

NEWSLETTER

21 March 2019



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2019

Term 1

25 Mar Otago Anniversary weekend
26 Mar Sports Activator at school
29 Mar Prime Lamb competition
01 Apr Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
02 Apr Sports Activator at school
08 Apr Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
11 Apr BOT meeting 3.00pm, school
12 Apr Assembly at school, 2.10pm
12 Apr Reports and Portfolios out
12 Apr Last day of term 1

Term 2

29 Apr ERO visit to school starts
29 Apr Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
14 May BOT meeting at 3.00pm, school



Prime Lamb Competition

On this Friday 29 March at the Napier's woolshed
Judging starts at 4.30pm with BBQ to follow

Everyone welcome

See you all there!!

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 6 – Sarah

Week 7 – Liam, Clark, Sarah

Spelling Stars:

Week 6 – Liam

Week 7 – Liam, Clark, Alex, Braydee

Learning Stars:

Week 6 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Braydee

Week 7 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

From Class:

The children have given \$29.50 towards the Christchurch Foundation after Friday 15 March in Christchurch. The children dressed in bright colours, drew flowers for 50 on the footpath and stood in silence for two minutes at 1.40pm this Friday as a show of the respect.

Other items:

• BOT news:

ERO (Evaluation and Review Office) will be visiting school during the first week of next term as part of our school three yearly review programme.

All schools are having their bus runs reviewed by the Ministry of Education at this time.

• 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.

Thank you to

Trish Lochhead

Heidi Geissler

Casey Osborne

All who baked and helped on the day

We really appreciated your help and support during the Papatowai Challenge

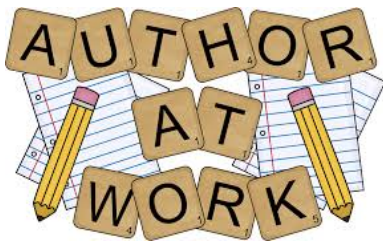


921 Tahakopa Valley Road
RD 2
Owaka 9586

email: principal@tahakopa.school.nz
website: tahakopa.school.nz

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

Albert Einstein



Children's Writing



I want to go on a rollercoaster because it must be fun. I don't know if it is fun.

Jacquelyn

I have gone off roading on my gear bike. Alex and me made a track. You have to cross the same ditch two times. You have to go off a cliff, it is fun going off the cliff. Then we went through the ford. On the second time Alex kept skidding off when he went to turn. He keeps falling when he turns too sharp and he falls on the dirt. I have not fallen over yet.

Clark

It all started when I was bored so I decided to build a LEGO car carrier are there any more so I got a couple pieces of LEGO two sets of wheels put it all together and somehow I made a LEGO car carrier. I tested it out but I realised and needed some ramps so the car could get on it. so I put some ramps on it and I thought it was finished but the dick was too small so I needed to find a a bigger dick I didn't find one so I had to make one after that I thought it was pretty cool. Oh no it's what I made and it is pretty cool so I hope next time I build a cool thing too.

Liam

Mataura Pony Club Fun day.

On Sunday last weekend mum and I went to Mataura Pony Club for a fun day. When we got there we had to unload the pony. The pony's name is Spencer. Spencer fast getting out the float. I had to take off his floating boots and his cover to start brushing him.

After that I had to put his saddle on him. Once I had done that I had to put on his bridle. Next I put on my riding boots and my helmet and started warming him up to start practicing my dressage test. I didn't warm him up a lot otherwise he would get all silly after a warm up I decided to go to do my dressage test. I think I did a pretty good job on my dressage test. I would like to think I did a pretty good job.

After I had done my dressage test I did I went and put Spencer away and gave him some hay. Once I had done that I went to walk my round the ring jumping course. He was munching on his delicious hay looking happy. I wanted to get him ready fast so I can warm him up before I do my jumping. but didn't cause I wanted him to have a break.

Once I had warmed him up I was ready to do my jumping. I was getting really excited but the most thing I was a bit nervous about was jumping the hay bales. I was scared he was going to refuse but I put my leg on and he jumped it.

After that I had to stay on him because it was time for showjumping. it was only 50 cm same with the round the ring arena except I had to jump at least 11 jumps. I had to do a great job otherwise I would not be very happy with my pony.

After that it was time for prize giving. I came second for around the ring Arena but I didn't place for dressage or show jumping. I think it ended up being a pretty good day because it was a new experiment for me and I enjoyed it.

Sarah

Yesterday I used my new axe which I had freshly hung in the morning to cut a big tree on the track where we were going to spray so that there would be less gorse. I started to cut off some branches so that the quad bike could fit through with the spray unit on but the tree was a lot bigger than Dad said it was. The tree fell over because it had a ball root. When I had cut that out of the way Dad drove the motorbike through the gap, it got bellied. Then he kept revving.

So then we started to spray the course after we had sprayed the gores we got the motorbike down the really steep Hill back past the tree I had cut. then we went down one of the tracks. Me and Dad had made with the bulldozer. We went past the humongous tree and a stump and dad cut it down with the chainsaw and we sprayed this piece of gorse that was the size of the motorbike it was about 3 metres tall. So then I used the spray gun it was fun because dad turned the motor up full noise.

Me and Dad will take the bulldozer up the hill sometime soon to fix the track because nobody has used the track for years. Me and Dad will probably remove the tree and stuff off the track and even make a new track right up the middle of the block of bush and then we will be able to get better access to spray the gorse.

Alex

At school Clark and I are building a car this term. So far we have finished the wheels.

We built one small car but the axle is bent, the small car is made from bottle caps and number 8 wire and some wood. So we are building another, it's a monster truck. The monster truck is made of Pine and Rimu, and it is about 30 square centimetres.

So far it has failed because it is made of wood and the axle snapped in half because it is very weak wood. We are just drilling a hole in the base so the axle can fit in, But Clark's measurement was wrong so we need to fix the hole. We will then make a deck on the back after we make the cab. The cab is going to be made of pop-sticks and some flat pine.

The deck is going to be made of the same wood as the cab. But the deck is going to be bigger pop sticks by about 2 centimetres.

I hope this is going to work and not snap in half. I reckon we can finish by the end of the term.

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 31 March at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 14 April.

Everyone welcome