

The Catlins Area School Newsletter 30th November 2018

From the Principal:

Quadrathlon

Congratulations to our competing students, you represented the school wonderfully, and thanks to the parents who supported on the day. We have some fantastic results to share later in this newsletter! I am so glad the weather did the right thing for you! Here are some pictures from the day:



2019 Class Structure

As mentioned at Prize giving, we will be increasing our number of primary classes in 2019 in reaction to our 20% roll growth this year. The structure of those classes will be as follows:

New Entrants and Year 1 - Mrs Grant - Room 2

Year 2 and 3 - Miss Pennell - Room 1

Year 4 and 5 - Mrs Longmore - Room 3

Year 6 - Mrs Bopp - Room 19

There are a very small number of exceptions to this structure; parents of those students have already been contacted.

The tutor classes for our senior students will be:

Year 7 and 8 - Miss Currall - Food and Nutrition Room

Year 9 - Mr Samson (Term 1) - Graphics Room

Year 10 and 11 - Miss Watkins (Term 1) - Art Room

Year 12 - Mrs Hooker - Science Lab

Year 13 - Mrs Lean - Geography Room

Students can report to these rooms directly at the start of next year. Rooms / teacher confirmation will be sent home in the mail.

Uniform Committee Meeting

The Uniform Committee met earlier this week to discuss uptake of the 'new uniform', this has been very positive and I have received many comments about the general tidiness of our Year 1-8 students. I will have an article in our last newsletter (next week), to confirm details of 'problem items' that we'd like to see removed next year (e.g. boots, excessive jewellery, non-uniform socks, (should be plain navy, black or white OR navy with gold band 'school socks' when worn with school shorts), and items with large brand names etc). 2019 marks the end of the transition phase to 'new uniform'; all students are expected to be in the new uniform at the start of the year. A reminder of the uniform items will be attached to the newsletter next week.

The committee discussed the soft-shell jackets available at school and through The Warehouse. Both styles are gaining traction with students and have proved durable and warm. Please be aware when purchasing these items that both are considered 'coats' and cannot be worn during class time. We advise pairing these items with a thermal (black, navy, white), a woollen jersey or vest (navy with crest), a navy quarter zip fleece (with or without logo), or a quarter zip merino if your child feels cold inside school buildings during the winter months. All of these items are available through The Warehouse or Schooltex website (with the exception of the merinos which come from truefleece.co.nz).

Our final item on the agenda was the incorporation of a sports hoodie - for sport use only (e.g. not part of standard uniform). The committee have decided to add a school branded hoodie as an optional uniform item for students who attend sports functions and find they need additional warmth not provided by the PE top and tracksuit. These will be ordered on a term-by-term basis for those who wish to purchase from the start of next year. This will not be an acceptable day-to-day school uniform item and should be considered as sport or weekend wear.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the uniform, we certainly look much tidier as a group, our brand being clearly recognisable when compared to other schools.

Stationery 2019

Our teachers are preparing stationery lists for 2019. They will be distributed with the final reports at the end of term for students in Years 1-10. We will publish the senior lists on the school website as soon as they are complete.

Many parents chose to buy stationery online through OfficeMax last year. We have set up our stationery lists through them again; you can purchase the correct stationery for each room or year group as a bulk lot, rather than having to select individual items if you wish. Each bulk order is customisable, just in case you wish to reuse items from a previous year. In the few days our lists will be 'live', go to www.myschool.co.nz search for The Catlins Area School, then select the appropriate room or year group.



The advertisement features a family of three (a woman and two children) smiling and holding school stationery. On the left, a blue circular logo says "Back to School made easy". On the right, the OfficeMax MySchool logo is displayed. Below the family, text reads: "You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone." A green circular badge on the right says "Earn SCHOOL REWARDS for our school!". At the bottom, a teal banner contains contact information: "myschool.co.nz", "OfficeMax Stores", "0800 724 440", "PRICE MATCH Promise", "FREE Delivery For orders over \$45*", and the OfficeMax logo.

Home and School

There was a Home and School meeting this week, minutes will be attached to the newsletter next week. The Committee intend to hold an information evening and AGM at the start of 2019; this will provide information for parents new to the school, or for parents who would like to be involved with the Home and School team.

Lisa Given intends to stand down as President at the start of 2019. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact either Lisa or myself for more information. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa for the work she has put into the committee since my arrival at The Catlins Area School. She has created many successful events and outcomes for the school, such as our gala day and the refurbishment of our confidence course. The Home and School committees provide all the 'extra touches' for our school that cannot be achieved by using our government grants. The support of parents like Lisa makes our school the best it can be. Thank you Lisa!

Newsletter and Reminders

Please contact the school office if you would like to change how you receive your weekly newsletter and reminders either by email or hard copy. Thanks

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Kate Staniford
Principal

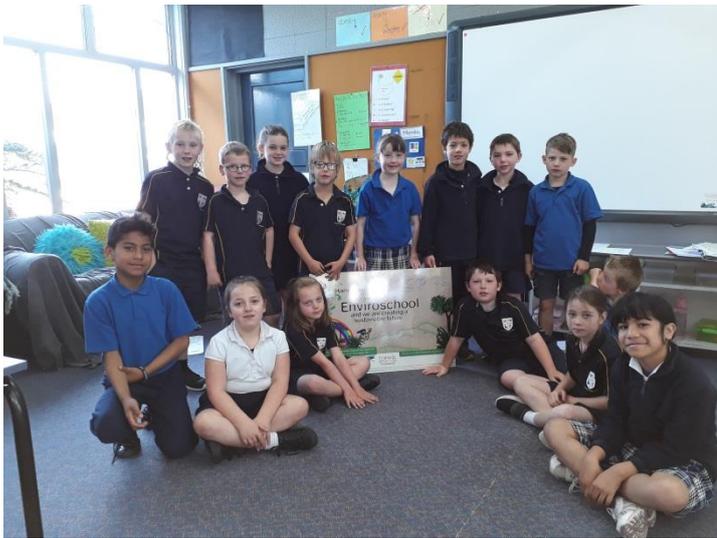
Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 4th December - BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm

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

Wednesday 12th December - Beach Day and school reports sent home

Thursday 13th December - Term 4 Ends



In assembly on Tuesday, we were happy to receive the EnviroSchool's sign from Laura Gourley (Clutha District Facilitator) and Robyn Zink (Regional Co-coordinator) that will soon go up in the school grounds. A small group of students have worked hard on a variety of projects this year. We have a number of environmentally friendly products that have been prepared by the students, available for purchase, or ordering, at the school office. The proceeds from these sales will cover the cost of materials for past and future projects. We have soap nut cleaner at \$1 a litre, cookies in a jar (\$5 and \$8) – ideal Christmas gifts, worm tea from the school worm farm \$1 a litre and reed diffuser room scenters \$5. Thank you for your support. Lisa Hooker

Pet Day Results 2018 (see attached flier)

Thank you all once again for all the awesome entries for Pet Day... an especial thank you to the parents as I know this can be a huge effort to organise pets and creative creations alike!!! Please forgive the few omissions in the results... reading vets writing can be a challenge!!!- Thanks Andrew Jackson

School Trailer

The school is looking for an old 6 x 4 trailer that could be refurbished as a project for some senior students next year. The completed project would be used to transport kayaks/bicycles for school camps.

Thanks – Tim Samson

Dodgeball

Next Wednesday 5 December, Jack Walker is running a dodgeball tournament for Years 4/6 in the gym. It will start at 1.30pm. All interested students are welcome to take part. Thank you for this Jack. It is great to see students take the initiative and organize events like this.

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

Top Team

The rescheduled date for Term 4 and final round of the Top Team competition is next **Tuesday 4th December 4pm** please contact Tania of any unavailability.

Touch

Yesterday was the final round robin touch game with semifinals scheduled for next Thursday. All teams will have a game regardless if they have made semis or not. The draw is expected early next week.

Beach Ed Day

With the end of year upon us we kindly request the \$10 cost for the Beach Ed day is paid by **next Friday 7 December** either at the school office or by direct credit into **031734 0006633 00** with your name as a reference and **BEACH** as particulars.

Quadrathon

With some last minute rearrangements of some teams due to illness TCAS sent a strong team to the Waiwera South Quadrathon on Tuesday. Many of the thirty six students showed a number of the school values including;

Tenacity from Individuals completing the whole course on their own, swimmers braving the cooler waters of the pool and

Care by cheering on and encouragement of other TCAS competitors. Students changing from their preferred stage to another ensuring the team could still compete.

Achievement which is evident not only with the awesome results shown below, but also for the ones who may not have made Top 3 but as Individual who gained personal best times, students who gave it their all for their other team members! Congratulations to everyone that attended it was a pleasure to watch and support.

1st equal Year 4 Mixed Team Catlins Stormers - Poppy Staniford, B.J Blair, Harry Walker and Maddox Harrison

1st Year 6 Mixed Team Catlins Crushers - Amelia Morrison, William Berney, Ella Senior and Tafaitoa Tyrell

2nd Year 6 Boys Individual - Sam Hancox

2nd Year 5 Boys Team Catlins Duo - Hadley Gutsell and Archie Vali

3rd Year 5 Mixed Team Catlin Racers - Kaiyo Nakajima, Benji Kinraid, Jack Walker and Hellen Tyrell

Quadrathon is always well supported by the parents and **thank you** for the help with transport, supporting students in the pool and at transition helping our Individuals get that advantage of fast turnaround.

Please can we have all tracksuits returned by end of next week.



Sports Team

Community News

Earthlore's Christmas Shopping Night

Shop local this Christmas and beetle along to Earthlore's Christmas Shopping Night at 129 Hina hina Road on Friday 7 December 5 – 7.00pm. For friendly earth-friendly Christmas gifts – see flier.

Owaka Youth Group

Last Youth Group for the year. Meet at the church hall at 7.00pm (9.00pm pick up) on Friday 30 November. Please bring sturdy footwear, head torch and festive plate for supper. Please contact D Brown 4158274 if you have any questions.

Christmas House

Fergus and Lorraine Gregory are setting up a display Xmas House with lots of Santa and Christmas decorations, in the old bake house on Waikawa Road. All welcome to come and have a look. A donation may be left with all proceeds going to the Catlins Search and Rescue.

Owaka Swimming Baths

Block swimming lessons 7 – 11 January 2019 with Aleisha Clarke from JC swim school (see flier attached).