

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 2nd November 2018

From the Principal:

Prizegiving

A reminder that the school prize giving on **Wednesday 7th of November** is for the whole school, Years 1-13. All students are to be at the Owaka Memorial Community Centre in full winter uniform by 6.15pm. The school expects **all** students to be present in recognition of our collective achievements. If you cannot attend the prize giving for any reason, please call me to discuss.

Students from Years 1-6 are able to leave with their parents after the Junior Awards.

Students from Years 7-13 are expected to stay for the entire prize giving.

This year we have aligned the class awards with our school values:

- The diligence certificate has been renamed the Tenacity Award
- The Fair Play Award has become the Care Award
- The excellence certificate for first in the class is now an Achievement Award
- The citizenship trophies are now called Service Awards

Head Students 2019

I am happy to announce our Head Students for 2019 as **Logan Bird** and **Adam Pullar**. Both presented a great application for the role and interviewed well. Congratulations, I know you'll lead the school with great tenacity next year. Logan and Adam have assisted in putting together the profile displayed below:

Logan Bird	Adam Pullar
	
<p>Special duties: Assemblies, prize giving and Peer Mediation Leadership</p> <p>2019 Activities to lead: Seasonal sports - football and basketball</p> <p>Achievements and Experiences: NCEA Level 1 and 2 with Merit, Tokiwa Scholarship recipient, National Area School Representative (3 times), lead role in school production, The Catlins Football Trophy recipient, South Otago football, Senior Swimming Champ.</p> <p>Previous Leadership: Touch coaching, House Captain, Board of Trustees representative</p>	<p>Special duties: Assemblies, prize giving and office duties</p> <p>2019 Activities to lead: Seasonal sports - Primary school gym-based games and Touch</p> <p>Achievements and Experiences: NCEA Level 1 with Merit and NCEA Level 2. Southern Area School Tournament Rep (4 times), lead role in school production, WM Campbell English Prize, South Otago football.</p> <p>Previous Leadership: House Captain</p>

****Family Science Event Reminder****

Free event for all families in the school gym at 7.00pm on **Monday 5th November**. For more information, please make contact with Emma Longmore or refer to our fliers.

Spirit Week, Days 1-3

Our Year 13 students are finishing their last week at school with a Spirit Week. Days 1-3 have been Meme Day, PJ Day and Bad Hair Day. Here are a few pictures of the dress-ups to date:



Their week will conclude with days 4 and 5 on Monday and Tuesday of next week. On Tuesday, the whole school will be invited to participate in a Book Character Dress-Up Day with a **food bank donation** instead of a gold coin donation. If you would like to participate, please bring your non-perishable food item(s) to the main office on arrival.

Mat's Fun Run and Lolly Scramble

On Wednesday 31st October, Mathew Dreaver organised a Fun Run to raise money for a NZ Youth Charity. Well done Mat for taking responsibility for this service event, showing how important it is to develop skills which set a leadership example. Here are a couple of pictures from his event:



Assembly Items

We've received some parent feedback that you'd like to know the topics and performances coming up in Assemblies. Whilst this is sometimes spontaneous, other items are planned well in advance. I'm hoping to include the topics/performances in the 'Upcoming Events' section at the end of the newsletter as and when they become known. Hopefully, this will serve to keep parents better informed. Apologies to those of you who have missed out on items featuring your child.

Strings Workshop at Queen's High School

On Tuesday this week, **Keira Edwards and Lauren Grant** went to a strings workshop at Queen's High School, Dunedin, where they practised some tunes on their violins with other students from schools all around Otago. They played these pieces in the King's and Queen's High Schools' auditorium, where there was also a woodwind workshop. They had a great time, and learnt how to collaborate with a big group of musicians, with the bonus of McDonalds afterwards.



School Buses

A couple of our bus drivers have raised concerns about the speed of passing cars (containing students from The Catlins Area School). The NZ Road Code tells us that the maximum speed allowed to pass a stationary school bus is **20km/h**. Please observe this limit as there may be children crossing nearby and limited visibility.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Monday November 5th - Science for Supper @ 7pm

Tuesday 6th November - Food Bank Mufti Day

Wednesday 7th November - Prizegiving - 6.30pm

Monday 12th November - Hangi

Tuesday 13th November - Assembly @ 9.05am - Laura Gourley formally launches Enviroschools

Tuesday 20th November - PB4L staff training day - No school for Y1-10

Friday 23rd November - Pet Day

Tuesday 27th November - Assembly @ 9.05am

Tuesday 11th December - End of Year Assembly @ 9.05 - PB4L Draw

Wednesday 12th December - Beach Day and reports sent home

Thursday 13th December - Term 4 ends

School Hangi

A flier went home with last Friday's school newsletter, plus a letter given this week by the teachers about the hangi planned for **Monday 12 November**. Please **return the form as soon as possible** (only half dozen forms have been returned), listing the food you are able to bring and whether or not you are able to help with the hangi and food preparation. If you did not receive a hangi form and would like to know more details, please contact the school office.

Thank you!!

Science Badge

A number of Year 7 – 10 students need to pay for their science badges. Activity sheets have to be ordered at the start of a topic as Science Badge is a charitable organisation that relies on payment at the time of ordering. Without the activity sheets students do not know which tasks to complete. The badge and certificate are included in this \$6 fee. Every new badge requires an addition \$6.00 fee.

The students are learning important skills completing their science badge and the quality of work is increasing. Completion of five badges is rewarded with a bronze badge and I am confident that students who started in Year 7 will reach this target by the end of Year 10, if not before. Badges can be paid for at the school office. I thank you for your support with this.

Information can be found at: <http://www.sciencebadges.co.nz/badges.html>

Lisa Hooker

Seesaw

Room 3 is now using Seesaw! This is a really handy tool that parents can subscribe to and keep up with the many interesting things that we do at school. Invitations were sent out at the start of this term so that parents of Room 3 students could connect to their child's Seesaw journal. Only those that have a password are able to log in and see what your child is doing at school. It's also a great way for grandparents and other family members to see what your child is up to at school. If your invitation has been misplaced please contact Mrs Longmore to organise a replacement.

Library News

There are still a number of library books outstanding. **Could students please return these to the library asap.**
Thank you!

Anabel McPhee - School Librarian

Pet Day 2018

Now's the time to get your pet lambs and other pets, and begin their training. Pet Day 2018 is being held on **Friday 23rd November**. This is the day before the A & P Show which will mean your animals will be clean and ready to go for the Show the next day, and creative creations can also be entered as well for the A & P show. Please note, **NO CALVES** will be allowed at Pet Day this year, due to the eradication and containment process of the disease, Mycoplasma bovis. So far only half dozen Pet Entry forms have been returned.

Any questions please contact Annie Jackson andrew.anniejackson@gmail.com or 027 4825282

Sport News

Touch

Despite leaving Owaka during a heavy downpour, the weather was warm and clear for Touch in Balclutha yesterday afternoon. The progress and improvement is awesome to see which showed in the results with all three Catlins teams coming away with wins last night.

With Catlins Crusaders being away on camp the catch up game against Rosebank Red is to be played next Thursday 8th November at 4:30pm on Ground 1. This Sunday **Hattie Kerr** and **Cooper Cleland** who are representing South Otago are attending Otago Touch trials and we wish them all the best.

Cricket

Summer cricket is to get underway next **Friday 9th November** and is open to boys and girls in Years 3-8.

New Zealand Cricket has changed the format for primary schools to a faster and friendlier format to encourage participation.

South Otago plans to have two grades - one soft ball grade - Years 3, 4, 5 and one hard ball Years 6, 7, 8. TCAS won't have enough players to enter complete teams for each grade but any students interested in playing are to contact Tania Barr taniab@catlins.school.nz or text 027 220 2673 by **THIS SUNDAY!!**. Names will be passed on to the South Otago Coordinator and mixed school teams will be arranged.

Congratulations to **Eddie Burgess** and **Sam Hancox** who have been recommended to join a Year 5-6 South Otago Cricket team and will play two games next Sunday in Alexandra.

Quadrathon

It is very exciting to have 41 students sign up and want to take part in the Quadrathon later this month. They will make up nine teams of four and seven students competing as Individuals, later this month and even better to have the massive response from parents to help with transport to ensure we can get all the students and bikes to Waiwera South.

Team entries are to be sent to organizers today and the draw is expected to be returned by 13th November at which time final transport information and the completed draw will be emailed on to families.

For those students participating in the bike section please check the bike is in good road worthy condition, that the helmet fits correctly and is safety approved.