

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 24th August 2018

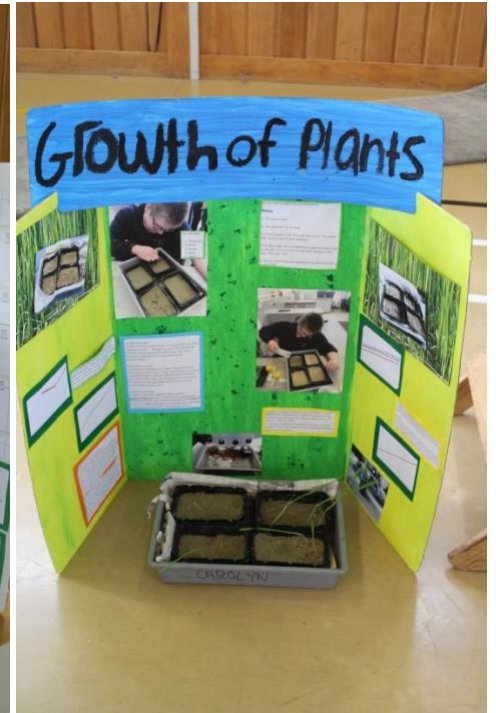
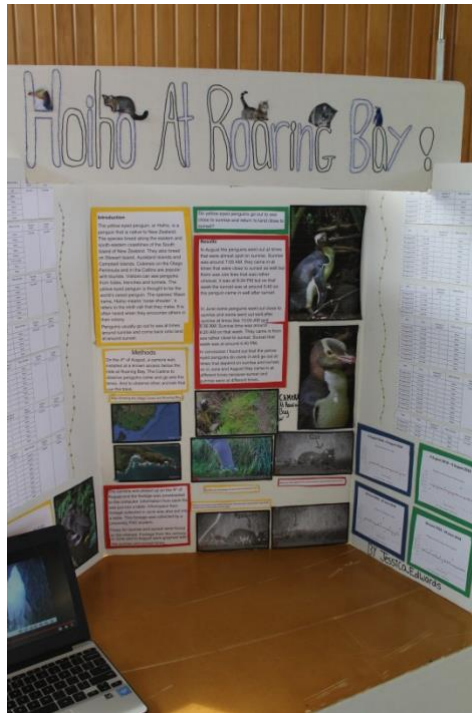
From the Principal:

Netsafe Sessions - Gore

Netsafe are running online safety sessions for parents in Gore. The information from their email states: "Parents and Whānau 6:30pm – 7:30pm, 18th September, Gore High School Powerful partnerships – Working together to support young people as they navigate the online world. This session includes key messages for parents and whānau around online safety and digital citizenship. We discuss some of the current challenges young people face online and how families can support and prepare young people to safely navigate online environments and manage online challenges with confidence and capability." There is a flier advertising the event attached to this newsletter.

Science Expo Boards

Some additional photos of boards from the Science Expo. Students have been working this week on refining their research and presentation methods. A great display of our Tenacity Value!



Congratulations to our Year 12 Science students - especially **Logan Bird, John Waters-Wilkinson** and **Adam Pullar**. Logan, John and Adam have been participating in an Education Perfect online Science Competition (in the category 'Schools with 1-50 entries'). I'm pleased to report that The Catlins Area School placed first in New Zealand!

Rank	Country	School (20 out of 2580 Schools!)	Students	Score
1	NZL	The Catlins Area School	48	3,751
2	NZL	Heaton Intermediate School	40	2,622
3	NZL	Manaia View School	47	1,731
4	NZL	St Martins School, Christchurch	29	1,010
5	NZL	Paroa School	9	882
6	NZL	Hurunui College	27	842
7	NZL	St Patrick's School (Bryndwr)	49	749
8	NZL	Te Wharekura O Manaia	46	734
9	NZL	Rai Valley Area School	50	640
10	NZL	Martinborough School	17	618

Congratulations to Emily Currall; she has been appointed to a permanent position at The Catlins Area School. She will continue to teach Food Technology, Agriculture and Horticulture. We are currently advertising for a Teacher's Aide, follow this link for the advertisement: catlins.school.nz/news/vacancy.

Tokiwa Scholarship Applications

Students who wish to apply to attend Tokiwa High School in Japan for three weeks in December should see me for more information. Application letters are due by **Friday August 31st**.

School Communications Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey at the beginning of term. It was good to hear such positive feedback from parents and to have the opportunity to take on some new ideas.

The general outcomes of the survey are as follows:

- Newsletters will continue to be sent weekly in either digital or hard copy form
- Blanket EOTC consent will continue into 2019
- School reports will continue to be sent in the mail
- Mentoring and Goal Setting will be extended to Year 1-6 students in 2019, we will continue to blend Parent Interviews with Mentoring Sessions across the year
- Junior Classroom Teachers are developing a document which will be included in our enrolment pack which explains some day to day matters such as hot lunches, news and PE days, homework etc...
- Our daily notices continue to be available through the home page of the school website catlins.school.kiwi/index.php/notices and TCAS Portal and App - if you do not have a login, please contact the school for a new login letter with instructions.
- Junior Classroom Teachers will explore other forms of day to day communication such as blogs and class newsletters ahead of 2019

Please remember, you are always welcome to email learn@catlins.school.nz with any questions, or call the office (415 8036) to make appointments to see classroom teachers at any time during the year. You are always welcome!

Parents of Years 9 and 10 students have been sent a curriculum consultation document in the mail - please contact the office if you have not received yours by 29th August.

Arriving at School

A reminder that students should not arrive at school before 8.30am. Teachers are not available to supervise students before this time.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

28th August - Defensive Driving (pm)

29th August - Y5/6 Netball, Dunedin

29th-30th August - Bartending Course (Y11-13) - wear mufti

30th August - Y7/8 Netball, Dunedin

30th August - Otago Chemistry Outreach (Y1-10)

31st August - Nominations for BOT Student Rep closes

31st August - Deadline for applications to attend Tokiwa High School in December

31st August - Class Act Awards, Dunedin (pm)

3rd September - Speech Competition (Y7/8)

4th September - 'Loves Me Not' with NZ Police (Y11/12)

School Skiing Trip

This is something we have not been on the ball with this year, but something to improve on for next year. After contacting Cardrona last week, dates that were able to provide for a possible ski trip were: **1st/2nd September; 22nd September** or **6th/7th October**. Any feedback on these dates much appreciated. If I get a group of over 15 people wanting to go on the same date, then I will go ahead and book. As in previous years, families organize their own accommodation and meet up at the mountain each day about 7.30am to allow time to get gear and be ready for the lessons around 8.30am. Any questions please ask. Thank you.

Fiona Wilkinson

Lost Property

Once again we have lots and lots of unnamed lost property. Items like puffer jackets, merino tops, and lots of navy polo fleeces. Please pop in check that it is not your child's property.

Lucky Book Club

The order forms were given out yesterday to all junior classes. Orders and payment to the office by Friday 31 August please.

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.

Sport News

Rugby

Sam Hancox and **Dion Ngatai** were part of the Otago Country U38kg rugby team that played in an Invercargill Tournament last weekend.

They played three games – Lost to Otago Metro 5-10. They had good wins against Southland Metro and Southland Country and ended up winning the Tournaments on points.

The team won the Trevor Boyle Memorial Trophy.

Congratulations boys!!!



South Otago Cross Country

After South Otago Cross Country being postponed on Wednesday the team travelled to Clinton today and competed against other South Otago Schools in some wintry, cold and very muddy conditions. Our TCAS runners gave it their best out on the course and did themselves and the school proud.

Watch out for the photos and results on our Facebook page over the weekend and in next week's newsletter. Thank you to all the parents for their support with cheering on at the finish line, transport and marshalling at the event.

Touch

The Touch season is about to get under way, starting with a lunchtime practices once a week with the first game due to start on Thursday 20th September. To date we have 32 students interested in playing in the Year 3-8 grades and will be divided into four teams. As each team will require a referee on game day, we require more help on game day!! If a parent or an older sibling of players is able to help with refereeing on Thursday, please contact Tania Barr as teams are unable to be entered without a referee's name. Two Year 12 boys have offered their services but one or two more helpers would be appreciated.

Grant Milne the Otago Touch Development Officer is holding 90 minute sessions coaching and refereeing in Balclutha, with dates to be confirmed. If you have a basic knowledge of how Touch is played and could assist with a team for 2018 please get in touch.

Hockey Draw -

Monday 27th August

Year 3/4 team at 4.00pm vs Warepa Flames on Court 4; Year 5/6 at 5.00pm vs Rosebank Lions on Court 3

Monday 3rd September

Year 3/4 team at 4:30pm vs Rosebank on Court 2; Year 5/6 at 4:30pm vs Romahapa on Court 5.

Monday 10th September

Year 3/4 team at 4:30pm vs Lawrence Green on Court 2; Year 5/6 at 4:30pm vs Lawrence Gold on Court 4.

Community News

Youth Group (Year 8 up)

Youth Group meeting **tonight** Friday 24 August at 7- 8.00pm at the Church hall. All welcome. Any questions please phone Dellys Brown 4158274

Group Fitness Sessions

Sessions are held on Monday and Thursday nights, starting at 7.00pm in the school gym. It is run by personal trainer Tyler Hammer who is travelling down from Dunedin to run these sessions. The cost is \$10 per session. Caters for all fitness levels. Please bring a drink bottle and mat if you have one. No other gear needed. Everyone WELCOME.