

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 4 May 2018

From the Principal:

New Staff Member, New Students, New Baby

The Catlins Area School extends a very warm welcome to Term 2. Yet again, we have a busy term planned; please refer to the Calendar on the school website for further details.

At the start of the school holiday Mr James Prasad and his wife welcomed a new baby boy to their family. **Ishaan Prasad** was born just a day apart from his two year old sister. On his return to school, we presented Mr Prasad with gifts from the staff and held a morning tea in honour of the new baby.

Our new teacher, Mrs Sarah Lawrence has taken on the challenge of working mainly with our lovely Year 7 and 8 group for their Integrated Learning Sessions (a combination of English and Social Studies); she will also deliver Y9/10 Social Studies and Music across the Primary School.



At the end of last term we farewelled the **Natiri** family from Rooms 3 and 19 who have returned to Fiji, and **Darius McLean** (Year 13) who has found employment in the Agriculture Industry.

Starting this term in Room 2 is new entrant **Maggie Bradfield**. Welcome to you Maggie!

Poppy Appeal, ANZAC Day and St. John 'Have a Heart' Appeal

Our Prefects collected \$113 in support of the RSA Poppy Appeal at the end of last term. Our St. John 'Have a Heart' Appeal and associated events raised \$208.50. These funds have been passed on to the appropriate local collectors.

Thank you to **Britney, Hannah and Alicia** for giving your time to collect on behalf of the RSA and St John along with the other events you held in school.

Also, thank you to **Hannah Clarke** and **Jessica Gordon** who represented the school at the Owaka ANZAC Ceremony.

Hi-Viz Jackets / Uniform

Our Year 1-6 students have been issued with Hi-Viz Jackets for travel to and from school. Please monitor their use at home; we have noticed a few students travelling without them. The days are becoming shorter, visibility for safety is even more important at this time of year.

If your child has grown out of their Hi-Viz or has not been issued with one, please pop a note in their log book. We have very few of the smaller sizes left for new enrolments so we'd be grateful if anyone who wishes to swap up a size could contact Tania Barr.

Cell Phone Policy Response

Thank you for your response to the Cellphones in School Policy Survey. 75% of the respondents believe that cellphones should not be used in school. Whilst both policies were seen to be safe for students, the 'No Cellphones at School' policy was seen to be the safest with 100% respondent support (the Cellphone Use Policy was considered to be safe by only 57% of respondents). The comments were very supportive of removing cellphones from use at The Catlins Area School, but asked whether there could be some discussion regarding appropriate use at EOTC events such as trips and camps. I will take the results of the survey to the Board for consideration at our next meeting and provide feedback to the community once a decision has been made. Our present policy allows cellphones at school, but only to be used in the classroom at the teacher's request.

Student Resilience

We have included a resilience course for Year 10-12 students (optional for Year 13) in our term calendar, please adjust your printed copy at home. The involved students will study with The Learning Place at school on the **24th and 25th of May**. The course covers handling stress, negotiating an outcome and being assertive. Over the two days, students may gain nine credits at NCEA Level 2. In the current educational climate of reported over-assessment and stressed-out students these are important skills to be learned in the journey through school. More information on the course will be distributed nearer the time.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus Weeks

This term we'll be trialing focus weeks to support Positive Behaviour for Learning across the school. Students will be acknowledged for displaying the targeted value across the specified weeks with TCAS Cards presented by teachers and prefects. This doesn't mean that we won't acknowledge other positive behaviours; these are simply our focus points in the allocated weeks. TCAS Cards are placed in the box at the main office by the student once awarded; they are collected towards our badge system, and for the termly prize draw.

Weeks	TCAS Value	Focus	Prefect Event
1-2	Care	Care for yourself - Uniform	TCAS Card Acknowledgment
3-4	Achievement	Represent the School	Area School Tournament
5-6	Service	What can we do in our community?	Litter Pick
7-8	Tenacity	Focus on your work	TCAS Card Acknowledgment
9-10	Care	Look after yourself and others	Cultural Food Share Night

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Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

14th-21st May - Bully Free NZ Events (includes Police Visit on Monday 14th, lunchtime events and Pink Shirt Day on Monday 21st)

16th-18th May - Southern Area School Tournament - Waiau

17th May - BOT Meeting @6.30pm

18th May - Be Bright, Eat Right Magician Show (Primary)

22nd May - Gymsport Festival

24th-25th May - Y10-12 Resilience Course

29th May - Rippa Tournament

4th June - Queen's Birthday

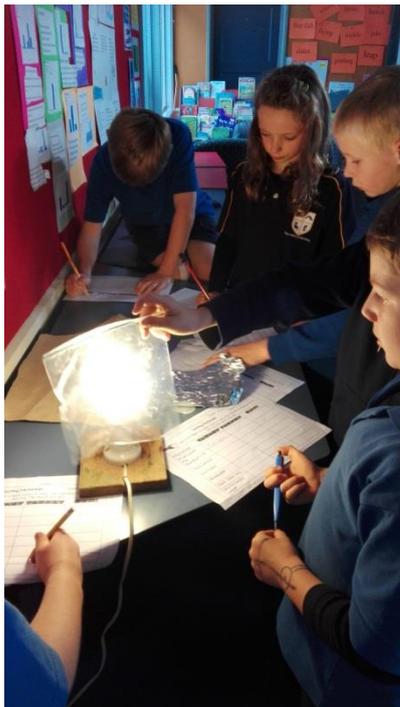
EOTC Form - For those parents who have **NOT** returned the EOTC form which was given out at the beginning of the year, we have attached it to this weeks newsletter., This form covers school events which occur during the course of a school day and until approx 6.00pm.

Primary School Science

A large part of modern Science teaching puts emphasis on the five Science Capabilities which are the skills needed for students to be scientifically literate i.e. be able to understand the way scientists work and being able to think in a scientific way.

The Primary School have chosen the capability of "Gathering and Interpreting Data" to focus on this year. This includes the skill of making close observations. Room 3 and Room 19 are currently looking at how they can make close observations using all of their five senses. This is an important scientific skill that scientists use to learn more about the natural world.

Here are some photos of Room 3 testing which objects are translucent, transparent and opaque, and of Room 19 beginning to categorise the leaves they gathered by the features they have observed.



Breakfast Club

As part of our Wellness programme, this week we began our twice weekly Breakfast Club at school, for Years 11 - 13 initially. The aim of the programme is to build relationships amongst peers and their teachers while enjoying some breakfast at the same time. Judging by the enthusiasm of the students, this is going to be successful and I am sure this is going to run in a positive direction as students become more confident in the new environment. Sometimes, secondary students arrive at school stressed for various reasons – (getting up too late is often the reason:) - so beginning their school day in a settled environment with peers, quietly chatting over breakfast, helps them to have a better school day. The students are washing their own dishes afterwards too!



Caro Bopp
(Wellness Advocate)

Lucky Book Club

At the beginning of this week Lucky Book order forms were given out to the junior students. Orders and money to the office by **Wednesday 16 May** please.

Sport News

Southern Area Schools Tournament

With only 12 days until senior students travel to Waiau Area School for the SAS Tournament, intervals and lunch times are busy with practises of their Opening Ceremony item and numerous sports. Thank you to Mr Samson who has been helping students at weekends with golf, claybird and small bore rifle shooting. We hope to receive billeting details early next week and these will be emailed to parents.

Rippa Rugby

On **Tuesday May 29th** Sport Clutha a holding their annual Rippa Rugby Tournament for Years 3-8 students in Balclutha. Initial indications are close to 35 students are interested in playing. Next week parents of interested students will receive an email indicating their interest and asking for help with transport.

End of Term One House Competition

Weather conditions moved us indoors for the 'End of Term Activities' with a Commonwealth Games theme. Starting with a couple of quizzes followed by basketball and football games/skills.

There was great support for team mates with juniors joining up with senior students to compete against other house groups with plenty of cheering. The overall points have been added and even though Manuka was ahead in the sports games, Nora was too good with the quiz and was the overall winner on 107.5 points! Manuka finishing on 106 and Surat 90.

Fiona Wilkinson, Taylor Pennell and Tania Barr
Sports Department

COMMUNITY NEWS

2018 Annual General Meeting of Catlins Historical Society

Thursday 17 May at 7.00pm at the Owaka Museum
All Welcome.

**We would love some new members! Please feel
free to come along if you are interested.**

THIS WEEK'S ATTACHMENTS -

Parents Cyber Safety Evening

Read Aloud

EOTC Form