

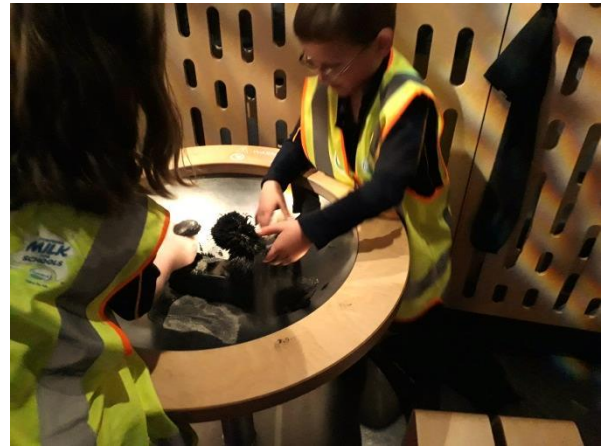
The Catlins Area School Newsletter 1st June 2018

From the Principal:

A warm welcome from The Catlins Area School Team to the Tyrell family - **Tofiga** (Rm 2), Tom (Rm 3), **Sueloa** (Rm 3), **Hellen** (Rm 19), **Tafaitoa** (Rm 19), Margret (Year 8). The Tyrell family join us from Balclutha Primary, having just moved from Balclutha to Owaka.

Primary Science Trip

Our Year 1-6 students benefited from a trip to Dunedin to visit the Otago Museum and Planetarium. Thank you to the parents and teachers who attended and transported students, and to Emma Longmore who organised the event. The scientific focus in the Junior School Curriculum is greatly enhanced by hands-on experiences and visits such as these. Here are a couple of pictures from the trip:



Rippa Rugby Tournament (Year 3-8)

Thank you to the parents and staff who assisted with the Rippa Rugby Tournament, and to our senior student referees **Jessica Gordon** and **Robbie Jackson**.

It was bitterly cold at the event, by the time I arrived it had only just warmed up to 5 degrees. Our shivering students still represented the school with pride! I had the pleasure of cheering on students in Year 5-6 games and Y7-8 games during my visit. In one Year 7-8 game, the opposing team weren't able to meet the criteria of having two girls on the pitch, the students didn't mind though - 'our girls are tough as!' was the reply. Results can be seen in the Sports News of the Newsletter. (Pictured left: our semi-final qualifying team).



Queen's Birthday

A reminder that there is no school on Monday 4th - Queen's Birthday.

Litter Pick

As part of our fortnightly values focus, students will attend our annual Owaka Community Litter Pick in period 4 on Tuesday 5th June (postponed from today due to the cold). Our values focus for this fortnight is "Service - What can we do in our community?" Join us at 2.20pm in the gym if you would like to participate.

Class Act

We have been approached by the Otago Daily Times to nominate our Class Act Student(s) for 2018. The selection criteria have been matched to our school values, ensuring clarity in our school-wide expectations. The criteria are attached to the fliers for those who are interested. The selection committee are Tim Samson, Janet Lean and Lisa Hooker. I have stepped out of the process (as I did last year) because I have a child in the eligible age range. The selected student(s) will be notified and the outcome will be announced in Assembly later this term.

Community of Learning

At the end of this term The Catlins Area School will formally join The Big River Community of Learning which encompasses schools from Tahakopa through to Balclutha. Our shift from The Southern Area Schools' Community was accepted by the Board and Ministry of Education earlier this year. The move has enabled staff better access to local professional development and collegial relationships with professionals in similar roles across the region.

Mrs Grant and Miss Pennell were recently able to attend a 'van tour' of local Year 1-2 classrooms and Early Childhood Centres. Both reported useful findings to the Junior Team in a recent staff meeting which included Early Childhood to School Transition Strategies, tools to boost student efficacy and the promotion of student understanding of their next learning steps.

I attended the Community of Learning Principals' Day earlier this week where we set up leadership inquiries which linked our individual school Charters and Strategic Goals to the Community of Learning direction. The overarching question for our shared leadership inquiry relates to enabling and accelerating student achievement across the region. Mr Samson attends a similar meeting this week to develop Community of Learning leadership within the Assistant and Deputy Principal's group.

Mrs Bopp (as our within-school teacher for the Community of Learning) will soon attend a training day with our Ministry appointed 'expert partner' to develop and clarify her role within the new Community of Learning.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

- 4th June - Queen's Birthday
- 7th June - NCEA Art Trip to Otago Polytechnic
- 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

Library News

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated books to our library over the past few months.

The latest of these is a brand new set of eight David Walliams books donated by **Carol Bloxham**. David Walliams books are always popular and these will be really appreciated by all the students.

Thank you also to the **Morrison family** for donating two Geronimo Stilton books, and to the **Walker family** for their donation of a complete set of Roald Dahl CDs.

Your generosity is much appreciated!

Anabel McPhee - Library



Entertainment Books

The new Entertainment Books are now available for Dunedin/Invercargill/Queenstown and South Otago area. If you would like to preview a book or wanting to buy, please call Melanie Burgess on 0274 826260 and I can drop one off at school or send home with your child. These books give you amazing discounts on food, activities and coffees in Otago and the book is valid for a year.

The cost is \$60 but with the deals of buy one meal - get one free, buy one coffee and get another free, you soon work out, the cost is small. \$15 dollars of every book sold goes back into The Catlins Area School so it is a great fundraiser for the school also. You also can buy online and put The Catlins Area School as your nominated school. Any questions please phone me. - Cheers Melanie Burgess

Sport News

Junior Netball

Due to the long weekend with week, there is NO netball on Saturday 2nd June.

Rippa Rugby

On Tuesday four teams made up of 33 students in Year 3-8 played in the Rippa Rugby Tournament in Balclutha and braved the very crisp weather condition where the temperature only got into double figures as we were returning back to School. Our Year 5/6 Catlins White team had only the one loss in pool play to Rosebank Warratahs before coming up against them again in the semi finals to lose by only one try.

The second Year 5/6 team Catlins also only losing once in pool play came up against the Rosebank Warratahs in quarter finals, and failed to progress but were great sportsman to stick around and watch Catlins White in the semis.

Year 7/8 Catlins Gold team played well with a win under their belt early and some very close losses throughout the day. Year 3/4 Catlins Blue had a great tournament with huge improvement as the day went on but were unable to progress due to not having enough girls in their team.

National Area School Tournament

Logan Bird and John Waters Wilkinson have been selected in the Southern Area School teams to play at National Area Schools tournament in Christchurch in the first week of the holidays. Logan has been selected in the football and Ki O Rahi teams and John also in the football team.

To help with the costs of attending they are fundraising selling Pizza Slabs. There are 10 great flavours and cost just \$6.50 each, order forms and payment details are attached to the newsletter and copies can be collected from the office.

PE Tracksuits

Please can all tracksuits from Area Schools Tournament and Rippa Rugby be returned washed and dried to the gym office ideally in a named bag to ensure any mix ups as to who the tracksuit was issued to and who is returning it. At the moment tracksuit Numbered 1 size XS is 'misplaced' since Balclutha Triathlon at end of last term. The person who was issued it says it was returned but it is NOT in storage cupboard so can everyone please check at home or in school lockers to make sure that it's not lying around in strange place.

Sports Department

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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