

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 11 May 2018

From the Principal:

First Trans-Tasman National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday May 23rd, The Catlins Area School will be participating in the Trans-Tasman National Simultaneous Story Time Event with our students in Years 1-6. The event will be hosted in the School Library from 12.30pm onwards. Stories for Primary age students will be read aloud by engaging speakers. We'd like to share this event with the community; parents, preschoolers and other interested parties are very welcome. Please sign in at the main office, where you'll be directed to the Library.

After Hours at School

It has been brought to my attention by staff working after hours that young people from the community have been seen on the roof of the school building (during the week in the evening). Although the school encourages the community to use our facilities safely for activities such as jogging, tennis, netball and more, we cannot accept any liability for accidents that may occur. The school does not condone unsafe activities inside or outside of school hours and wishes to reduce/eliminate risk to students, staff and members of the community using our facilities. If your child plays at the school after hours, please discuss with them safe activities and reinforce the expectation that climbing on buildings is not acceptable. I have advised the staff to contact the local Police if they have safety concerns outside of school hours.

Southern Area Schools' Tournament

Our students travelling to the Southern Area Schools' Tournament in Waiiau next week have been attending practice events at intervals and lunchtimes since the start of term. Thank you to all the staff members who are giving up time to support our students in their preparations. The team will be accompanied by Fiona Wilkinson, Emily Currall, Tania Barr and Louise Burgess. I am looking forward to joining them on Thursday. Parents are currently being contacted regarding billets, the major organisational elements having been completed. If you haven't already joined the Facebook Group "TCAS Area School Tournament 2018 - Waiiau", please do. This is the method of notification for most practices and events. Good luck to all our teams for next week!

All the best to students **Hannah Clarke** and **Jarryd Osborne** who are taking part in the South Otago Theatrical Society's production of *Playing Around*. This will be performed at Tahakopa on Saturday and in Balclutha on Sunday. (More details under Community News.)

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

14th-21st May - Bully Free NZ Events (includes Y7/8 Police Visit on Monday 14th, lunchtime events and Pink Shirt Day on Monday 21st)

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

17th May - BoT Meeting @6.30pm

18th May - Be bright, Eat right magician show (Primary)

22nd May - Gymsport Festival

23rd May - National Simultaneous Story Time - 12.30pm in the Library (All welcome)

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

29th May - Rippa Tournament

4th June - Queen's Birthday

Unpaid Maths Workbooks Years 11 and 12

Instead of asking parents to pay at the start of the year for a Maths write on work book which may not have been completely used we decided to ask the students to purchase the books for the standards they are working in at a particular time.. This spreads the cost over the year and avoids unused books. Each book for levels 1 and 2 cost \$6.50. In total there will be at least four books at each level for the year. The students are all working in their second book. To date there are a number of students who have not paid for either of the first two books.

Could you please check that you have paid for both, \$13.00.

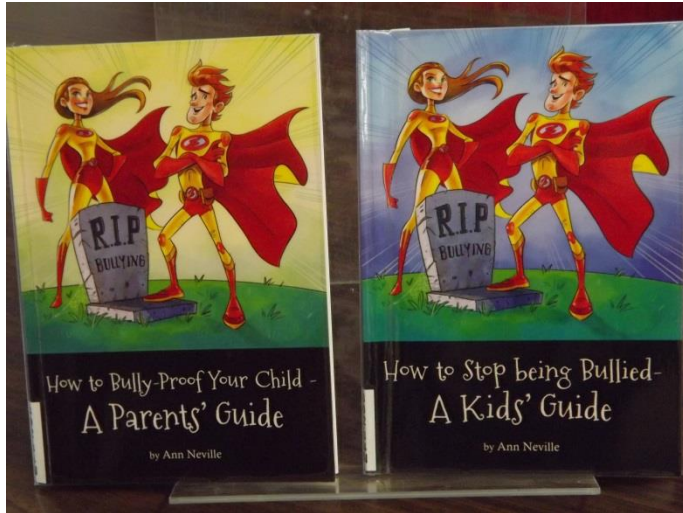
These are books the students write in, so can not be reused for another year.

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.

Library News

This week students have been busy making Mothers' Day cards at lunchtime.



We have recently acquired two new books on bullying; one for parents and one for children. They are available to borrow from the school library.

Sport News

Saturday's Netball Draw

Year 3-4 Team

11am Valley/Catlins Red v Country Saints 5 (Court 2) **Please be there 20 mins prior to the game.**

Year 5-6 Team

9am Catlins Blue v Clutha Valley (Court 5) **Please be there at 8.40am to warm up.**

(Reminder: Netball subs are due now - \$50.00 – Thank you!)

Southern Area Schools Tournament

With only five days left until 25 senior students travel to Waiiau Area School the team have been working overtime practising their Opening Ceremony item at morning tea breaks followed by volleyball, netball and football practices at lunchtimes. Special thanks this week to Mr Prasad who has been helping out with the Football team in the last couple of weeks. Parents/caregivers have been emailed billeting details over last couple of days and the last of the tracksuits that students are to travel in Waiiau in will be issued to students today.

REMINDER: payment is required prior to leaving unless arrangements have been discussed with management. If paying by internet banking, please email Tania on taniab@catlins.school.nz to let us know this has been done please.

To follow TCAS progress and photos check in on our Facebook page next week.

Country Coaching

Twice a year senior students are offered the chance to have coaches from Dunedin come out to the country schools teaching new drills and skills in a sport they show an interest in. On Thursday afternoon those students playing netball and basketball at Tournament next week were treated to this great opportunity to improve their skills. Nicki Patterson from OSSSA and an Otago Girls coach ran the netball session

showing the team great warm up activities which the girls will make use of at Waiau, followed by drills that covered multiple aspects of netball.

Basketballers had Otago Development Officer Natalie Visger and new American import player for the Otago Gold Rush team, Dana Goularte take them through their session. This was a fabulous opportunity for the students and we hope they were all able to come away with something new to take with them to Tournament.



**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
(All major positions have been filled.)**

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

Owaka Badminton Club Open Night

**Next Tuesday 15 May, there will be a Badminton
Open Night at 6.00pm in the school gym.**

Everyone welcome.

**Any questions, give me a ring on
4158003
Cheers, Valerie Grant**

The South Otago Theatrical Society presents

Playing Around

at

Tahakopa Memorial Hall

Saturday 12 May at 7.30pm

Adults \$15.00 Concession \$12.00

AND

A Special Mothers' Day Matinee (with afternoon tea)

SOTS George Street Theatre on

Sunday 13 May 2pm

(advance bookings required – no door sales)

Mothers' Day Matinee - \$20.00