

NEWSLETTER

7 March 2019



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2019

Term 1

11 Mar	Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
14 Mar	BOT meeting at 3.00pm, school
15 Mar	Assembly at school, 2.10pm
18 Mar	Y7 and Y8 technology at Catlins
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



Prime Lamb Competition

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

Everyone welcome

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 4 – Liam, Clark, Sarah

Week 5 – at camp

Spelling Stars:

Week 4 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Clark

Week 5 – at camp

Learning Stars:

Week 4 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

Week 5 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

From Class:

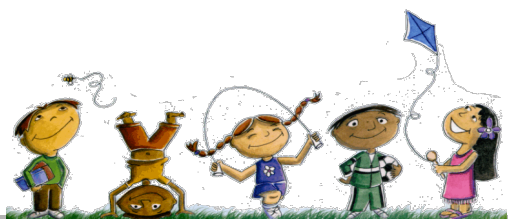
We have had an amazing camp on Stewart Island last week. We were able to complete all of the planned activities and the weather was not as bad as it was meant to be. Thanks to our wonderful parents for all of their support and help with this camp.

Other items:

- **South Otago Athletic Championships:**
We had five children participating in different events this year:
Braydee – 100m, 200m, high jump, long jump
Alex – 200m, long jump, discus
Sarah – 100m, 200m, discus, long jump
Liam – discus
Clark – 100m, 200m, 800m, discus, long jump
Fantastic effort by you all and an amazing day had on Monday after camp at the South Otago High School. (see picture in paper)

Clark came 2nd in the 800m final

- **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.
- **2019 Term dates:**
 - Term 1 30 January until 12 April
(Easter and ANZAC are in the holidays)
 - Term 2 29 April until 5 July
 - Term 3 22 July until 27 September
 - Term 4 14 October until 18 December

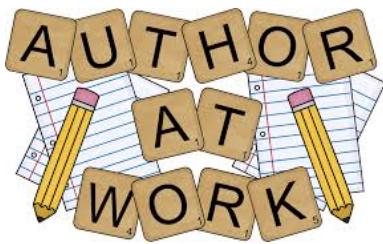


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**"Play
is the
highest
form of
research."**

Albert Einstein



Children's Writing



Stewart Island Camp

I went to Ulva Island, it was fun. I went on a water taxi, it was bumpy. I was nervous. The water taxi was so bumpy it made my tooth fall out.

I saw a lot of birds and I think we're good explorers. The birds were amazing because they were colourful. I like the kakariki because it's a parrot and it can talk.

Jacquelyn

Fishing on Tuesday

On Tuesday we walked to the wharf. We paid Keith and got into the boat except for Miss Hampton and Jacquelyn, they stayed on the wharf. When we got into the boat we put a life jacket on and we zoomed off in the boat. We found out it was too rough where we were going to go so we hid behind Te Wharawhara (Ulva Island). I caught eleven fish. It was fun because we got tea, fish and chips.

Clark

Camp – Fishing on the Boat

On Tuesday we were all pretty bad after a bad nights sleep because we all kept waking up, as there were new beds. We walked to the wharf and jumped on Keith's boat and set off. Jacque and Miss Hampton stayed on the wharf. We got going and I had a milo. We put our life jackets on then we stopped. My first catch of the day was a nibbling, it means two fish at once. Then Clark caught one through the eyeball. We all caught at least one fish. I loved it: 1 because I have never fished off a boat and 2 because I haven't been fishing in ages.

Liam

Kayaking At Stewart Island

On Thursday 9:30 Am the school got picked buy Phil's Sea Kayak Van at the pavilion on Stewart Island we had to do two trips because his van could only hold five people. He took us to golden bay.

When we got there we had to have a lesson on how to use paddles. We had to be careful that we didn't hit anybody in the face with the paddles. After that we had to pick our partners I went with Dad, Clark went with Mr Napier, Liam went with Miss Hampton, Jacquelyn went with Mrs Barrett, Braydee went with Alex.

Once we did that we had to adjust the footrest on the kayak. Phil's handy helper Bill went into the water first to fix our rudder to help us turn.

Dad and I went in the water next and we had a wobble and that scared me a little bit.

I had fun kayaking.

Sarah

Kayaking

On Thursday at Stewart Island we went kayaking. I went with Braydee because they were two person kayaks. So these are the pairs – Jackie and Mrs Barrett, Liam and Miss Hampton, Mr Stephens and Sarah, Dad and Clark. Me and Braydee got stuck on a rock, it was fun in the back.

We went up to Hope then Charity and Faith. We went kayaking around the islands for three hours.

Alex

Fishing

On the twenty fifth of February the Tahakopa school went to Stewart island. We went to Stewart island for camp and fun experiences. The ferry over was the first time I have ever been on a motorised boat, I was nervous but it was okay.

On the first day we went to the beach and went snorkeling. I saw about twenty spotty fish, These fish are called butterfish. We got freezing cold so we went back on to the beach, and we ate lunch. Alex, Liam, Clark and I built a dam stopping the water flowing out of a colvite pipe. It was fun because it kept bursting.

On the next day we went fishing with Keith the captain, we went fishing around Ulva island. Alex caught a fish first and it was a blue cod but he had to throw it back because it was to small. The first fish I have ever caught in my life was a baby blue cod and it was cute. In total there was about twenty fish caught mostly by Mr Napier but Sarah caught the biggest fish.

We went back to the dock at about twelve o'clock and went to the pavilion and Mr Napier and Mr Stephens cooked the fish. We ate the fish with chips and lemon. We caught so much fish we took it back and we still have it today.

The fish was so yummy it was all gone in five minutes. This was the best camp I have ever been on and I hope we go on more camps like this one.

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 17 March at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 31 March.

Everyone welcome