Library News

The end of term and lots of prizes to give out!

The winner of "Recommend a Book" for the term was **Keira Edwards**.

The overall winner of the *Alice in Wonderland* colouring competition was **Jade Gutsell** with other winners being **Paige Moyle, Isla Berney, and Poppy Staniford**.

Wordsearch winners were: **Austin Morrison, Anna Janssen, Ryley Smith, Jaxon Young, Harry McDougall, Bella Cooper, Millie McNab, Maddie Fleming –Penson and Nicole Sinclair**.

Well done to everyone. Hope you all have a well-deserved holiday involving lots of reading!

Remember: "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island." -Walt Disney. Anabel McPhee

Sport News

Basketball

Opportunity for senior and junior to play basketball in Term 2 on a Monday night at the Cross Recreational Centre

Seniors - Year 9 - adults start **30th April** runs for 9 weeks. Cost \$135 per team so will depend on team numbers. Team entries close **27th April** which is during holidays so please contact Tania via email if interested.

Juniors - Year 5-6 and 7-8 mixed teams with minimum of two girls on court at any time \$15 per player starts **7th May** runs for 8 weeks. Team entries close **3rd May**.

Hockey Coaching Sessions.

There will be two coaching sessions run on **Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd** 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 9.00 am and will run for approx. 90 mins. Year 7 and 8 will follow and run from 10:30 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 on -

Daniel Lochhead 02040025902 daniellochhead@hotmail.com Sally Kerr 0273665524

Otago Triathlon

Last Wednesday eight Year 5-6 students competed in the Otago Triathlon in Cromwell in what was a very competitive group of athletes throughout Otago. With over 150 Year 5-6 students in all Individual and teams section our eight students left it all out on the course and should be very proud of their achievements in what were some tough conditions. TCAS best result for the day came from team entry TCAS; Gems Ella Senior (run) Maia Hartvigsen (bike) and Amelia Morrison (swim) placing 3rd in the Year 6 girls category.



Otago Swimming Champs

Last Saturday Miss Currall supported our three students Sam Hancox, Hattie Kerr and Jade Gutsell poolside at the Otago Primary Swim Champs with all three students gaining 'Personal Bests' in the pool and Sam Hancox qualifying into both his finals placing 5th in Backstroke and 8th in Freestyle. 9 year boys sections massive congratulations Sam. What a fantastic result!

We would also like to thank Miss Currall who helped the team with lunchtime and after school coaching which no doubt helped them all achieve their PB's in the pool. Due to Miss Currall's passion for swimming and wanting to see more students in the pool she will be offering a 'Winter Fitness Swim Group' for Year 4 and above students wanting to train towards next year's swimming, more details will follow in Term 2.



On the sporting front Term 1 has been tremendously busy with some amazing results from our talented TCAS students from personal best times in the pool, athletics records smashed on the field, competing in Triathlons with dominance and a give anything a go attitude but with determination to succeed.

Enjoy the holidays resting up for what is looking like a busy Term 2 with the Southern Area Schools Tournament, Rippa Rugby, hockey, basketball, gym sport competitions coming up.

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.

Senior Rugby

14 April – Clutha Valley vs Owaka at Clydevale. See you all there!