

NEWSLETTER

20 February 2019



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2019

Term 1

11-22 Feb	Swimming in Owaka
20 Feb	Catlins Sports Day
21 Feb	First Aid for children at school
23 Feb	Papatowai Challenge
25-1 Mar	Camp on Stewart Island
04 Mar	Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
04 Mar	SO Athletics Championships
08 Mar	Assembly at 2.10, school
11 Mar	Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
14 Mar	BOT meeting at 3.00pm, school
18 Mar	Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
22 Mar	Sports Activator at school
25 Mar	Otago Anniversary weekend
26 Mar	Sports Activator at school
29 Mar	Prime Lamb competition
01 Apr	Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins

Have a great year!!

We hope that everyone is looking forward to an amazing year, where anything can happen. Best wishes to **Izzy and Casey** as they start their new learning adventures and to **Jack and Joey** as they continue their adventures in learning.



Our Stars



The following children have achieved 100% in their spelling and basic facts work and have focused on their learning during the week. Fantastic effort and work by you all, great attitude to your learning. You really are stars.

Basic Fact Stars:

Week 2 – Braydee

Week 3 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Spelling Stars:

Week 2 – Liam, Clark, Sarah

Week 3 – Clark, Liam

Learning Stars:

Week 2 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

Week 3 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

From Class:

The weather has been hot and right for swimming on many days so it has been down to the river to cool off or off to the Owaka pool to practice our snorkeling skills for camp. Just what is needed on those hot days with no breeze to keep you cool or bring relief.

Other items:

BOT News:

The school charter and budget for 2019 have been approved and are available at school to view. The remaining outside buildings have been prepared for painting. Please note that BOT meetings will be on Thursdays for the rest of this term.

Painter Wanted:

School is looking for a painter to paint the remainder of the school. If you are interested please contact Wayne Hollows on 027 4374619.

School Website:

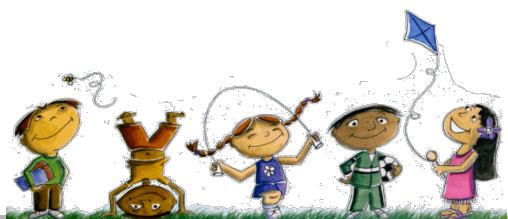
We have had our school website upgraded and it is now live, please check it out, at the same address. There are lots of photos. tahakopa.school.nz

Newsletter:

This cannot be sent from the website any longer. Several of the email addresses from this are no longer correct with newsletters being sent back. Please everyone check with those who used to get the newsletter this way that they still do and if not please email the school the new address. principal@tahakopa.school.nz

Clutha Council

They are having a meet and greet at Tahakopa Hall this coming weekend, see further details at back of the newsletter.

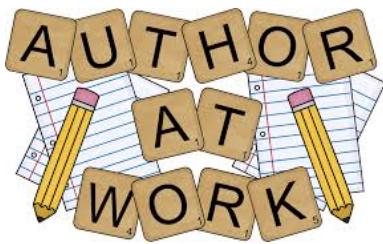


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**"Play
is the
highest
form of
research."**

Albert Einstein



Children's Writing



In the weekend I went to Tessa's. I made pancakes. They tasted good. Tessa's partner had bacon on top. Tessa didn't have any. I had golden syrup and butter on top of the pancake.

Jacquelyn

Yesterday mum said that Alex and me could ride our two wheelers. Dad started the two wheelers. I got told off because we didn't know where to go down the road. I zoomed up the paddock. I followed Alex up the hill. I got stuck across the crossing. The two-wheeler took off like a bullet. I turned around so the sheep ran away because my two-wheeler is noisy.

Clark

The Wreck

When I got home on Tuesday Dad said to ripe apart the Isuzu. I got a screwdriver and undid the mirror. Then Dad said right and shoved a crowbar through the radiator. He grabbed it and yanked it out. Next he shoved the crowbar through the dashboard and said Oh!!! Over a

bit. But he felt and found the heater and he said look at the aluminum in that. The next day we took the wheels and rimes off and tipped the truck over with the tractor and took the two diffs and gearbox out. We rolled it over and we were done.

Liam

A week after Christmas Day my family and I went to Christchurch to catch up with our cousins that we hadn't seen in a long time. When we got there Georgiana and I went on our scooters down to the dairy and got some lollies for Konard, Huog, Jack, Geogiana and I. We got fizzy lollies. They were yummy. After that we went to a water park. There we went on a humongous inflatable water slide. Georgiana, Hugo and I had a race. I came first, georgiana came second and Hugo came third. I felt happy.

Sarah

On Friday we went to Queenstown. When we got there we went to the pool and played on the floaties and sat in the spa pool. Next morning I had pancakes. Then we went up the luge. I won the first race, Dad 2 and Clark last. In race 2 Dad first, me 2 and Clark last. Then we got in the pool. Then we had tea. Next morning we went home.

Alex

Not long ago my family and I went to Belfour, which is near Gore. We were babysitting my niece and her name is Siena.

My sister and her partner went out for the night so we had to stay the night there. Casey and I played a funny game were you had a bunch of cards with answers on them and there were cards in the middle and you pick up a card and read it out loud and you put down a card of your choice. Then we started watching a movie, Mission Impossible and then Jimmy fell asleep.

We needed Jimmy to help us get the mattresses out because they were behind a big piece of jib. So we spent forty-five minutes trying to wake him up. We finally woke him up and we got the mattresses out and we went to sleep.

In the morning we went to get milk from the dairy down the road and then we came back and had hot chocolates.

By Braydee

“Children learn
as they play. Most
importantly,
in play children
learn how to
learn.”

O. Fred Donaldson

Our Hut



Church Service on Sunday 3 March at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 17 March.

Everyone welcome

Our Place Catlins – Community Consultation

The Clutha District Council is working to develop the Our Place Catlins Community Plan, which will help determine the projects and priorities for The Catlins community. The focus will be on what Council can do with its key facilities and how it can work with the community to make things happen.

Council wants the plan to act as a catalyst, creating positive flow-on effects throughout The Catlins. A number of consultation events have been organised, including the following in the Tahakopa / Papatowai area:

- **Tahakopa Hall, 24 February 10am-12pm**
- **Papatowai Challenge, 23 February.**

Come along and talk with Council staff, Councillors and the Mayor. Or you can ring the Clutha District Council on 0800 801 350, or find more information online at www.cluthadc.govt.nz