

# The Catlins Area School Newsletter 8th June 2018

From the Principal:

## Mayoral Breakfast

Bryan Cadogan and Hilary McNab visited The Catlins Area School's Breakfast Club on Friday June 1st, kindly bringing home-made scones, jam and some weetbix! We were very happy to host them at the official launch of Breakfast Club. It is proving to be a popular resource with our Year 9-13 students. The aim is to provide a calming, supportive environment prior to classes where students can talk informally with teachers and make their own breakfast. The club runs on Tuesday and Friday mornings; it is a well-attended, civilised start to the day. Thank you to Mrs Bopp (our Wellbeing Advocate) who runs the group. Our senior students took the opportunity to quiz the Mayor and Councillor on freedom camping topics as part of their Social Sciences investigations - this certainly gave them food for thought!



## Karearea

Please find attached to our fliers a recent issue of Karearea - you'll see some familiar faces on page 2. Our envirogroup are shown learning how to track and trap predators on the school site.

## Fuel For Schools

Thank you to Fuel for Schools (and their business sponsors Noel Leeming) for our technology package, which we received last week. Our community businesses have nominated us to receive a 50c donation for every 100L fuel delivery. Once this builds up to \$1000, we receive either a sports or technology package. Last time, we received a Ki-o-Rahi equipment set, this time an HD TV for our Science Department. Thank you to our local businesses that are part of this scheme to benefit our school.



## Tokiwa High School Exchange

We are pleased to confirm that Tokiwa High School will again visit us as part of our exchange programme. Tadaki Sagara (a teacher from Tokiwa High School) will accompany nine students to New Zealand for a three week visit at the start of Term 3. Helen-May Burgess and Glenda Landreth will continue to organise and deliver the programme. They are seeking suitable homestays for the approximate period of 23rd July to 10th August. Please contact the school office on (03) 415 8036 if you are interested in being a host. Host families each receive \$500.00 towards expenses

## Lab-in-a-Box

Owaka Museum have kindly organised for the Otago University Lab-in-a-Box team to visit Owaka. Our students (all Y1-10 and senior Science students) will be visiting the Lab-in-a-Box team on Wednesday June 20th at timetabled sessions during the school day; they will walk to the museum with their teachers. Students will be able to access science experiments and age appropriate science learning with the team from Otago University. If you wish to withdraw your child for any reason, please contact the school office.

## **Blue Light Reduction**

In a recent meeting with an occupational therapist, I was advised of two strategies to reduce blue light emission from student devices. If you are concerned about the effect of blue light on your child's concentration or sleeping patterns, you may like to give them a try. For cell phones, you can download an app called **Twilight**, newer iPhones have a built-in function called **Night Shift** that you can activate, and on PCs visit **f.lux**.

## **Defensive Driving**

We have been able to book a Defensive Driving Course for our senior students who hold a learners' or restricted license. It will run from 12 noon - 3.15pm on the **20th and 27th of June** at a subsidised rate thanks to our STAR funding. Louise Burgess will make contact with parents of eligible seniors. Please call the school on (03) 4158036 and ask to speak to Louise if you have any queries.

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Kate Staniford  
Principal

## **Upcoming Events:**

20th and 27th June - Defensive Driving Course (pm)

20th June – Lab-in-a-Box

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**

There is a change of Junior class times for the library:

**Room 3** Tuesday afternoons

**Rooms 2 and 19** Thursdays

Please encourage your students to bring back their library books on those days.

Thank you!

Anabel McPhee - Library



*Samoan Language Week in Library last week*

## **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, and 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

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|----------|----------------|----|------------------|------------|------------|
| Year 3/4 | Catlins/Valley | vs | Country Saints 7 | at 11.00am | on Court 2 |
| Year 5/6 | Catlins Blue   | vs | Rosebank Green   | at 9.00am  | on Court 4 |
| Year 5/6 | Catlins Blue   | vs | Country Saints 4 | at 12 noon | on Court 4 |

### National Area School Tournament Fundraising

Logan Bird and John Waters-Wilkinson are fundraising to help with costs to attend the National Area School Tournament in Christchurch by 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 school office.

### Year 7 and 8 Hockey Tournament

Interested Year 7-8 students are to sign up by **Wednesday 13th June** for a one off hockey tournament played on grass at the A & P Showgrounds in Balclutha on **26th June**. Games commence at 10.00am with final games played around 1:30pm. Parents of those interested students will then receive an email informing them and requesting help with transport.

### South West Otago Rugby

Good luck to **Dannielle Mason, Hunter Burgess, Eddie Burgess, Cooper Cleland, Sam Hancox and Dion Ngatai** who are playing in the first of three tournaments in Cromwell this weekend for the South West Otago Weight Grade teams.

### Sports dates for remainder of Term 2

**Tuesday 26th June** - Year 7-8 Hockey Tournament in Balclutha

**Friday 29th June** - Top Team Round 2, at Cross Rec Centre

**Thursday 5th July** - Year 5-6 Hockey Tournament in Milton

Sports Department

## Community News

### **OWAKA RUGBY CLUB**

Club Day 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

See attached flier!

### **CATLINS COAST INCORPORATED**

8<sup>th</sup> 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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