

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 31st August 2018

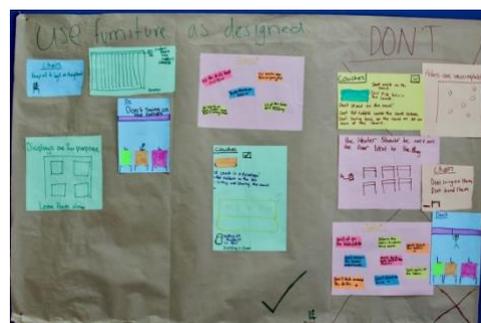
From the Principal:

Positive Behaviour For Learning - Values Signage

We've been working hard to incorporate our shared values in the practices around school, our newest visual prompts have arrived in the form of whiteboard signs and values pencils (seen here with our Year 7/8 Technology experts - **Ben Williamson, Quinn Gabolinscy, Hunter Burgess and Zoe Sopp**). The signage will be a reminder and reference point for students when considering what we value in our day-to-day practice.



Staff and Students are developing exemplar behaviour matrices which sit alongside intervention teaching. Our most recent intervention teaching session highlighted the need to respect our collective property. This may be school buildings and resources, or personal property. Students created posters to elaborate on the way the value of CARE looks in our classrooms.



Class Act

Congratulations to **Alicia Staniford** on her Class Act Award. She received her certificate from The Prime Minister on Thursday alongside 54 other students from the Otago Region. The Prime Minister talked about allowing yourself the time to congratulate yourself on your achievements, and silencing inner voices of self-doubt. If you'd like to hear her speech, you can view it at: <https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/time-celebrate-achievements>.



Employability Skills

As part of our ongoing Professional Development as Teachers, we have been engaging with a number of professional readings which relate to our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Training. Janet Lean has written a synthesis of her professional reading titled 'Employers are looking for...', which is included later in this newsletter.

Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust

We have now confirmed that on the **26th September** the Y5-8 students will be planting at Long Point with staff from The Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust, then the Y9-10 students will repeat this community service event on the 27th. I will be sending a letter home next week outlining the visits and asking for Parent Volunteers on either day. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sport

- **Netball**

Our Year 7-8 Catlins Gold Team competed in the Otago Primary School Netball Competition at The Edgar Centre in Dunedin on Thursday. Thank you to Hayley Mitchell (coach) and Carol Bloxham (umpire) for organising this opportunity for our team.

- **Cross Country**

Our tenacious junior Cross Country team competed at the SOPSSA meet alongside all the South Otago Primaries. Congratulations to Cooper Cleland (3rd), Sam Hancox (4th), Hunter Burgess (6th), Eddie Burgess (7th), Jade Gutsell (7th) and Olivia Hartvigsen (8th). Their position in their age/gender race is listed after their names. All of these students will be selected for the Otago Primary Schools' Cross Country in mid-September.

- **Soccer**

Congratulations to Logan Bird and John Waters-Wilkinson who participated in an Otago Soccer Tournament as part of the South Otago High School Team, their team won the tournament! They will go on to participate in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Football Tournament next week in Invercargill. Good luck!

Loves me not

Students in Years 11 and 12 have received a letter inviting them to attend the NZ Police Course 'Loves me not'. The content of the letter can be read on our website at: catlins.school.nz/news/loves-me-not. If you wish to withdraw your child from this course for any reason please call the office on (03) 415 8036.

Bartending Course

Students in Years 11-13 were offered the opportunity this week to participate in a bartending training course with The Learning Place. The students who elected to undertake this qualification will be certified for future employment in this field. This may benefit a student as part of their ongoing work towards a career in Hospitality, or as a skill gained for part-time work whilst studying. Successful candidates receive 5 NCEA Level 3 credits and 2 NCEA Level 1 credits on completion of the two day course. Thank you to Louise Burgess for providing this opportunity.



Contacting School

Recently, we've noticed an increase in communications to the school office from parents with queries for teachers. Whilst we enjoy being connected to you, please understand that it can take time for teachers to return your call; the needs of their students in the classroom are the first priority during the course of the school day. When the office is contacted, staff place your query in writing in the teacher's pigeon hole. This minimises disruption to classes and teaching during the day. The teacher responds at the first available opportunity after the message is received. There is no need to call the office multiple times within the school day with the same query. If your call is an emergency, please let the office staff know. If you can wait until the end of the day for a response, the best communication method with the teacher is by writing a note in your child's log book for the teacher to respond to.

Service - Cancer Society Baking

Thank you to Lani Gutsell, Magan Mitchell, Korban Craigie and Miss Currall - I have a lovely time baking biscuits with you this morning. Our biscuits were delivered to the Owaka 4 Square to be sold as part of the Cancer Society Fundraising.



He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

3rd September - Speech Competition (Y7/8)
4th September - 'Loves Me Not' with NZ Police (Y11/12)
7th September - Vision and Hearing Testing
11th September - Otago Secondary Music Festival
11th September - Culture and Kai Evening - 6.30pm
12th September - School Photos
13th September - Y8 HPV Vaccinations
14th September - Year 9-13 Exams start

From Janet Lean:

Employers are looking for...

A recent report into what employers are looking for in potential staff makes interesting reading. Employers are not looking for subject specific knowledge but rather a set of "skills" that are transferable to any situation. Units of work are designed with this in mind. Contexts are selected through which students can be taught these skills. Once students have mastered the skills they should be able to transfer them to new situations.

These are closely aligned with the Key Competencies set out in the NZ Curriculum and form the basis of any school subject.

The key to any good employee is the ability to SELF MANAGE and this can be divided into four separate categories -

- Time management - this involves planning to ensure a person makes good use of both their own time and other people's time, making and sticking to a plan
- Interpersonal communication - involves having good manners, looking someone in the eye when speaking, actually talking to people, being professional in all situations, listening twice as much as talking, not interrupting others, being courteous, kind showing good manners
- Organisational skills - having good systems to keep track of what is going on and what needs to be done and when, being prepared in advance, taking responsibility
- Basic problem solving - the ability to think for oneself and not be dependent on others, Asking well thought out and sensible questions

“ to be a good leader a person must first be a good follower”

This means

- Stick to schedules
- Follow procedures
- Obey rules and orders
- Follow a chain of command

A student who has mastered these skills is well on the way to succeeding in the next phase of their life.

Exam Timetable

We will be running **compulsory** exams for Years 9-13 from 13-18 September in preparation for the NZQA exams later this year. For the Years 9 and 10, it will be a taste of what to expect in the next couple of years. The timetable is attached.

Year 7/8 Camp Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 7 and Year 8 students to discuss / answer any questions regarding the school camp to Mavora leaving week three of term four. Any parents wishing to go on camp are asked to please attend this meeting. The meeting will be held in the library at 5.30pm on Thursday 6th September. Any queries please contact Tim Samson via the school office 4158036.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our school will be hosting another Scholastic Book Fair for the week of 18 September (and maybe longer depending on demand). We will have a range of books for all ages at great prices, and lots of spot prizes for the students. The more books we sell, the more free books we earn for our library/classrooms. Please spread the word! (**Flier attached**)

Library News

Thank you very much to **Harry McDougall** who donated a book to the library as part of his birthday celebration this week. It will be a great addition to the library collection and is much appreciated.

Today there has been lots of activity as children create Fathers' Day cards for the weekend.

Poetry is our theme for next week.

Thanks - Anabel



Trophies and Cups

Please return to the school office, any trophies or cups that your student won at last year's prizegiving in preparation for this year's event.

Thank you!!

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.

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.

School Ski Trip

We have 10 people keen to go on the weekend of the **6/7th of October**. Which is the middle weekend of the next school holidays. Cardrona reports the snow conditions to be "usually soft, forgiving and wet. It will most likely be quite fine weather, normally sunny around this time making it an awesome time of the season for Spring skiing!"

We need 15 to go ahead with this booking and will need to confirm by next Friday.

Costs for adults and children per day are \$70 for lift pass and lesson and \$90 for lift pass, lesson and rental of ski gear.

Please confirm by next Friday if you are keen to go.

Sport News

Football

Logan Bird and **John Waters Wilkinson** have played the 2018 Football season in the South Otago Football Youth team and were victors in the finals last Saturday winning 5-0 against Melchester Congratulations boys.

Next week Logan and John will spend Monday - Thursday in Invercargill competing in the NZSS Boys Football : Linwood competition, playing up to three games each day, Good luck.

Cross Country

Despite the mud underfoot and few rain showers our team of 18 students all ran extremely well and should be proud of their efforts, The following students placed in the top 10 in their respective age groups which qualified them to attend Otago Primary Schools Cross Country on **14th September** in Dunedin **Cooper Cleland (3rd), Sam Hancox (4th), Eddie Burgess (7th), Hunter Burgess (6th), Jade Gutsell (7th) and Olivia Hartvigsen (8th)**.

Top Team

Round 3 of Top Team will be held on **Wednesday 12th September** from 4pm, if you are unable to attend please ensure you inform Tania so replacement players can be arranged.

Hockey

Draw for 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. With both teams having 4:30 games for the next two weeks all players are welcome to join Stu Affleck and Nigel Harrison in the school gym to run through some hockey drill and skills from 3:20 to 3:50.

REMINDER - Hockey fees of \$20 are due and could they please be paid ASAP . Thank you.

Good luck to **Cooper Cleland, Eddie Burgess, Blake Affleck, Sam Hancox and Archie Valli** who will attend Year 5-6 South Otago Hockey Development Trials this **Sunday 2nd September**.

Touch

An email was sent to parents of Years 3-8 students who have signed up this season on Wednesday this week, regarding the 2018 season. First game to start on Thursday 20th September. Team entries close on Monday 3rd September. **NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted after this date so if you **DID NOT** receive the email and your son/daughter would like to play. Please email Tania by Monday on taniab@catlins.school.nz

School Photos

On **Wednesday 12th September** Class, Individual, Cultural and Sport photos will be taken. Families will receive an email next week with the first draft of the schedule, it will include names of students who should be attending for the sport and cultural photo. Some names may have unintentionally been missed off so please check carefully and email Tania of any errors or students are to come see Tania prior to **Monday 10th September** to make any changes, after this date a **FINAL** copy of schedule will be emailed or can be collected from the main office.

Attached to the newsletter is a form to fill out if you want a family photo taken. Please return it to the school office.

Community News

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**.

Attachments

Attachments	
Geoff Horrell – consent form for a family photo	Exam Timetable
Netsafe Live	Cultural & Kai Evening