

NEWSLETTER

20 June 2019



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2019

Term 2

19 Jun	Music Festival, Balclutha
24 Jun	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
26-28 Jun	Three way conferences at school
29 Jun	Plate and a crate get together
01 Jul	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
02 Jul	Sports Activator
04 Jul	Bat project at school
05 Jul	Assembly at 2.10pm
05 Jul	Last day of term 2

Term 3

22 Jul	Start of term 3
22 Jul	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
29 Jul	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
31 Jul	Clued Up Kids for Y6 children

Plate and a Crate

Tahakopa Hall

Saturday 29 June at 7.30pm

Bring your drink, a plate and a gold coin donation and have a good time. This is a community get together.

Any queries contact: Ange 027 7111914

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 – Clark, Alex

Week 7 – Clark, Liam, Sarah

Spelling Stars:

Week 6 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Alex

Week 7 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Alex

Learning Stars:

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

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

From Class:

We finally have the internet up and working again and everything is slowly getting back to normal. We start gymnastics this week for the next six weeks in the hall. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the children's speeches last week.

Other

• BOT News:

The Administration Policy and procedures is available in the office for community consultation. We have received ERO's draft report.

• Clutha District Council:

Please see attached at the back of the newsletter a map of the project.

• Speech Assembly:

Junior Speeches

First – Jacquelyn

First – Clark

First – Liam

Senior Speeches

First – Alex

Second – Sarah

Second – Braydee

These were great speeches from all of the children and points awarded in seven different areas then totaled. The Mayor said they were the best yet. Fantastic effort.

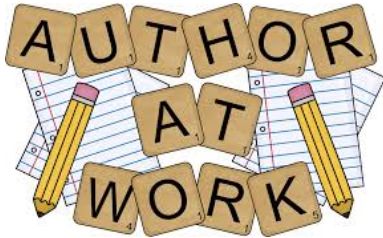


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**"Play
is the
highest
form of
research."**

Albert Einstein



Children's Writing



Princess is a cat. She has a brown bed, it is fluffy. It is black on the bottom. She had six babies, one died in the night. She is good at hunting. I love her. She hunts birds.

Jacquelyn

Today in planet of Cubes I am going to build a castle made out of concrete blocks. I am going to have a wall so I can walk on the top of it and see if any zombies are trying to break in. I am going to build some towers at the front of the castles to guard the doorway. I am going to make a Staircase to the top of the walls I am going to have a because I need a staircase to the top of the castle to see if anybody is trying to climb up it and steal stuff .

I am going to have some food storage and in the empty dungeon for the chef to cook up a great roast lamb, my favourite meal is a plate of lamb shanks. And then for dessert I am going to have a triple layer of cheesecake that is delicious and I can also have a chocolate cheesecake with ice cream and I get unlimited raspberries coke, delicious yeah.

I am the person who came up with the idea to build the castle so I am the smartest man in the world because I read 52 Bibles and and I know what every single word means. We also have four big missiles that we are going to launch to the bad is bunker to blow them up and then we are going to send some spies and see what we have the damaged and how big they have built their building there.

We know where they are, which way they are coming to meet us. Trying to kill us from the side that we are still building but we have an idea we're gonna

mine under the bunkers and then blow them up from underneath. It's the only way we're going to take these other teams down so we going to get out the big groups of troops that we have here today. I've already sent 5 groups and we haven't heard them calling us out from the phones. What a day it is.

Clark

Once Upon a time...

Once Upon a time there was a farmer called Clark and he lived in Owaka. He was ploughing up the paddocks and Alex the logger was chopping down trees in the next paddock. Hillbilly Liam came to visit with mechanic Brady. Logger Alex said "Brady could you fix my track on my digger so I can grab the logs and put them on the truck."

Brady said "Sure," and fixed Alex's track.

Farmer Clark said "Hillbilly Liam jump into the tractor and seed behind me while I am ploughing." Hillbilly Liam said "Can I take my dog Chum in the tractor?"

"Sure I'll clean it out afterwards." So Liam started seeding the whole paddock and all was well. Then Brady said "Can I help in anyway ?"

Alex said "Yes, you can. Here you can drive the truck to the sawmill with the logs on the back. So that's what Brady did and then they all came to Liam's house just out of a Owaka and they had a cup of coffee and talked about the day and how everything was going well.

Then mechanic Brady and Alex the logger asked Farmer Clark if they could stay over .

"You can stay over I have a lot of bedrooms." The next morning was Sunday morning and they went back to Clark's farm. Clark and Liam feed the cows some hay, Alex and the mechanic started cooking breakfast. When they came home they had bacon and eggs. Alex went and feed Chum the dog and Chum was happy.

They all jumped on Liam's new V8 LandCruiser and went to go and see the Circus, so they did. It was funny so they went and got hot dogs and chips and some dog roll for Chum the dog and a cat called Caramello. He was ginger and white with white paws ginger legs, ginger Ginger tail and white tummy with a pink nose he was very cute. They bought some whiskers cat food for him and a cat house so they went back to Liam's house and they all lived happily ever after with Caramello and Chum. The end

Liam

My Fantastic Birthday

On Sunday it was a special day for me because it was my 11th birthday. When I woke up in the morning I quietly walked down to Mum and Dad's room and woke them up because I was rapt.

Then Jack woke up and came into the room. He had something behind his back. I was so delighted to see what he got for me. He gave me a toy horse and some horse earrings. The horse was plastic and it was brown and white. The earrings were studs and they are circle with rainbow horses.

After that Mum told Jack to distract me because Dad and Mum were getting my presents ready. So we did some netball passes and played with my horses.

Finally Mum called us in and I went into the lounge and I saw a bag of presents. This is what I got: A box of tic tacs, some soap and a loofa, a brush bag for my horse brushes, a top and PJs.

Now it was breakfast time. We had bacon and eggs. It was yummy. I think my birthday was fantastic because I did not have to do chores and I loved all my presents. I extremely enjoyed it.

Sarah

An 015L Stihl chainsaw

Last Sunday I found a Stihl chainsaw and the old wool shed and is a 015L .It has orange Bar. When I first found it, the pull start would not Rewind properly .so I sprayed a bit of crc on it and keep pulling it . now it Reborns I can't run this one because it is had parts taken off it and without the parts won't work .

So now I have found 7 chainsaws the last one that I found went but yesterday I found a Windsor 24 Inch hard-nosed bar. I have two top handled Chainsaws one is stihl in one is a Poland.Mum and dad also gave me one of the chainsaws. I had 5 stihls 1 Poulan 1 Canadian and 1 Homer light.

Alex

Farm Problems

One hot sunny day farmer Liam was on his farm in his pool having a swim. He has two kids Fred and George, and a dog named Ace. His wife Mary- Ann was making lemonade for everyone

The farm was 60 acres with a lot of trees all doted around, on the perimeter was a big deer fence. It had the greenest grass you will ever see, it is hilly and mucky. It is really close to Windom, and is surrounded by five other farms.

The cows in the grassy paddock lay under the few trees because it was boiling hot. The cows moaned” We need some water”. Farmer Liam pushed the cows into the milk shed and he started

milking them, One pooped on him. Once he finished he put them back into their paddock and went to round up the sheep into there new paddock. The cows were sick of the heat and broke out to find the local river and cool off, but luckily the farm dog named

Ace saw the cows and rounded them up. But Ace didn't know that Farmer Liam was coming the wrong way with the sheep and they all got mixed up.

The cows that broke the fence were sent to the freezing works and came back a week later as beef. Alex the logger was hired too cut down some trees because there was no room to drive in a tractor. He cut them all down and they were like pick-up sticks.

Alex demanded, "I want my pay to be beef",

"How much" said Farmer Liam

"Ten kilograms" answered Alex.

The next day all the fences were fixed and Alex got his beef and the logs were cut up.

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 23 June at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 7 July.

Everyone welcome

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Hello, lovely people of the Catlins,

There is a research team from Texas coming to the Catlins in July to research the diving behaviour and foraging ecology of known breeding female New Zealand Sea Lions. This project has been in the planning phase for quite some time and has the support of the Southland Department of Conservation office, but this will be the first fieldwork season for the team.

The study area the team will be working in spans from Kaka Point in the north, to Long Point in the south. This is a large range to work within so if the team has any ideas of hotspots within that coastline in the lead up to their work it would be a major help, and this is where you come in! The team will be working in the Catlins from 2-12th July so any sightings of mum and pup pairs (sightings of lone pups and females would also be useful, as at this stage they are not always together) between now and then would be greatly appreciated.

They are particularly interested in how long females are staying ashore, and what their timing of coming and going looks like. They have to stand down from capturing for a set period of time to ensure they have not just eaten, so knowing when they arrive from and leave on foraging trips would be a very useful bit of information, if you are able to get some idea of that (i.e. do they typically come in during the evenings and then leave in the mornings, or something else?). Truly any observations would be useful to record, and the Texas team can take what they need from your data.

Knowing if the females have already been tagged would also be helpful. If they have a flipper tag or other identifier (e.g. a scar) it will help them keep up with who is being

spotted regularly, photographs of identifying features are always useful. Binoculars are particularly helpful in gathering this kind of data.

So when you are out and about over the next month, if you see any females and pups please send sightings to Nathan Reed (nathanreed14@tamu.edu and CC'd here) who is part of this research team, and as always Charlie from Owaka DOC is always keen to hear about any sea lion sightings (cbarnett@doc.govt.nz and CC'd here). I know some of you live further south than the study area this team will be working in but if you see any females and pups on any part of the Catlins coast it would be useful information for the researchers anyway. You can copy this address and Trustee Bryony Alden (also CC'd here) if you wish.

For privacy purposes, I have BCC'd our Catlins contacts in this email, but please feel free to send this on to your own network of contacts that may be able to help send in sightings to Nathan, and let Nathan and Bryony know if you have any questions.

Thanks very much for your ongoing support, and give a friendly 'howdy' to our Texas whānau if you see them on the ground in July!

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Clutha District Council

This is Clutha District Council final layout design of the Sir Truby King Bridge Track. The Clutha District Council has also issued the Road Occupy Licence to Our Hut Heritage Hub Sir Truby King Railway Bridge Track Committee, so they can now proceed forward, in raising the necessary funding to create this track. See over page.

Bad Weather

Splish splash water in the puddles,
drip drip lecky spouting,
whoosh whoosh windy breeze,
soaking wet day.

By Liam