

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 23 November 2018

From the Principal:

Pet Day

Thank you to Annie Jackson yet again, for organising such a fantastic Pet Day! Also, thanks to the judges for giving up their time to support our learners. The judges were Audrey McBeath, Connie Waddingham, Andrew Roe and Andrew Comerford from Clutha Vets, and Glenda Landreth in the Creative Creations section. Here are some pictures from the afternoon:



(More photos next week!)

PB4L-SW

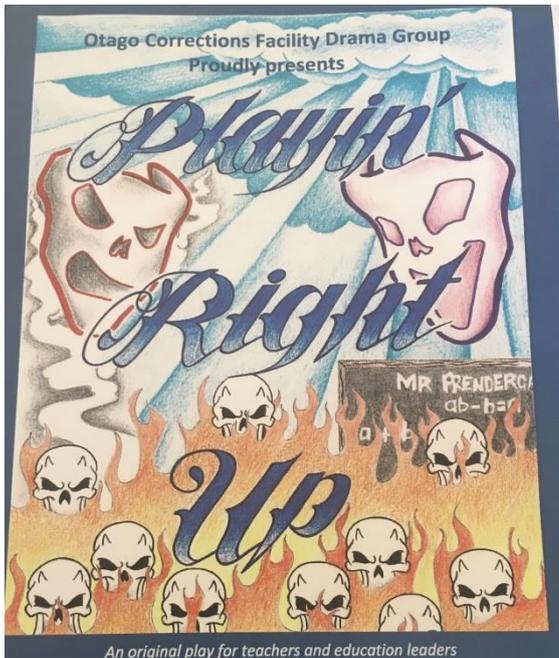
Thank you to the community for the opportunity to complete our teacher training programme around PB4L-SW (Positive Behaviour for Learning, School-Wide) this week. The teachers have engaged with this Ministry of Education Programme throughout the year. The purpose of the programme is to support teachers in New Zealand schools to understand and draw on effective practices that enhance students' behaviour, engagement, participation, and learning.

For schools involved in Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide (PB4L-SW), the learning is based on the key pedagogical approaches from The New Zealand Curriculum (Ministry of Education, 2007). The programme assists teachers in implementing a range of strategies whose effectiveness has been proven by extensive research in New Zealand and overseas.

Our ongoing work helps us to maintain an environment where:

- teachers have high expectations of all learners
- the climate is inclusive, positive, and celebrates difference
- students are active participants in decision making
- teaching and learning relationships are built on mutual trust, respect, and an ethic of care
- inclusive language acknowledges diverse perspectives and different ways of behaving, feeling, and knowing
- learning contexts and resources are culturally inclusive and reflect the diversity of student experience
- instructional practices nurture and celebrate students' identities, languages, and cultures.

Playin' right up



On Saturday, a group of teachers and support staff attended the Otago Corrections Facility Drama Group's play 'Playin' right up'. The play was developed by Ruth Ratcliffe (our visiting Youth Worker), and was designed specifically for teachers and education leaders.

The actors, all prisoners at the facility, ran through their short play first. On the second run through, audience members were invited to 'freeze' the action and jump in as the main character, the hapless teacher, new to a disruptive class.

The storyline highlighted some of the issues experienced by disengaged youth in the classroom and the impact on both teachers, their families and school leaders. It was interesting to see the differing outcomes when audience members 'froze' the action and changed the storyline. The most effective outcomes occurred when the participants listened carefully to each other, and were able to incorporate the point of view of others in their actions.

After the play we shared an afternoon tea with the actors and the audience. I absolutely enjoyed the event, and congratulated Ruth on the work she must have put in to make the event such an eye opener.

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 27th November - Assembly @ 9.05am - Laura Gourley, Enviroschools

Tuesday 27th November - Y3-8 Quadrathon

Tuesday 27th November - Home and School Meeting - 7pm, school library

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

Wednesday 12th December - Beach Day and Reports posted home

Thursday 13th December - Term 4 Ends

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.

Lucky Books

Lucky Book orders are due back next week. Thank you!

Caretaker Position

If you are interested in the Caretaker Position at our school, you can obtain a full job description from the school office. Applications close 3rd December.

Sport News

Quadrathon

TCAS have 40 students attending the Quadrathon event held by Waiwera South School, where Year 4-8 students compete in teams or as Individuals in a swim, bike, cross country run and a road run. Students have really enjoyed this event in the past and it is a great way to combine with friends in teams, while some look at doing more sections each year as they get older before competing as an Individual.

Parents helping with transport are to meet in the gym at 10:20 on Tuesday; any postponement information will be posted on Facebook and emailed to families.

Beach Ed Day

Thank you to everyone who has completed either the google form or a paper version of the document.

The support from families with transport and helping supervise children in the sea is amazing; it is great to be able to offer this wonderful opportunity to the students.

There is a cost of \$10 per student and who appreciate this to be paid to the office by Friday 7th December.

More information to come closer to the day.

Tracksuits - Uniform Hire

When students represent The Catlins Area School at sporting events they are issued with tracksuit and PE tops if they don't have their own, these tracksuits cost \$120 each and PE top \$40. Two years ago a small \$2 hire was introduced to cover small wear and tear repairs and maintenance of these tracksuits. Sometimes this cost is built into sports fees and other times it is the only cost for a sporting event. Lately there has been a decline with less than 50% being paid. **We would appreciate your support in paying this small fee in the future to ensure our students look good out in the community and wear the Catlins uniform with pride.**

Ki O Rahi and Top Team

Both these events were called off during the week due to the weather and road conditions. We are awaiting a new date for Top Team but unfortunately the Ki O Rahi was cancelled and no other date is scheduled.

Community News

**There will be NO Youth Group this
Friday night.**

We will have our final night for Youth
Group the following
Friday 30th November
Details to follow

Forest and Bird South Otago

The branch will have a stall at the A & P show in
Balclutha this weekend. Come and pay us a visit.

Otanomomo Reserve work day Sunday 25 November
at 1:00 pm. Meet at the Telford dairy farm entrance
Owaka Highway. Older plantings need releasing from
grass, blackberry regrowth needs a dose of vigilant,
and Chilean Flame Creeper needs to be pulled up.

Hope to see you this weekend.