

# NEWSLETTER

27 September 2019

## Upcoming Events

Term 3	
27 Sep	Reports and portfolios out
27 Sep	Last day of the term
Term 4	
14 Oct	Start of term 4
14 Oct	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
21 Oct	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
28 Oct	Labour Day holiday
01 Nov	Halloween Disco, hall at 6.30pm
04 Nov	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
04 Nov	BOT meeting at 4.00pm, school
05 Nov	Y5-Y8 Extravaganza, Balclutha
06 Nov	Y1-Y4 Extravaganza, Balclutha
07 Nov	Inside Activities for Pet Day
08 Nov	Pet Day, everyone welcome
11 Nov	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
13 Nov	Science Road Show, Balclutha
13-15 Nov	Local school camp

## Halloween Disco

Come one, come all to the Tahakopa Hall

Friday 1st November, 6.30pm start.

\$5 entry for popcorn, drink and lollies.

Best costume prizes.

See you there



## Our Stars



The following children have achieved 100% in their spelling and basic facts work.

### Basic Fact Stars:

Week 8 – Alex

Week 9 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Clark, Sarah, Alex

### Spelling Stars:

Week 8 – Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

Week 9 – Liam, Clark, Braydee

### Learning Stars:

These are the children who have worked hard on their own learning during the week.

Week 8 – Clark, Sarah, Braydee

Week 9 – Clark, Sarah, Braydee

### W.A.L.T. Stars:

We are learning to (WALT) collaborate to improve our learning this term.

Week 8 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Braydee

Week 9 – Sarah, Braydee, Clark, Liam, Jacquelyn

**Fantastic effort and work by you all, great attitude to your learning. You really are stars.**

## Other News

### Class News:

Thank you to Ms Geissler for all of her work and support over the last two and half years as our class teacher aide. You brought such special talents and energy to school, we will all miss you very much but we will be coming to see you at your future place of work. We all wish you the very best for the future. Let us know if we can do any baking for you!

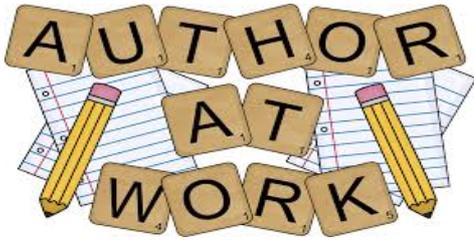
### Untreated Rough Sawn Wood:

Thank you for all of the untreated wood that has been dropped off at school for the bat houses.

### BOT News:

- Welcome to Mrs Marion Harper to the teaching staff as Teacher Aide, starting at the beginning of next term. We wish Ms Carol Giessler all of the best for the future and we have enjoyed having you as our Teacher Aide for the last two years.
- The fence around the swimming pool has been fixed and the water drained, this has fixed the health and safety issues that were of concern.





# Children's Writing



## Going to school

I don't really like going to school because I have to wake up in the morning, at least I get to learn. Learning the best thing for you. You can read, reading is good for you, have a go, you never no so why don't you have a go? I try it, it's good for me. So I'm having a good time, make sure to come and read and do what your teachers say to do, sometimes I don't do that, but you never know just how right they are. I do lots of learning stuff so I basically learn and everyone else really likes school. I don't really like waking up in the morning but I like school. Schools really have fun things to do. You can see some friends. So do you want to come to Tahakopa School it's really fun. You can see native trees, you can play with toys you can see in the sandpit, you can climb trees, you can ride bikes, you can make hats and sit in the trees up the footpath. So I think you should come to Tahakopa School it's really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, fun. So I think you should come back and see for yourself, come on you know it's good for you.

Jacquelyn

## Dunedin Cross Country

I easily made it into the second cross country, SOPSA, in Clinton. I then made it into the step up and I went to Dunedin to the next grad. I was super nervous and I was the only one that made it through easily to the next group from Tahakopa School. It was a really freezing day standing there waiting for the other people to come in, as I was in a singlet First second and third were in front of me as I got 4<sup>th</sup>. So I had to

bunch up with all the other ones. Ready, set and they took off like a rocket. I could barely keep up with them. We went out through the field ,over the concrete track, around the cones, up through a mighty wet paddock, down through the trees and then we went around back across the concrete paths and then across the line. I would say I got about 30 something out of about 95. It was really hard. At the end me and Alex got a fuzzi and a sausage each.

Clark

## Dad

Rabbit shooter, big horn wrecker  
Tractor driver, truck fixer  
Gumbbot wearer, steak eater  
VF valeant lover, cat hater  
Works all day at Russell Richards  
Desn't make a fuss  
I love Dad.

Liam

## Anneke

On May last term the breeder came and visited us with a group of Sweddish Vallhund puppies. Because Miss Hampton was thinking about getting a dog for a pet. The lady read us a book before she went out to get the puppies. Miss Hampton had already thought of a name, Anneke.

Three days later Miss Hampton picked her up on the Sunday at the breeders home. We were very excited when she came to school but less then a week later she went to stay at Ms G's place because Miss Hampton had conference to go to.

Sarah

## MOUNT EVEREST

Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world at 8850 metres. It is taller than Mount Cook. It is beside Tibet in Nepal. It is part of the Himalayas.

Sir Edmund Hillary was the first to climb it successfully in 1953. Sir Ed was a beekeeper from New Zealand. He was also in World War Two working as a navigator.

Lots of people died trying to climb the mountain. It was really windy. There were rocks, which were slippery. It was very steep. They died because the air was too thin, as well as the threat of avalanches.

To help people they wore warm clothes. They also had to wear headscarves, sunglasses to stop the sun reflecting off the snow, and snow boots.

To keep safe, they use ropes, pulleys, and steel spiked climbing boots. Now days many climbers wear go pros ( cameras on their heads).

Hillary built schools in Nepal, He went to Antarctica. After climbing Mount Everest he was knighted by the Queen.

Alex

## Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is located on the north east coast of Australia.

What is the Great Barrier Reef? It stretches 2012 km along the queensland coast and it is full of coral and it is threatened by many things. Scientists believe most of the coral has been there for 2 million years and some of it is believed to be 25 million years old. Coral reefs are important because they protect the coast from waves and storms and provide shelter and habitat for the living organisms in the reef.

Around the reef there are many species such as fish, sharks, birds and it is also a breeding ground for dolphins, dugongs and humpback whales and turtles. There are more than 1500 species of fish and they are increasing every year as new species are being discovered. So it makes it a good tourist spot for diving and swimming and snorkeling.

There are many threats to the life of the reef such as pollution, mining, global warming and tourism. Pollution is harmful and a serious problem because the crown of thorns starfish likes the runoff that goes into the ocean.

By Braydee

## High Tea at Tahakopa School (the social event of the term)

After a few very busy weeks since the school production of menus, tasting and planning and making it all came together on this Wednesday with the event itself.

The classroom all set up as the café and ready for guests.

Morning tea was reserved for the children and one special guest, Mr Paddy Ford.

Braydee and Liam enjoying the moment on Wednesday morning. Having a cup of tea with some of the food they had made early in the morning and the day before.

Some of our very special guests who arrived for the afternoon High Tea.  
Thank you again to everyone who came along and supported the children.  
Guests came from far and wide.

The children all dressed for their High tea experience.

## Other Notices:

# Our Hut



**Church Service on Sunday 29 September is at 9.15am,  
Then on Sunday 13 October at 9.15am.**

**Everyone welcome**

- **Christmas Past:**

Does anyone have any photos or items or even a memory you wish to share of past Christmas's spent at Tahakopa or some other place? If you do would it be possible to borrow or copy these and use as part of this years Tahakopa Christmas Festivsl in December. Email: [katjh@hotmail.com](mailto:katjh@hotmail.com) or phone: 03 415 8817

- **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 (we have quite a collection now).

## Why people don't ask YOU for help?

We have an innate desire to help others in need. We quite often tell people 'If you need to

talk, you can come to me. I will always be here for you, at any time, please call me."

We recently were part of a community meeting in Wellington. We had young people and their whanau / families there in support of their event. The event was raising awareness about suicide prevention. The families that were there were very supportive of their young people and expressed the same line: 'If you need to talk, you can come to me. I will always be here for you, at any time, please call me.'

**One brave young person stood up and responded to that:** ' Thank you for always being there for me but to be honest, I can't just come to you, I find it very difficult to come to you because I wouldn't know what to say. I can't even find words to express what I am feeling. I feel overwhelmed when I can't understand what is happening in my own head. I probably won't come to you for help but could you come to me? When you see I am not coming out of my room or am a bit moody than normal, **can you check in on me?.'**

**People don't come to you, a part of them is hoping you will check in on them.**

**Here are 10 reasons that stop people from asking YOU for help?**

1. Too much shame
2. What do I say?
3. What if they tell me to harden up?
4. I have no energy, I am emotionally, mentally and physically exhausted.
5. They won't listen
6. I will be judged
7. I don't want to hurt my family by letting them down
8. It's a sign of weakness if I ask for help
9. Will they fix me - I don't want to be fixed.
10. Will I get in trouble?

Notice how none of these reasons have anything to do with YOU personally. Can you honestly say these are valid reasons? NO they are not!

We need to be more alert and look for their non verbal cries for help and check in on them.

**Have a relaxing break**

