

# The Catlins Area School Newsletter 18 May 2018

From the Principal:

## Southern Area Schools' Tournament

I had the pleasure of joining our tournament team in Tuatapere at Waiiau Area School for the Southern Area Schools' Tournament on Thursday. When I arrived, our netball team were well into their second game. Although they didn't score highly, (Magan Mitchell was shooting well), their reflections after the game were strong. A few players recognised our strength in fair play when compared to other teams, others their ability to strive against adversity, and the general positive team spirit. Listening to their break down of the game afterwards gave me great insight into the skills these players have picked up over their sporting careers.

Next, the badminton. We entered the maximum number of players allowed (4), having a team of seniors, and one of juniors. Both teams performed well across their games, cheered on by Emily Currall and myself (a little too loudly at times). The senior team (Jarryd Osborne and Hannah Clarke) made it into the semi-finals, losing out to the home team.



Finally, on my whirlwind tour, I spectated at the Ki-o-rahi games. Our team is really focussed and shows fantastic skills. They tied with Lawrence after some really spectacular moves from both **CJ Lowe** and **Mathew Dreaver**.

Congratulations to all our players, especially to **Logan Bird** and **John Waters-Wilkinson** who have been chosen as National Reps, and to **Hattie Kerr** and **CJ Lowe** who were awarded Fair Play awards, and thank you to the staff accompanying the players. More information from the PE team is included later in the newsletter.

## **Health Consultation Survey**

Thank you for your input on the Health Curriculum we're planning to deliver over the next two years. The survey is now closed. Fiona Wilkinson will work with her team to develop an overall statement and to make any adjustments required. The consultation will be presented to the Board at their June meeting and the finalised document will be published on our Policy Website: [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz) (search for The Catlins Area School, then apply the user name **catlins** and password **TCAS**).

## **Cell phone Policy**

On the **17th of May** the Board of Trustees met and considered the community consultation regarding cell phones in school. The Board has ratified the 'No Cell Phones in School' Policy. This means that students will not be allowed cell phones at school from next week. If it is absolutely necessary for your child to bring a phone to school, they may deliver it to the office before the start of the school day and collect it after the end of day bell. When attending EOTC events / school trips outside of school grounds, the teacher in charge will communicate cell phone requirements in their event instructions if appropriate. As a general rule for EOTC events and school trips, please notify the teacher in charge if a phone is a necessity, the teacher will provide either permission for use, or safe storage.

Students who fail to follow the school policy will be required to hand in their phone at the office where it will be retained in our safe until a parent collects it. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school while we implement this change for the benefit of our learning focused environment.

## **Bully Free Week and Pink Shirt Day**

This week has been Bully Free Week across New Zealand. Teachers have delivered classes on Bullying Education, NZ Police have visited our youngest students and Year 7 and 8 with an anti-bullying message and our Prefects have held Bully Free sessions. You'll notice posters in Balclutha shop windows with a Bully Free theme created by students from schools across the region, including The Catlins Area School. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in the learning around this important theme. To supplement our new learning, we're investigating a new peer mediation programme for our Year 1-8 students to become involved with. The Ministry of Education has asked schools to point parents in the direction of the Bully Free website where a guide for parents and whanau is available:

[bullyfree.nz/parents-and-whanau/tackling-bullying-a-guide-for-parents-and-whanau/](http://bullyfree.nz/parents-and-whanau/tackling-bullying-a-guide-for-parents-and-whanau/)

**On Monday 21st May The Catlins Area School will hold a Pink Shirt Day to reinforce the Bully Free message - wear pink to support this important cause - gold coin donations accepted to support The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.**

## **13 Reasons Why - Information from the Ministry of Education**

The Ministry of Education, in a recent circular have asked schools to include the following information in their newsletters regarding the release of 13 Reasons Why, Season 2 on Netflix today.

"You may recall the public discussion generated by last year's Netflix series 13 Reasons Why. Season two will be released worldwide on Friday 18 May. This show was widely watched by teenagers last year. Themes of suicide, sexual assault, consent, bullying and other issues made some viewers feel distressed and in need of support. Similar and equally confronting themes will be present in season two.

Young people feel the show represents the issues they face. Banning or recommending a ban on viewing it can be harmful, as young people will still watch it but feel they have to hide that from adults. The issues raised in the series are significant and offer a good opportunity to talk to our young people about these difficult life events – but it is important that those conversations are safe ones.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification have released a guide for parents: "Talking with young people about what they're watching".

Here is a link to the guide: [classificationoffice.govt.nz/news/latest-news/challenging-media/](http://classificationoffice.govt.nz/news/latest-news/challenging-media/)

## **Energy Drinks**

I've noticed a few energy and sports drinks have crept back into school. The Catlins Area School is a water and milk school; please reinforce this with your child. Energy and sports drinks are not suitable for the school environment, they prevent students from attaining the level of concentration required in the classroom, are linked to increased anxiety and disrupt normal sleeping patterns in teenagers. Here is a recent article from the ODT:

[www.odt.co.nz/lifestyle/health-fitness/energy-drinks-dangerous-young](http://www.odt.co.nz/lifestyle/health-fitness/energy-drinks-dangerous-young)

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Kate Staniford  
Principal

### **Upcoming Events:**

21st May - Pink Shirt Day - Gold Coin Donation - Wear Pink

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

### **Library News**

The Owaka Library in conjunction with The Catlins Area School, is holding a National Simultaneous Story Time for the primary school on Wednesday at 12.30pm in the school Library. Students from all over the country will be reading the same book at around the same time, and we are really pleased to be able to participate. There will be two very special readers coming to the school to read to us, and **all parents and pre-schoolers are very welcome to attend.**

### **Room 3 Homework Reminder**

A reminder for parents about homework expectations for Room 3 students. Your child should do a minimum 10min of reading each night, depending on their reading level this will either be independent or with an adult/older sibling and can be a story of their choice or the school journal or reading book for that day. The only way to get better at reading is by doing plenty of practice! They should also have 10 spelling words to learn and either a timestable challenge sheet or basic facts slip (depending what the focus is) to be practiced throughout the week. Please feel free to check with Emma or Taylor if you have any questions about the homework programme.

### **Be Bright, Eat Right!**

Year 1- 6 pupils were enthralled by Wes, a magician using 'magic' to bring home the message about eating the five food groups daily, drinking water more often than juice or fizz and keeping packet foods as treats only. **Eddie Burgess, Chrysler Ngatai and BJ Blair** were fortunate to be chosen to be part of his act, which resulted in much laughter from them as well as the audience. A thoroughly enjoyable lesson and it is fantastic to see that young children know about food groups and good eating habits, as well as what some consequences are for sugary food. This show was provided free to students, thanks to being funded by the WM Campbell Trust.



## **Sport News**

### **Saturday's Netball Draw for Saturday 19th May**

Year 3 and 4 - 10.00 am on court 3

Year 5 and 6 - 12.00 noon (please note change of time) on court 4 \* please be there 30 minutes before your game to warm up/skills \*

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

## Rippa Rugby Tournament

There are still a few responses needing to be returned via email regarding the Rippa Rugby Tournament on **Tuesday 29th May**. If you did receive the email, please reply to ensure the correct number of teams are entered and we have enough transport. Even if your son/daughter is unable to play a return email helps with the planning of teams. Those who haven't replied will get another email early next week.

## Southern Area Schools Tournament

Twenty four students have spent the last three days competing at SAS Tournament at Waiau Area School. We were warmly welcomed by Waiau at the Opening Ceremony before the afternoon sessions activities got underway and although the weather wasn't on our side, football and hockey were our best activities for the day, both placing 3rd. The student met their billets around 4:30pm going back to warm up with hot showers and delicious dinners.

Day two saw **Josh Boam, Adam Pullar, Logan Bird** and **John Waters -Wilkinson** join up with Lawrence to play 10-aside rugby winning two of their three games and finishing 2nd overall. Our netball team had two tough games at beginning of the day and played for 5th and 6th losing to Twizel 7-3. Ki O Rahi played well with two draws and three close losses. Badminton players **Hannah Clarke** and **Jarryd Osborne** finished 3rd before students returned to their billets again, resting up for a few hours before returning at 8pm for the social.

Today being the final day had Adam and Robbie winning the claybird shooting, and the rest of team splitting between volleyball and ultimate frisbee. The closing ceremony completed the week with a formal thank you and the official announcements including the **Fair Play Awards** which for Catlins went to **Hattie Kerr** and **CJ Lowe**.

**Hattie Kerr** has given over and above what has been asked of her and has stepped in when required, helping and supporting other teams, not only her Catlins team but those of other area schools. Hattie is consistently positive, cheerful and strives to give her best, which rubs off on those around her.

**CJ Lowe** has been a constant positive influence throughout the Catlins team; his caring and thoughtful attitude on and off the field helped his teams reach another level. C.J also was positively supporting opposition teams in his down-time and was overheard already planning what sports he will play at next year's tournament.



## Nationals Selections

Massive congratulations to both **Logan Bird** and **John Waters-Wilkinson** for being selected to attend the National Area Schools' Tournament in Christchurch in mid-July.

Catlins had a relatively young team at tournament this year and was up against it in some sports and with the tough weather conditions, but they showed resilience and determination by never giving up.

Fiona Wilkinson, Emily Currall, Louise Burgess and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time here at Waiau and it was a pleasure to support this great bunch of Catlins students.



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