

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 10th August 2018

From the Principal:

Tokiwa High School Exchange

With sadness, we farewelled our Japanese visitors on Thursday. In reviewing the trip with Tadaki Sagara, Helen-May Burgess and Glenda Landreth we discovered that the most popular lessons were Kapa Haka with Abby Parker and Lisa Hooker, and Cooking classes with Emily Currall. Thank you to all the teachers who gave their time to facilitate this visit. The most popular event was 'Time with host families', this was certainly reflected in the farewell speeches at dinner on Wednesday. Each student expressed their gratitude for their stay and their sadness to leave their new-found kiwi families. Thank you, again to the host families, without your support we wouldn't be able to accommodate as many students or provide such a diverse and interesting programme.



Colour Run - Cross Country

Due to some unusual circumstances in Owaka on Wednesday, we were unable to organise for the students to travel to the cross country site. Thankfully, the all clear was given at 12.30pm and we were able to proceed with the colour run on our field. What a successful event! I was pleased to see the older students interacting so positively with the younger students, and the number of laps achieved by each child. The colour run was organised and delivered by our Year 13 Team as a way to encourage attendance on Cross Country day. In 2017, almost 20% of the school was absent for the entire day, missing a morning of normal classes. This year, with the help of the team organising the colour run we were down to less than 2% unjustified absences. I'm proud of their promotion of this event and aptitude for problem solving whilst promoting the importance of attendance at school. The actual Cross Country will be held for one hour on Monday afternoon - please make sure your child attends the full school day!



Year 9-13 Mentoring

Next week the Year 9-13 School Reports will be sent home. The reports will be followed up with a 20 minute mentoring session on **Tuesday 21st August**. Please check the first page of the report for booking details. You can book a session with your child's year group mentor by visiting schoolinterviews.co.nz and using the booking code 62t2w. Louise Burgess will be available on the day to discuss Gateway Placements for 2019. Please drop in to see her at the Blue Room/Library.

Blue Light Camp

The opportunity has arisen for four students from the Clutha region to be involved in a Police Blue Light Camp to reward students from the Year 7-8 age range who always give their best. The Catlins Area School put forward a number of names to be considered for the camp. The final selection of four students from across the region was made by the Police. Balclutha Police selected Hunter Burgess from a large number of applicants to attend the camp in Berwick in September. He will participate in a range of activities including mountain biking, shooting, kayaking and tramping. Congratulations to Hunter!

Peer Mediation Assembly

On Tuesday our Peer Mediation team led an item in Assembly which demonstrated their intended mediation service within the school playground. They will take the lead in resolving issues such as unfair play, sharing and peer to peer disagreements using a leadership script developed by The Peace Foundation. We are developing a roster for the students to work in pairs during the week to resolve low level playground disagreements. Mrs Watkins and I will monitor and support their initial meditations as they hone their skills. Thank you to the peer mediators for supporting their fellow students!

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Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

13th August 2.00 pm - TCAS Cross Country
13th August - Mid-year reports for students in Years 9-13 sent this week
16th August - Years 1-10 Science Expo (11am-1pm)
21st August - Year 9-13 Mentoring - 3.40-7pm
22nd August - SOPSSA Cross Country - Clinton
23rd August - Attitude Presentations Y7-13
24th August - Mufti Day

Library News

Just a reminder about class times for the library:
Room 2 and Room 19 Thursdays
Room 3 Tuesdays
Please could you encourage your student to return their library books on these days.

Thank you.

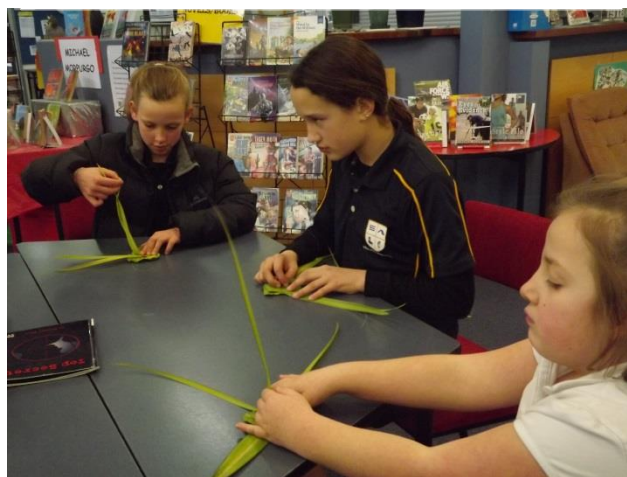
Vision Hearing Screening Programme

The Vision Hearing Technician plans to visit our school on **7th September** in the morning to carry out the screening for vision and hearing.

The school Netball Break-up

The school Netball Break-up will be held on **Wednesday 22 August** in the school gym. The Break-up will begin at 3.30pm and wind-up at approx. 4.30pm. Players please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Letters for parents were given out today. Any questions please phone the school office.

Fax weaving in the library this week.



Sport News

Cross Country..... TAKE TWO!!

With a little hiccup on Wednesday and having to postpone Cross Country at the last minute, it is now rescheduled for last period on **Monday 13th August** in the paddocks behind The Catlins Inn. Please remember to bring house colours and old sneakers to run in and get changed into during lunchtime.

Estimated start times are -

2:00pm Race 1 Year 7-13 est 2.4km ; **2:15pm** Race 2 Year 5-6 est 2km; **2:30pm** Race 3 Year 3-4 est. 1.5km

2:45pm Race 4 Year 1-2 est 1km

All races will be completed by 3.00pm to allow students time to return to school. Parents are able to take their child home at the completion of the last race from the grounds but please inform Mr Tim Samson who will be at the main gate you are doing so.

Netball Tournaments

Thursday and Friday saw both boys and girls testing their Netball skills. TCAS had two Year 5-6 teams on Thursday. After initial reminders about footwork and not 'throwing' the ball from one end of court to the other, the newcomers to the game chased down turnovers and intercepted the ball to lead Catlins Blue to a 6th placing and Catlins Gold to 11th out of 15 teams. Special thank you to Hattie Kerr who mentored both teams and umpired when required throughout the day.

It was Year 7-8 students turn on Friday .



Catlins Blue



Catlins Gold

Week 2 Monday Hockey draw

Year 3-4 Catlins/Milton vs Romahapa @ 4pm Court 5
Year 5-6 Catlins vs Warepa Black Sticks @ 5pm Court 5
Year 7-8 Catlins vs Crescent Miners @ 5:30pm Court 3

Sports Department

COMMUNITY NEWS

FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST

Youth Group tonight at 7-9.00pm

Owaka Presbyterian Church Hall

Could parents please stay for first 10 minutes
to go through rules/regs and sign forms.

Bring fillings for pancakes!

