

# The Catlins Area School Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

From the Principal:

## Exam Preparation

For Year 9-13 students there will be exam sessions between September 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Students should attend school for the entire day in school uniform (Y13 in mufti). Students should bring their exam equipment in a clear bag, calculators will be reset at the door. No other devices allowed, unless the student has special assessment conditions which allow a device. Normal classes and revision sessions fall between timetabled exams.

For Year 9-10 students, this is an opportunity to show how much they have learned this year, exam responses will provide teachers guidance when developing 'next learning steps'. For students in Years 11-13, these exams are an opportunity to find out what their External Examination papers may be like, and to provide grades for 'derived' purposes, e.g. if they are unable to attend their external exams under exceptional circumstances, this grade may be used by NZQA as a replacement.

Students have been provided with information which will help them revise by their teachers, but for more generalised study advice they should visit: <http://www.studyit.org.nz/studyandexam/>. *Study It* can also provide revision materials specific to NCEA subjects at: <http://www.studyit.org.nz/subjects/>. Year 9 and 10 students may wish to use their Education Perfect login to revise their subjects.

Strong preparation will mean that we will not need to wish these students 'Good luck!'

## Enviroschools - Borrow-a-Bag and Waste Management

We're looking forward to working in partnership with Owaka Four Square to provide a borrow-a-bag service as part of our Enviroschools involvement. When our bags are complete, they'll be delivered to Ross for customer use. The idea behind the project is to provide the Four Square with a supply of TCAS-made reusable bags. The bags can be used by anyone who forgets to bring their bag, and returned when they next do their shopping. Students will construct the bags from pre-cut pattern pieces. Our Monday Staff Meeting was overtaken by pattern cutting in readiness for the construction phase! Emma Longmore is hoping to have the bags in action before the start of Term 4.

In amongst all of our other Enviroschools projects, I'd like to thank Clutha District Council and Laura Gourley for their kind grant of \$325 to purchase a 'Hungry Bin'. The tiger worms in the bin will process our biodegradable lunch waste into 'tea' for our plants. Pictured below are Emma Longmore and Lisa Hooker with our hungry bin. Also pictured are **Maddox Harrison, Tim Mageira, Harry Walker, Hadley Gutsell and Zoe Senior** - these students presented their posters which explain the inner workings of a Hungry Bin at assembly.



## Culture and Kai Evening

At 6.30pm on Tuesday, September 11th we are holding our first Culture and Kai Night. **Families and community members are invited to attend, all adults and children welcome.** You will be able to view artworks created by our students in the Art Room and K Block Foyer. We will share some kai in the Food Technology Room. Bring a plate to share with food from your culture, or from your childhood. I wonder how many cultures are represented at TCAS? We'll have card labels to write a description of your dish and its origin.

The evening is very low key, there will be no speeches or formalities. Drop in, meet the team, share some kai, enjoy our students' artwork then head on home! Looking forward to seeing you there!

FYI: This evening is not replacing our hangi - the hangi date is confirmed as **Monday 12th November** - further details regarding the hangi will be sent home in Term 4.

## Language Perfect Competition

Congratulations to the Year 7-12 teams who participated in the NZ Language Perfect Competition. In our category (Schools with 1-50 entries) we came second! In amongst the other minor accolades, I see we came 1st in our category for German, Spanish, Indonesian, te Reo Maori and Samoan. We have some very talented students!

Across the school, we received 8 credit certificates (500+ points), 1 bronze certificate (1000+points), 1 silver certificate (2000+ points) and 1 gold certificate (3000+ points). The high scoring students were **John Waters-Wilkinson, Amelie Apte, Harriett Kerr, Hunter Burgess, Katelyn Jackson, Logan Bird, Olivia Hartvigsen, Luana Gutsell (all with Credit), Adam Pullar (Bronze) and Joshua Boam (Silver).** (A staff member won gold).

## Healthy Lunches

I had the privilege to eat my lunch with the Room 2 students last week. I was impressed at the variety of foods in the lunchboxes I viewed. I can imagine that most of these students are easily getting their 5+ a day! If you are looking for ideas for on-budget, healthy lunch ideas, there are great resources and links from the NZ Health Foundation (<https://www.heartfoundation.org.nz/about-us/news/blogs/healthy-lunchbox-ideas>). Their ideas steer you away from those tempting, heavily packaged and processed supermarket items! Last year, we provided our Room 19 students with Healthy Lunch fridge magnets when the nutritionist visited. We've still got ours on the staff room fridge - here's a picture...



## School Photos

A reminder that school photo day is **Wednesday September 12th**. Students will need to be in full, correct uniform if they wish to feature in the photos. Students should make sure that their shoes are clean, and correct white, navy or black socks are worn. Students will be asked to remove thermals, jerseys and jackets before the photos. Please ensure hair longer than shoulder length is tied back with a plain hair tie.

## Cool Projects

Awesome bird feeders created by our Enviro students can be seen in the trees around school. Pictured here are **Harry Walker, Chris Janssen and Tim Mageira** and a table of busy students with their creations.



He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford

Principal

### **Upcoming Events:**

11th September - Otago Secondary Music Festival

11th September - Culture and Kai Evening - 6.30pm

12th September - School Photos

13th September - Y8 HPV Vaccinations

13th September - Year 9-13 Exams start

17<sup>th</sup> September - Book Fair begins

18th September - Year 9-13 Exams finish

Week 10 - Exam reports sent

25th September - Gateway Assembly @9.05am

26th September - Long Point Planting Day Y5-8 (weather permitting)

27th September - Long Point Planting Day Y9-10 (weather permitting)

28th September - Term 3 Ends

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Naomi McLay** who has been awarded a "Tim Shadbolt Accommodation Bursary" to help with her accommodation costs while studying Nursing at The Southern Institute of Technology in 2019.

### **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**)

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Amelie Apte** and **Kate Jackson** who were accepted to attend the Otago Southland Area Pony Club Development Camp, which is held from 6 to 9<sup>th</sup> September at the Otago Taieri A/P Show Grounds.

## **The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award**

It was very special to be at the presentation of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award ceremony last Saturday with ex-students **Lauren Martin** and **Naomi McLay**. They both spoke proudly of how they achieved their awards, the self-confidence gained and how they learned to understand and appreciate the value of commitment and responsibility.

Thirty-seven young people from throughout New Zealand received their Gold Award and met with the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy at a reception held at the Wigram Air Museum in Christchurch.

Our school began the Duke of Edinburgh scheme in 1986 and throughout the years there have been many Bronze, Silver and Gold achievers. I was proud to have two students from The Catlins Area School at this event last week and they brought the total to 48 young Gold achievers from our school since 1986.

Best wishes to the continuation of this scheme at The Catlins Area School.  
Helen-May Burgess

## **Library News**

Poetry has been this week's theme in the library, in class time as well as lunchtimes. The students have also been creating their own acrostic poems with some great results!

## **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 on **7 November**.

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 and check that none of it belongs to your child.



*Mark Janssen, Paige Moyle and Olivia Williamson with their acrostic poems*

# **Sport News**

## **Hockey**

Draw for Monday 10th September -

Year 3-4 team playing at 4:30pm on Court 2 vs Lawrence Green

Year 5-6 team playing at 4:30pm on Court 4 vs Lawrence Gold

Congratulations to **Blake Affleck, Cooper Cleland, Eddie Burgess, Sam Hancox** and **Archie Valli** who were selected into Year 5-6 South Otago Development teams who are to play in a Dunedin Tournament on Sunday 23rd September.

## **Tracksuits**

All outstanding tracksuits are **urgently required back at school** for the sports photos next Wednesday 12th September.

## **Football**

**Logan Bird** and **John Waters-Wilkinson** were part of the South Otago First X1 Football team, playing six games over four days in the NZSS Winter Tournament week, Linwood Section. The team came away

with two wins, one draw and three losses. The week was a great learning experience for both Logan and John who thoroughly enjoyed it.

### **Top Team**

Term 3's activity will be Ultimate Frisbee for the 'Top Team' being played next Wednesday 12th September at 4pm in the Cross Rec Centre, Balclutha. Any students that are unavailable need to let Tania know ASAP.

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

### **Sports Department**

## **Community News**

### **Youth Group** - (Year 7 and above)

Youth Group at 7.00pm at Church Hall. Volleyball practice for upcoming Volleyball Tournament 15th September at 5.00pm at the Edgar Centre Dunedin. Remember the "Dress to Impress" theme is "Tropical Blast" so look out your Hawaiian shirts and floral accessories. Prize for best dressed team. Pick up is 9.00pm.

Cost for the Volleyball Tournament in Dunedin is \$20.00 per person (\$10.00 – Entry fee; \$5.00 - Petrol; \$5.00 - Post game snack.

We will leave from the Presbyterian Church at 3.30pm – home about 11.00pm. Please bring light tea to eat on the way up. Contact Dellys Brown 4158274

### **Owaka Badminton**

We have enjoyed having a lot of new players this season with our two courts overflowing at times. Players have had three new experiences, with a holiday coaching camp in Dunedin, interchange at Mosgiel Badminton Club and a Badminton NZ coaching day.

Owaka players won a number of prizes and filled half the room at the South Otago prizegiving.

### **SOBA Results** (RU = runner up, W = winner)

**B Grade Handicaps** - John WW (Mens Singles RU), John WW and Jarryd O (Mens Doubles W)

**Age Group Champs** - Amelia M (U13 W), Braydee O (U13 W), Casey O (U13 RU), Lauren G (U15 RU), John WW (U17 W), Valerie G (U19 RU).

**C Grade Champs** - Millie M (Womens Plate W), Lauren G (Womens Singles RU), Casey O (Mens Plate W), Jarryd O (Mens Singles RU), John WW (Mens Singles W), Lauren G and Paige M (Womens Doubles RU), Casey O and John WW (Mens Doubles RU), Jarryd O and Braydee O (Mens Doubles W), Lauren G and John WW (Mixed Doubles RU), Jarryd O and partner (Mixed Doubles W).

**B Grade Champs** - John WW (Mens Plate winner)

**Dave Richards Memorial Trophy** - John WW

