

NEWSLETTER

26 May, 2017



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2017	
29 May	Y8 NYLD//17 trip to Dunedin
30 May	Rippa Tournament in Balclutha
31 May	Sports Activator
01 Jun	Y7 and Y8 technology
05 Jun	Queen's Birthday holiday
06 Jun	Assembly at 2.10pm
08 Jun	Practice for Music Festival
08 Jun	Y7 and Y8 Technology
12 Jun	Gymnastic week starts (3 weeks)
12 Jun	Police Education visit to school
13 Jun	BOT meeting at 2.30pm
14 Jun	Music Festival in Balclutha
19 Jun	Sports Activator
20-23 Jun	NZEI Conference
30 Jun	2.00pm thank you afternoon tea
04 Jul	Speech finals at school

Situation Vacant: Teacher Aide

We are currently looking for a new Teacher Aide at school starting at the end of this term. This is a part time permanent position for 15 hours per week.

If you are interested please contact the school for an application package on 03 415 8085 or

principal@tahakopa.school.nz

Applications close Friday 9 June.

Our Stars



The following children have achieved 100% in their spelling and basic facts work. Fantastic effort and work by you all, great.

Basic Fact Stars:

Week 3 – Liam, Clark, Courtney, Sarah, Alex, Braydee, Casey, Izzy, Jack, Joey

Week 4 – Clark, Alex, Braydee, Casey

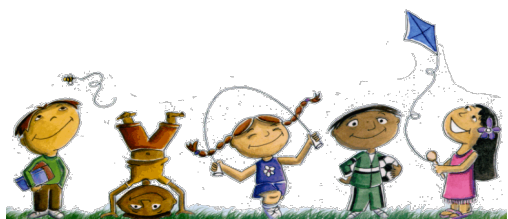
Spelling Stars:

Week 3 – Seth, Liam, Clark, Courtney, Sarah, Braydee, Casey, Jack

Week 4 – Jackson, Seth, Clark, Liam, Alex, Braydee, Joey

From Class:

This year there is a Music Festival for all the schools in the area in Balclutha and we are currently all practicing hard for this event. There are both mass choir items and our own school item, which the children have picked. Jack and Joey are attending the NYLD (National Young Leaders Day) in Dunedin, a first for school.



Other notices:

- Prime Lamb Competition raised \$5 365.86 in lambs and wool this year, thanks for everyone's support
- **No assembly next week**, as the Y3 to Y8 are all at a Rippa Rugby Tournament in Balclutha. It has moved to the following week, Tuesday after Queen's birthday.
- We have said goodbye to Seth this week and we wish him and his family all the best for the future, he will be missed.
- The Papatowai Challenge have given us a donation towards the purchase two floor gym mats, thank you so much.

Children's writing:

The Hammer Head Shark

On Friday Dad and I went to Curio Bay. We found a hammerhead shark. It was big. I got a wee fright.

Jackson

Nana's Visit

One day Nana visited me and I was doing the garden. I was planting a pink flower.

Jacquelyn

Giving Rex Away

When we move we are going to give Rex to one of our friends. We are going to give Rex a toy so he will remember us. Our friend works at the Lost Gypsy Café. She lives by the Papatowai bridge. The toy is a little squeaky toy.

Set

The Pond

We are making a pond with our toys under the trees in the dirt. We are going to build a maimai on the side of the pond. We will make it in timber. The machines are a digger and a bulldozer.

Clark

On Sunday it is Jackson's birthday. We are going to wrap up his present. Jackson is excited for his presents, all his friends are coming. Their name Sarah, Jack, Clark, Alex and Liam too. It is at Invercargill. We are going to the swimming pool and then we are going to McDonalds. I know I am going to enjoy it. Jackson is looking forward to it as well

Courtney

Logging

Walking through a logging site what do I see?
A big block of pine trees ready for me.

Walking through a logging site what do I see?
A chainsaw sitting right next to me.

Walking through a logging site what do I see?
Oh woops, I'm cutting down a tree.

Walking through a logging site what do I see?
A pile of pine trees behind me.

Walking through a logging site what do I see?
A big fat hereford charging at me.

Walking through a logging site, what do I see?
A really ugly man shouting swear words at me.

Walking through a logging site what do I see?
One entire logging gang chasing me!

Liam

The Multi Cultural Festival

Tonight I am going to the multicultural festival, I am going to do my ballet practice first. Then my friend Tilly's mum is going to pick me up and take me to the festival. They are going to take me to their place for a sleep over.

Sarah

The New Culvert

Yesterday Dad got the digger going because we were going to put in a culvert. The creek is in the way of the new track we are making. Dad pushed over two trees in the way, then he started to dig the side of the creek to make it straight. Dad and I lifted the culvert in.

Alex

Mallard Ducks

Facts

The scientific name for mallard ducks is *Anas Platyrhynchos*.

Mallard ducks live for 5-10 years in the wild. The mallard duck has the most ducks in the whole world, of all the species of ducks.

When a predator is near by the mother pretends to be injured to distract it from the ducklings.

The ducklings weigh 7.2 grams and the adult ducks weigh 1.6 kilograms.

The duck eggs are blue and they take 3 weeks to hatch.

Braydee

Old man Barney

Old man Barney was a judgmental old man in his early eighties. He lived in a beaten up old house on the outskirts of Kingsmoor. His house was perched on a large rock in the middle of the Lower Hemlock Rapids. There was a rickety old swingbridge that connected Barney's house to the mainland. Barney's wrinkled face was as old as the hills surrounding him.

He used to be a firefighter but he got fired because he was too judgmental. So he took up a new profession: chicken racing. Old man Barney was a natural. He fed the chickens water everyday except Monday when they only drank single malt whiskey made by a sword swallower in Uzbekistan.

Joey

Mallard ducks

Duck shooting advice

The mallard prefers to live
In calm, shallow sanctuaries
But can be found in almost any body
of freshwater across Asia, Europe,
and North America.

They're also found in saltwater
And brackish water and are
Commonly found in wetlands.

The mallard duck is smaller than the paradise
duck their size is relative to a six
foot man 2 to 3kgs. It is an omnivore.

On opening day I shot my first three ducks
With a 410 I was really stoked

Jack

The Neverending Story

Once upon a time, in a faraway land lived a young girl called Jenny. Jenny lived in a majestic little town called Fudgington. Jenny lived in a pretty little cottage with a log hut. Jenny lived with her parents, brother and sister, Brad and Linda was her big siblings and her parents were Bob and Matilda. One day Jenny and her siblings went for a walk to the park. On the way they stopped at a shop to get some sweets. Brad got popping candy, Linda got baked butterscotch and Jenny got gummy snakes. While they were walking along a homeless man stopped Jenny. The old man said to her " Can I p-please have your gummies I-I am so h-hungry I'll t-trade you t-this b-book,"
"Okay," said Jenny "Here you go," she said as they traded the man almost immediately started digging into the paper bag and eating the treats inside...

Casey