

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 16 November 2018

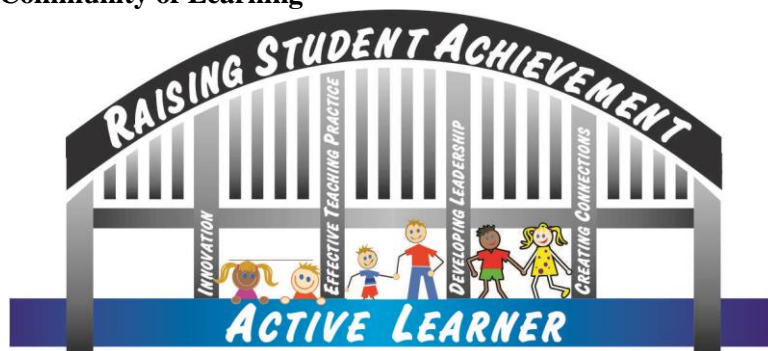
From the Principal:

Hangi

Thank you to everyone that helped out or attended the Hangi on Monday. It was a lovely social event, but also showcased the abilities of our Kapa Haka Roopu yet again. Special thanks should go to Richard Lean and Adrian Shute along with their team who spent the day preparing the food and tending to the hangi pit. The meat and veggies were perfectly cooked! Thank you also to Abby Parker and Heni Landreth for your ongoing commitment to, and support of our Kapa Haka.



Big River Kahui Ako - Community of Learning



The following items have formed the main body of work in the Kahui Ako in the last term:

- Professional Learning Opportunities for Teachers

Since the move to the Big River Kahui Ako, The Catlins Area School staff have been able to engage in a variety of different professional development opportunities which include a Principal Inquiry, the development of an AP/DP network, PRT and beginning teacher training and network building, van tours of local schools to see student agency, literacy and numeracy programmes and innovation in action.

- Stewardship Group

The stakeholders of the Kahui Ako met in Balclutha to nominate and ratify a stewardship group (akin to a Board of Trustees for the Community of Learning). There were approximately 50 in attendance. The stewardship group can now be announced as: **Paddy Ford** (Executive Principal for the Kahui Ako and Principal of Balclutha Primary School), **Mike Wright** (Principal, South Otago High School), **Kate Staniford** (Principal, The Catlins Area School), **Annette O'Mahoney** (Principal, St. Joseph's School) and **Mary Munro** (Principal, Stirling School) and an ECE representative (yet to be decided).

- PLD application

An application has been developed within the Kahui Ako to support our ongoing needs for the next three years of professional development and submitted to the Ministry. The application covers our requirements to support our overarching goal of raising student achievement through innovation, effective teaching practice, developing leadership and creating connections.

NCEA Examinations

Our senior students are well underway with their NCEA External Examinations. We use the music block for these examinations - if you have been at school, you may notice it is roped off. This area will remain 'out of bounds' until Thursday 29th November, when our exams conclude. Thank you to the junior students for their observation of quiet in this area! If your child is currently on study leave, please note that if they attend school during the day, it is expected that they are taking an opportunity to study or access their teachers. Students who arrive for a social opportunity will be asked to use facilities in Owaka for this purpose and not school-based study areas.

Caretaker

You may have heard that our lovely Caretaker, Bruce Thompson retires at the end of the year? Although he will be with us until the end of 2018, we have started the process of appointing his replacement. Here is the content of the advertisement for anyone in the community who may be interested in applying for the role:

Caretaker (full or part-time, negotiable) – The Catlins Area School

The Catlins Area School is a Year 0-13 co-educational school; roll of 115; situated in Owaka.

The main duties of the Caretaker include: security control, building compliance, operation of school's heating system, implementation of an ongoing preventive maintenance programme (including painting) as well as routine maintenance, care of the school grounds and supervision of the cleaning team.

We are looking for someone with practical and supervisory skills, who shows initiative and can work without close supervision. A background in relevant trades would be an advantage. We seek a positive person who will take pride in ensuring the grounds and buildings are maintained in a safe, clean and attractive manner.

Closing date 3rd December 2018.

Please apply by covering letter and C.V. to learn@catlins.school.nz. A full Job Description is available by request (03) 415 8036.

Can Cruise

Our Food Bank donations from Book Character day will be collected by the Big River Bikers as part of their Can Cruise on Saturday December 1st from the Owaka Four Square. The bikers will be there from 9.20am to 9.30am if students would like to see the vehicles. The bikers will then join the Balclutha Santa Parade before dropping the food bank donations to the Salvation Army. If you have further items for donation, they can be dropped off at our main office, or into the donation basket at the Four Square. Thank you for your support!

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 20th November - PB4L Staff training Day - No school for Y1-10 (No school buses will be running on this day)

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 (by mail)

Thursday 13th December - Term 4 Ends

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.

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

Dental Treatment – A Reminder for Parents and Caregivers

Dental treatment is FREE up until your 18th birthday. Once your child reaches Year 9 at high school, they will need to be seen by a private dentist or dental therapist.
Contact your local dentist today!

Author in Schools Programme

On Tuesday we were lucky to have author Jennifer Somervell come to our school to speak to the junior classes about the books she has written, and to create a drama based around her stories.

The students really enjoyed the visit, and acting out her stories.

Thank you to the Book Council who subsidises this scheme. The Catlins Area School has been a part of the Author in Schools Programme for a number of years, and the students are always appreciative of their visits.



Hangi dishes

We have a number of roasting dishes left over from the hangi waiting to be picked up from the school office.
Thank you to everyone who loaned us these.

Sport News

Quadrathon

Quadrathon is to be held on Tuesday 27th November a draft draw has been received with our first competitor racing at 12 noon. Allowing for travel and that teams need to assemble 30 min prior to their race time we will meet in the gym at 10.20 for a 10:40 departure. We will email families next when the draw and transport information is finalized.

Cricket

On Tuesday 16 Year 5-6 students went to Milton for Cricket Tournament, the weather was fantastic and the students had an absolute great time. Each player bowled an over before batting in pairs for two overs with points deducted for any wickets; it was a great way for all players to have a go. Both Catlins teams had four wins and one loss, with one team carrying on after their last game and having a fun around with their parent helpers Tracey Hancox and Adele Scott who took on the batting role.



Beach Ed Day

Beach Ed day is planned for Wednesday 12th December for all Year 1-10 students. A Google form was emailed to all families out last Thursday with a reminder email on Wednesday to those who have not yet completed it. Seventeen families have still not completed this form via email and paper copies have been sent home today. Please check emails (in junk or spam as well) or complete the paper form over the weekend and return by Monday please. Thank you!

Swimming in PE

PE Lessons for all Year 1-10 students are now over at the community pool, please ensure students bring togs, towel and google each day they are scheduled. Students aged 8 years and older will have the option to swim at lunchtimes most days.

Classroom Schedule is: **Room 2** - Tuesday (Period 2) and Wednesday (Period 4) Parental help with this class is appreciated

Room 3 - Thursday and Friday **Room 19** - Monday and Tuesday **Year 7-10** - Friday

Top Team

Last round of Top Team competition is next Tuesday 20th November - **NOTE** this is also Teacher **ONLY** day, so please plan ahead regarding transportation and being in Balclutha at the Cross Rec Centre at 3:50.

All members need to confirm their availability to Tania Barr by Monday.

Ki O Rahi

Catlins have entered a Ki O Rahi team into the Junior Tournament week competition. Ki O Rahi is a game played at Southern Area School Tournament and players can get then be selected to play at the National Area School Tournament. This is great to be able to enter a team and give our Year 7-10 students some exposure to the game. The team of 10 have been practicing with Mrs Wilkinson during PE and at lunchtimes Players will be given tracksuits on Monday and are required to meet at the school at 8:15 next Wednesday 21st November.

Community News

PRE-SEASON

SALE

AT THE

OWAKA MUSEUM

Thursday 22 November at 7pm

Drinks and nibbles provided

Please RSVP asap to

owakamuseum@outlook.com or call 4158323

Museum entry with a gold coin donation

(Also see attached flier)

CHRISTMAS 2018

Support the

Clutha District Foodbank

With the

BIG RIVER BIKERS "CAN CRUISE"

Items collected Saturday 1 December 2018

Drop off your cans of food or other items to the Owaka Four Square

Supermarket or to The Catlins Area School

(see attached flier)