

NEWSLETTER

1 August 2019



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2019

Term 3

02 Aug	Bat project at school
05 Aug	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
06 Aug	Sports Activator
08 Aug	BOT meeting at 3.00pm
12 Aug	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
14 Aug	Small Schools' Cross Country
14 Aug	PUM for all teaching staff, 9.00am
16 Aug	Postponement day
19 Aug	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
21 Aug	SO Cross Country, Clinton
23 Aug	Assembly at 2.10pm, school
26 Aug	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
27 Aug	Sports Activator
28 Aug	Production at 7.00pm, at the hall
29-30 Aug	TOD (no children at school)

Gymnastics Display

Everyone is welcome to come and see what the children have been learning in gymnastics on **Friday 9 August at 2.00pm** down at **Tahakopa Hall**. All of the children will perform on the beam, floor and box.

Afternoon tea to follow provided by the children.

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 10 – Jacquelyn

Week 1 – none

Spelling Stars:

Week 10 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Braydee

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Learning Stars:

Week 10 – Jacquelyn, Sarah

Week 1 - Jacquelyn, Sarah

From Class:

We are working on how to use collaboration to improve our learning this term for our class focus. This will involve us working together, helping each other, finding answers, asking questions and listening and thinking about what others say. Our key words are co-construct, ask, question and negotiate.

Other

Cross Country Practice:

The children are busy practicing for up and coming Small Schools Cross Country at Clinton on Wednesday 14 August. Many thanks to Scobies for letting them use their paddock across front the school as their area, the hill it a killer but it makes it easier for Clinton as that also has a hill to run. They are running twice, three times or four times around the paddock, depending on their age.

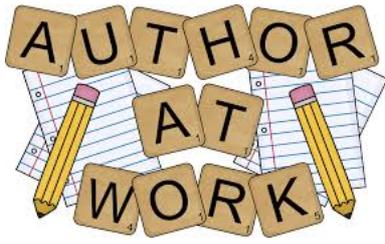
Bat Project:

The school has decided to be a part of this project in our area over the coming year and into next year. The children will be learning about New Zealand bats and their habitats. To do this they will be conducting research and gathering information to add to a national research project. This information and data will be presented at the International Bat Conference to be held in 2020 in Te Anua. The school will be attending part of this conference as part of next years school camp in March. Catriona Gower from DOC has been to school twice already as part of this project and the children are looking forward to her coming again this week.



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Children's Writing



Going to Dance

I am going to dance tonight. It is my firstnight to see if I like it. I am excited. I can't wait. I can't wait to learn new moves. It is in Owaka. I am going to wear pants and I am going to bring shorts.

When I went to dance I did hiphop. It was cold at the start. It is every Monday. It was fun because I danced with Shellby and Casey. I can't wait until I go back. It's fun to dance with kids.

Jacquelyn

When I am older

I want lots of trucks when I am older because if one truck breaks down that way I can use the other truck. I am going to weld a dog box to the deck of my truck. I am going to build a snorkle on the drivers side.

I am going to have a caravan when I am older. I am going to build it myself. I am going to make it as light as I can. It is going to have solar panels.

I want a hovercraft because I can go on land and water but it doesn't have brakes at all. It has a big fan on the back.

I am going to have a green and silver boat and a silver trailer to carry my boat. It is going to be a humongous boat that is going to be towed by my heavy truck.

I am going to go camping in my caravan. Like if I go to a friends place we can stay in it.

Clark

Once Upon a time...

Once upon a time there were 3 people, one really short person and one person that likes to say power a lot, and one that is very boring one. They are called Jeremy Clarkson, James May, and Richard Hammond, they all have nicknames, Jeremy's is Jezza, James May's is Mr Slowly and Richard Hammond's is Hamster.

So Hamster came to Liam the mechanics house and did burnouts in his yellow Bentle. He called Jezza and he came over with a blue Toyota Corolla and went through the side of Liam's house, at 322 miles an hour. Then Mr Slowly came with his new Ferrari 458 with a V8 motor and 2 turbos, it is awesome, he was going 2 miles an hour. Richard Hammond got a Mitsubishi Triton and Jeremy Clarkson went and got a Corvette and came in and crashed through Liam's house again on the other side at some miles per hour . He broke the speedo, he doesn't know how fast he was going. So Richard tried it in Jeremy's blue Corolla and he drove it off a cliff.

So James May said we should go on a trip so they did Jeremy was in front with his new Rolls Royce and then Richard Hammond in his Mitsubishi Triton and then James was at the back in his Bentley Continental. Richard Hammnd's clutch fall out and Jezza could not hear me, so he just keep going. It was because his cb radio was broken.

Liam

Fortnite

I have a game on Mums laptop called fortnite. You can do a lot on this awesome game. There are lots of different types of fortnite. this is one of them it is called fortnite

Battle Royale. I like this game because it teaches you lots of skills and you have the ability to learn about the future as in building your own house if you would like to be a builder. My brother Jack and I are pretty big fans of fortnite and I have lots of friends who like to play fortnite as well.

My favourite on fortnite is fortnite Battle Royale because you have not only you get to communicate with your friends and family if I like playing it too. There is this YouTube channel called the Norris nuts full stop the second oldest Sockie loves fortnite. My brother has fortnite on his computer that he also likes playing he has fortnite Battle Royale.

My Dad also likes fortnite but he is better than me but I know more dances like: orange Justice, dead man and of course default. my favourite part about fortnight is that you can build huts. but my least favourite is that you use paintball guns to shoot people. I don't like fortnite I love fortnite. My next favourite is fortnite season 9 which is when it's a lot in you when you can actually shoot people but before you get annoyed after three short seconds they revive. This game is awesome.

I will tell you a little story on fortnite I was it just walking along the road and I saw a pink pony and I didn't know if it was a predator so left it alone.
Thank You for reading.

Sarah

Gorse Control

Yesterday I use 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 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 get 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

Holidays - camp

In the Holidays I went to a camp near Wanaka, it took ages to get there. There was a bunch of different activities to do there and an overnight tramp was one of them.

At lunch time we started getting ready for it and when everybody was finished we jumped into the cars and went to Blue pools. We hopped out and started tramping, there were five swing bridges and a lot of water it took 2 hours to get there. We had to cross creeks and waterfalls that went on the Trail and everybody got wet.

We got to the end of the trail and we were going to set up camp but there was not enough cover from the wind, so we jumped the fence into the nearby paddock and went into the trees to get some cover. There were 8 tents between 15 people, and my tent was very cramped because we had to fit three boys and three big backpacks as well.

At around 5 we started cooking dinner so we started bringing out all the food and gas cookers and we lit them. Our plan for dinner was sausages, potatoes and mixed vegetables but someone forgot to bring the sausages so we became vegetarians for the night. We played tag at night but a lot of people fell over because it was pitch black.

The next day we started to back up and leave so we started walking and we went down to the river that was 1/2 an hour away. So now we have to walk 2 1/2 hours back to the car which we did and a few people stayed behind that the river to do some fun things and known about rivers and stuff.

When we got back there was a massive feast, there were two big pots of soup, mouse traps, buns, chips and hot chocolate. It was the best meal I have ever had.

By Braydee

Our Hut



Church Service on Sunday 4 August at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 18 August at 9.15am.

Everyone welcome

Other Notes:

BREAD TAGS

Please encourage your children to collect bread tags - keeping them out of landfill and funding wheelchairs for those in need.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been established in South Africa for the past 13 years, with the NZ arm launching in February this year. The organisation is 100% run by volunteers, and further information can be found via the links at the end of this email.

In 5 short months, there are now over 80 collection points throughout New Zealand where the public can drop off their bread tags. You can either choose to collect, and drop them off to your nearest collection point, or you may become a collection point for your community. You can send them to school.

Nga mihi

Kelly Vollenhoven - Bread tags for wheelchairs NZ volunteer

Website (including a brief utube clip): <https://breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Piano Lessons

I am a music teacher offering piano lessons online so they are accessible to students anywhere in New Zealand. I run a website of video lessons that children and their parents can work through at home. My students get personal feedback through a unique video-upload feature and also by booking individual (webcam) lessons directly with me. This is a great opportunity for the many families who were previously unable to offer their children music lessons. Could you please include the following ad in your newsletter or similar? I have included the information as plain text, pdf and attached image. Please feel free to ask me any questions.

Kind regards,

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