

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 15th June 2018

From the Principal:

Balclutha Rotary Dictionaries

Each year, Balclutha Rotary Club kindly presents each Year 4 student throughout the region with a dictionary. Last week they visited The Catlins Area School to speak to our Year 4 students about Rotary, and about the dictionaries. Thank you for your gift to our Year 4 students!



Lunchtime Volleyball Competition

On Tuesday and Thursday we held an inter-house Volleyball Competition. Tuesday saw the senior students fight it out - Nora becoming the reigning champs. On Thursday the junior students displayed their skills - Manuka showing tenacity in taking the lead!



Litter Pick

Our long-awaited annual Litter Pick was a successful event, supervised by our Year 13 students, staff and volunteer parents. Thanks to all the students and helpers that participated. It never ceases to amaze me how much litter can be found in such a clean-looking community. Mr Samson judged the collected litter by volume and deemed Surat to be the winning house. Many of our students had their service to the community acknowledged with TCAS Cards, tino pai ki a koe!



Uniform

After an enormous wait, you may have noticed that The Warehouse, Balclutha are stocking our new uniform items - this includes crested items such as jerseys, vests and fleeces. You can also buy our school specific items directly from The Warehouse website, search for The Catlins Area School at www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools. Soft-shell jackets are soon to be added to their website, we will have samples to try on for size in the school office in the near future. I will place an item in the newsletter once they arrive. Thank you to all the students who continue to display our care value by wearing their uniform with pride each day, I have certainly noticed a vast improvement since this time last year. Please note; coats should be plain navy or black, thermals should be plain navy, black or white.

Korero Matauranga

Janet Lean and I will be attending a meeting at The Edgar Centre in Dunedin on Tuesday next week to discuss the future of NCEA as part of the Korero Matauranga Consultation Process. The Prime Minister recently said that Korero Matauranga was the first step in finding out what students, staff, children, young people and their parents want the education system to look like over the next 30 years. If you'd like to have your say about the future of education in New Zealand, you can visit consultation.education.govt.nz/education/korero-matauranga and complete the survey, or attend the regional meeting which is advertised in the fliers attached to the newsletter.

Tokiwa Homestays

Thank you to the families who have generously offered to house students from Tokiwa High School during their Term 3 visit (23rd July to 10th August). We still have a few students to find homestay opportunities for. If you can assist, please contact the school office on (03) 415 8036 - a \$500 payment is made to families who host students.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

From the Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees has been facilitating an ICT Development Plan since mid-2017. The vision of the 2018-2020 plan is:

- To ensure learner achievements and opportunities match or surpass the expectations and needs of all stakeholders
- To ensure learners are best prepared for their future

The ICT Plan has been developed to ensure that The Catlins Area School is ready for the new Digital Technologies Curriculum which is expected to be implemented by 2020.

These are the steps we've taken since the ICT Plan was developed:

- Provide 1:1 devices for all students (Y1/2 - iPad, Y3-8 - Chromebook, Y9-13 - Laptop)
- Provide systems for BYOD devices where preferred by the student.
- Renewing/developing PCs and Laptops in specialist areas with specialist hardware and software.
- Purchased items, started staff training and student learning programmes for:
 - 3D Printing (Maker Movement Development)
 - Coding (e.g Code Club) and code-ready learning devices/robots suitable for the Y1-10 age range
 - Network and Portal Communication Opportunities
 - Virtual Learning Opportunities e.g. NetNZ
- Ongoing Teacher training in Computational Thinking, Designing and Developing Digital Outcomes which links to curriculum areas.
- Support for staff undertaking Masters Level study in Digital technology teaching and Learning
- Teacher training in google products, KnowledgeBase etc.
- Updating staff laptops as per renewal cycle

Grant Bradfield

Chair of The Catlins Area School Board of Trustees

Upcoming Events:

20th and 27th June - Defensive Driving Course (pm)
20th June – Lab-in-a-Box
21st June - Y7/8 People Savers First Aid
21st June – Sausage Sizzle
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

Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 21st June

Sausage \$2.00 & Baking \$1.00

Fund Raising for

**John Waters Wilkinson &
Logan Bird who will be
attending the National Area
Schools Tournament.**

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



Matariki in the school library this 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 one 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 \$60.00 but with the deals of buy one meal - get one free, buy one coffee and get another free, you will soon recover the initial cost; \$15.00 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 on 4158846.

Cheers Melanie Burgess

Sickness

There is a virus, cough and colds going around the school and community. If you child gets sick please keep him/her at home for at least 48 hours to recuperate.

Thank you.

Sport News

Junior Netball

Year 3/4	Catlins/Valley	vs	Lawrence White	at 10.00am	on Court 5
Year 5/6	Catlins Blue	vs	Lawrence Pink	at 9.00am	on Court 4
Year 7/8	Catlins Gold	vs	Toko Jnr Black	at 9.00am	on Court 2

National Area School Tournament Fundraising

From next Thursday 21st June until the end of term **Logan Bird** and **John Waters Wilkinson** will be holding sausage sizzles at lunchtime to help towards costs to attend the National Area Schools Tournament.

Sausages \$2 and Baking \$1. Also, don't forget to get your pizza orders to Karen Bird or drop them into the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 7-8 Hockey Tournament

Nine Year 7-8 students have signed up to play in this tournament in Balclutha on **26th June**. Thank you to the parents offering help with transport. Not all offers will be needed and contact will be made regarding arrangements.

Top Team

Term 2 Top Team activities are to be held on **Friday 29th June** from 4pm-5-30pm. Team members that are unable to attend please let Tania know and we will try to fill your spot.

There is a **\$15.00** cost that covers all Top Team four terms' activities. Payment could be paid to the school office by Friday **29th June** please.

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