

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 21st September 2018

From the Principal:

New Students

A very warm welcome to **Indie Parkes** and **Ethan Crosbie**, new students joining the TCAS family! Indie is a new entrant in Room 2, and Ethan is a Year 3 student transferring from Dunedin. We hope you enjoy all the opportunities available to you at The Catlins Area School!

Get to Go Challenge

Our Year 9-10 students took part in the Get2Go Challenge in Dunedin this week. Conditions were very wet and cold. The group participated in four activities throughout the day. Kayaking, Problem Solving, Mountain Biking and Orienteering.

We're very proud of you for sticking with it, even though the weather was against you! There's a great display of Tenacity!



Prizegiving - Save the date

Our 2018 Prizegiving is booked in for **Wednesday 7th November** from 6.30pm at The Owaka Community Memorial Hall. Please note the date in your diary.

Year 9-13 Examinations

The Year 9-13 Examinations are now complete. Students should be praised for the exemplary behaviour and effort during the exam period. The Year 9-10 exams serve as an opportunity to demonstrate learning from 2018. The Year 11-13 trial exams are an opportunity to test out the level of difficulty of the External Examinations in November, and also provide an opportunity to record an official result just in case a derived grade application is required in the future.

A brief exam report will be mailed home to summarise the grades on Monday. Please call the office if your child does not receive a report in the mail by the end of term.

Option Choices for 2019

Year 9-12 students have been invited to make provisional Option Choices for 2019 using the Option Choice Website: catlins.schoolpoint.co.nz. Selections should be entered before the end of term. If your child would like further guidance please contact Mrs Lean to make an appointment. Once the provisional choices have been made, students will meet with mentors to confirm the suitability of their selections.

Prefects 2019

Year 12 students are invited to submit an application to be selected as a 2019 Prefect. Applications can be made in the form of a letter addressed to the Principal and delivered to the main office before 3pm on Monday October 15th.

Stream Clean - Service Activity

On Thursday morning I received a visit from official safety officers **Cooper Landreth** and **Will Berney** who ran me through the Safety Action Plan for their stream clean-up activity. It was a very professionally run meeting and I was able to quickly sign off their proposal. At Period 3, I attended the instruction session run by Event Leaders **Hadley Gutsell** and **Poppy Staniford**. Once the students were briefed and the safety plan covered, students were able to participate in the stream clean-up. Thanks to the work of the Event Planners and Catering Team, everyone was well looked after! How fantastic to have students who can plan and implement a service activity like this! Later in the afternoon, students planted the trees we have been gifted from the 'Paper for Trees' enviroschools project on the basis of the volume of our paper recycling.

Pictured: **Hadley** and **Poppy** instruct the group. **Cooper** and **Will** deliver the safety briefing. **Shelby, Maia, Ella, Hellen** and **Benji** dig in, removing some old fencing from the stream. Robbie (our paper recycling boss) and Mrs Hooker with our donated trees.



Yellow Eyed Penguin Service Day - Reminder

A reminder that students in Y5-8 will be planting at Long Point for The Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust on Wednesday September 26th, and Y9-10 students on Thursday September 27th. A letter has been sent home, additional copies are available through the school office if yours has been lost. A list of required equipment and clothing is included within the letter.

Home and School Meeting

There will be a Home and School Meeting on **Monday September 24th at 2pm** in the Library. Minutes of the previous meeting are included with the fliers attached to this newsletter.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

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

Scholastic Book Fair is here next week too!!!!

The Book Fair has arrived and is in the school foyer until the end of term. Lots of great value books, games etc; perfect for Christmas and birthday pressies. **Books for all ages from pre-schoolers to young adults**, and spot-prizes for purchasers. The more merchandise sold, the more our school benefits! Thank you for your support! If we have run out of a certain book, we can order it in for you. Thank you for your support!!

Technology Department

If anyone has unwanted roller skates, roller blades or skate boards, the Technology Department at the school would be grateful recipients. Many of the components can be re-purposed in a variety of projects.

Cheers – Mr Tim Samson

School Photos

All school photos went home on Wednesday. Please return them with payment in the envelope provided asap.

Here is a link from Geoff Horrell for people to see the sports photos taken last week:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gprjg5kflsnfupx/AACQgYAk_Twom1ilh_E9dDRsa?dl=0

If you wish to purchase any sport photos you can email geoff4photos@xtra.co.nz Payment can be done online: 06 0923 0092134 00 Ref TC Sports. Price \$12.00 per print 13x18cm in size

Thank you!

MUFTI DAY

September month has been a 'caring and sharing month' for staff at school. To help celebrate this - in thinking of others - the staff and pupils are joining together and will be wearing mufti on **Friday 28th of September**. Please help your child join us by wearing something yellow on the day. Creativity is encouraged!

A gold coin donation to Child Cancer will be appreciated.

Royal New Zealand Ballet Co

Congratulations to Kate Jackson who was picked to join Royal New Zealand Ballet Company in Dunedin to dance in their latest production of Tchaikovsky's *'The Nutcracker Suite'*. The Nutcracker is the company's latest national touring production and is scheduled to be performed on **17 & 18 November at the Regent Theatre in Dunedin** with a live orchestra. Over 600 ballet students nationwide tried out for a position with the company. Kate will need to undertake 3 days of intensive training in Dunedin, and 2 days of rehearsal before the performance.

This is a great achievement! Well done Kate!

Sport News

Hockey

Monday 24th is the final game for Term 3 for our two Catlins teams. Along with the players and parents we would like to thank Stu Affleck for coming in after school to run drills and skills sessions with them prior to their games on a Monday. Stu is also coaching one of the four South Otago Year 5-6 Development teams which has five TCAS boys playing in a Dunedin Tournament this Sunday, and would like to wish teams all the very best.

Draw for Monday 25th

Year 3-4 team vs Lawrence Blue at 4.30 on Court 2

Year 5-6 team vs Milton 2 at 5.30 on Court 2

Last Sunday **Hattie Kerr** was part of the Otago U13 Collier Hockey team, playing in very hot conditions in Timaru. They played two games on Saturday, firstly with a 4-0 win over mid-Canterbury followed by another win against Invercargill. On Sunday after being down one goal early in the first half to Canterbury B, the girls dug deep and worked hard, never giving up and coming away with two second half goals to take the win 2-1. This mini-tournament was the 4th of five Hattie has played in over the last seven weeks including 2-3 practices a week in Dunedin in preparation for the Collier Trophy Tournament in North Harbour, Auckland during the upcoming school holidays. All the best Hattie!



Touch

TCAS have 32 players playing in four teams this season, with the first game yesterday and three teams coming away with wins. Next Thursday's draw will be emailed out early next week.

Touch Holiday Camp - this programme will be run in the second week of the holiday's for any touch player from Year 3 up. It is held in Balclutha at the Showgrounds from 9am - 3pm on Monday 8th for boys and Tuesday 9th for girls. Cost is \$20 per player paid on the day and registrations to be emailed to southotagojuniorstouch@gmail.com

Get2Go Challenge

Year 9-10 students took part in the Get2Go Challenge in Dunedin this week where the group participated in four, 50-minute activities throughout the day, in very cold and damp conditions. The morning session was made up of the kayaking and problem solving sections and after lunch the team completed the mountain bike and orienteering sections. Reflecting on their day on the way home in the van, orienteering was the favoured section from the majority of the group, and despite the wet conditions the Year 9's would like to return next year, but may listen to instructions and read their emails more carefully and pack a few extra layers of clothing.



Otago Primary Schools Cross Country

Last Friday, six of our TCAS students showed tenacity and strength competing at the Otago Primary School Cross Country in Dunedin. Each year group had between 80-100 runners jostling for positions and with a lovely spring day all of our students ran an exceptional race, and should be very proud of yourselves.

Final results were:

Year 6 Boys - Sam Hancox 27th, Cooper Cleland 38th and Eddie Burgess 54th from 96 runners

Year 7 Girls - Jade Gutsell 54th and Olivia Hartvigsen 75th from 86 runners

Year 7 Boys - Hunter Burgess 29th from 82 runners

Sports Fees

There is a number of hockey, cricket, Get2Go Challenge and touch fees outstanding and we would like to get these tidied up by the end of the term please. Please enquire at the Office if you are unsure if you have paid or not.

Sports Department

Community News

“South Otago Pony Club - OWAKA Opening Rally.

Wednesday 3rd October, 14:00 hrs,

McGill's property.

Any queries to Heidi Stephens 027 415 8196.

Please advise Denise McGill if you require a mount 027 223 7757. All welcome.”

FLIERS ATTACHED

Home & School Minutes	Catlins' Kids Holiday Programme
Scholastic Book Fair	'Nukes' Southern Spring Tour Owaka Show
Mr Yipadee Show coming to Owaka	WM Campbell Trust Scholarship 2019