

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 25th May 2018

From the Principal:

A warm welcome from The Catlins Area School team to **Casey Catherwood** and her family. Casey joins Room 2 as a new entrant.

Otago Daily Times Education Feature

Thank you to **Sarah Mitchell** (Year 11), **Jarryd Osborne** (Year 12), **Sapphire Spademan** (Year 13) and **Alicia Staniford** (Year 13) for allowing their work to be shared by the Otago Daily Times in their 'Secondary Scene' Education Feature on May 16th. Their work can be seen online at: odt.co.nz/news/school-news or in the school foyer 'scrapbook'.



Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt day was a successful event with large numbers of students showing their support for a Bully Free New Zealand. Our prefects rewarded students with Pink Shirt Day stickers while collecting donations. The donations will be sent to The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand to support their ongoing work with youth wellbeing. Thank you to the Prefect Team for their organisation and participation.



Attendance

I'm pleased to report that the average attendance across the school is 92% - think of this as slightly less than one absence per fortnight, per child. This is an improvement on last year, but still falls short of the government 95% attendance target. All the research tells us that attendance to class and continuity of learning is a key principle for success in education. As a parent, please evaluate each absence as and when it arises. Would a future employer accept one day off every two weeks? Thank you for your ongoing support with increasing the overall attendance at school.

Home and School

The Home and School Group met on Tuesday evening in the Library to discuss fundraising and future projects. The Prime Lamb Competition raised over ten thousand dollars for the school, a fantastic achievement for the group. Thank you for your support. This funding will be put towards renewing our confidence course. Home and School will also be funding the Year 8 students who are attending the National Youth Leadership Day in Dunedin next week. Minutes of the meeting are attached with the fliers.

Electoral Visit

Thank you to Doreen from the Electoral Commission who visited our Year 11 to 13 students on Tuesday morning. She explained the importance of voting, parliamentary systems and enrolment, handing out prizes to our knowledgeable attendees! Afterwards, Doreen discovered that our Kapa Haka Roopu were practising, so she joined in too. It was fantastic to benefit from such an experienced performer joining our group. With the support of Abby Parker, Lisa Hooker and Heni Landreth, the group represent the school beautifully across the age range. As a group, they will be participating in the Hui Ako event in Balclutha next month - more information soon!

Simultaneous Story Time

The Catlins Area School participated in this national event with our Year 1-6 students. The Story Time event is supported by Clutha District Council and our local Library. The students were entertained by Carol Geissler and Marion Leslie as they read stories to the students. Thank you for giving up your time to support our young readers!



Complaints Policy

Schools are asked, as part of their review of best practice, to share their complaints policy and complaints form each year. You will find these documents attached to the fliers and available through the school office. Our Policies are available at schooldocs.co.nz using login: catlins and password: TCAS. You can give us feedback on the policies under review in Term 2 using the website. The current review policies are: Protected Disclosure, Reporting to Parents and Visitors.

Basketball

Thank you to the team at Four Square Owaka for their kind donation of a basketball, we'll be using it in our upcoming lunchtime challenge games!

A reminder to parents that if their student is not coming to school due to illness etc., please remember to phone the school office 415 8036. Thank you.

He waka eke noa,
Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

28th May - Year 8 Young Leaders Day
29th May - Ripa Rugby Tournament
4th June - Queen's Birthday
21st June - Y7/8 People Savers First Aid
Week 9 - Year 1-8 Mid-Year Reports
26th June - Y7/8 Hockey Tournament
27th June - Y11 Microbiology Trip
28th June - Hui Ako, Balclutha
3rd July - 4-7pm Y1-8 Parent Meetings
5th July - Y5/6 Hockey Tournament
6th July - End of Term 2

Head Lice

We have had a report from a family in the primary area of the school that their child has head lice. Could all parents please check their family's hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.

Library News

The Catlins Area School was one of over **8,000** schools throughout Australia and New Zealand that took part in the Simultaneous Story Time on Wednesday, with over **1,062,230** adults and students participating.

Many thanks to Marion Leslie and Carol Geissler who were our impressive storytellers, and who went the extra mile to make the stories special and exciting.



Year 1-6 Trip to Otago Museum

We have had an overwhelming response from parents offering to help on our planned Museum trip later this month and now have all the support that we need. Thank you so much!

Reminder:

Room 2 students and those that are under 150cm tall or under 7 years of age will require a booster seat to be provided from home on the day of the trip. This is a necessary requirement for them to be able to attend the trip. Please send them to school with this on Wednesday 30 May.

Resilience course

Over the past two days The Learning Place has been in school delivering a Resilience Course to all year 10, 11 and 12 students. This course covered ways of dealing with stress, one-to-one negotiating and ways of being assertive in a range of situations. The students enjoyed the discussions and role plays involved in this course.



Sport News

Netball

Year 3-4	ValCatlins	vs	Country Saints 6	at	10.00am on Court 4
Year 5-6	Catlins	vs	Balclutha Yellow	at	9.00am on Court 5
Year 7/8	Catlins	vs	Rosebank B	at	10.00am on Court 2

WIN the Ultimate Highlanders Experience for your School

Pulse Energy, Principal Partner of the Highlanders are running a competition called 'Win the Ultimate Highlanders Experience for your School'.

Nominations are now open and the winning schools will be announced on Monday 11 June.

How to Enter:

Parents / teachers can nominate your school at www.pulseenergy.co.nz/schools

The prize includes:

- A visit from the Highlanders (Ball skills, Q&A)
- Morning tea / healthy snacks for the whole school
- A signed Highlanders Jersey

A 2nd prize will also be awarded which is 100 Double passes to the Highlanders V Rebels game on 14 July. (Flier attached)

South West Otago Rugby

Big Congratulations to Sam Hancox, Eddie Burgess, Hunter Burgess, Dion Ngatai and Cooper Cleland for being selected into the South West Under 38kg team and **Dannielle Mason** for being selected into the under 65kg team. These players will have a busy schedule with games, practices and tournaments through until the end of July where their final tournament will double as trials for Otago. Country team selection for under 38kg players and Otago team selection for under 65kg Good luck for the season and represent Owaka with pride.

Rippa Rugby Tournament

Next Tuesday 29th May 33 Year 3-8 make up four teams to compete in the Sports Clutha's annual Rippa Rugby Tournament, (NOTE Thursday 31st is the postponement day) participating students should have come home with School Tracksuit today to travel to and from the event in today and and parents were sent an email on Thursday with team and transport information

South Otago Year 7 & 8 Hockey Development team

Congratulations goes to **Hattie Kerr, Nicole Sinclair and Hunter Burgess** who have been selected to be part of the South Otago Development team to travel through to Dunedin on Friday afternoons to play games on the turf at the McMillian Hockey Centre, this is a great opportunity for them to improve their skills and play competitively against other Year 7 & 8 teams within Otago and later in the season have the opportunity to be selected in Otago Rep teams.

Basketball Ball Donation

During the week the PE department was lucky to be gifted at NBA game replica Basketball by Ross and Pip Freeman from Owaka 4 Square. The students and sport department are grateful for this donation and we know the students will get many hours of enjoyment playing Basketball over the winter months. Watch this space for some lunchtime Basketball competitions coming up in Term 2

Sports Department

Fiona Wilkinson, Taylor Pennell and Tania Barr

Community News

CATLINS COAST INCORPORATED

8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11TH JUNE 2018 7.00 PM at PAPTOWAI FIRE STATION

3 ALEXANDRA STREET, PAPTOWAI

The AGM will be followed by a General Meeting and a cup of tea.

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