

NEWSLETTER

15 August 2019



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2019	
Term 3	
16 Aug	Postponement day
19 Aug	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
20 Aug	COL visit to school
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)
02 Sep	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
5-6 Sep	Over night camp at school
07 Sep	Spring Fling, at the Hall
09 Sep	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
12 Sep	BOT Meeting at 3.10pm, school
17 Sep	COL visit to school

Jackie and the Potato Stalk

Wednesday 28 August at 7.00pm,
Tahakopa Hall
Everyone welcome
Come and see the children perform
Bring a plate for supper to follow the show

Our Stars



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

Basic Fact Stars:

Week 2 – Clark, Liam, Sarah

Week 3 – none

Spelling Stars:

Week 2 – Liam, Sarah

Week 3 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

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

Learning Stars:

Week 2 – Jacquelyn, Sarah

Week 3 - Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

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

W.A.L.T. Stars:

Week 2 – Liam, Clark

Week 3 – none

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

Other News

• BOT News:

A painter has been found to paint the rest of the school this year.

• Class News:

The production has now become the focus of learning for class. Lines, songs and dances all being learnt, props and backdrops to design and paint, all hands on deck. We hope to see you all these

• Wanted for Bat Project:

We require untreated rough sawn wood to build bat houses this term. If you have any could you please let the school know or just drop it off anytime, thanks.

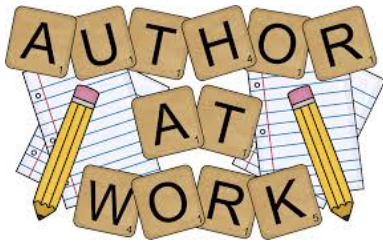
• Spring Fling:

There is to be a Spring Fling on Saturday 7 September at the Tahakopa Hall.



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Children's Writing



I got this new toy from the warehouse. It is a kitty cat or kitten, it is on a lead. I called it Brielle. It's a caramel kitten and a blue leash. You can collect as much as you like, big ones too and there is little ones and I got a little one, it is a very cute and I'm going to play with her after school today. It is a very fun toy, it's got a wheel at the front that goes round and round in circles it is a cool toy. I only got it for 12 bucks when I had 14, awesome right. I can't wait until I go home and play with my toy, it's boxes, it's beard and it's got a storage apartment under the box and in that storage apartment door I put it's leash in the front.

Jacquelyn

Getting two kittens

On Saturday mum Dad Alex and I went to Gore to go and get two kittens. We left home at 10 a.m. When we were going to the bush it was really slippery because they had put some of the baddest road gravel on ever, that just makes you slide off the road. We went past Wayne's place at the top of the hill just after we finished going through the all the translate saw Wayne and the paddock putting up electric fence and then we finally got to Wyndham. We stopped at Wyndham's grain shop grabbed some chicken grub, we also got some salt blocks from there to for the cows and sheep. And then we headed for Gore SPCA. When we got to the SPCA there was a tame cat in there, there was also dogs outside barking, waiting for owners to come and follow them. The first cat was the one that I wanted, it was black and his name was Toothless and he was a great hunter. When we were playing with them with cat toys, that looks like rats. And then we put them in Angie's cat cage that we had borrowed to go and get to cats. The other cat that we got was named Sally she is a good hunter too.

Mum ask Alex what he wanted for lunch and Alex said McDonald's because he wanted it and egg McMuffin ,the egg McMuffin had bacon and egg And I

got 20 nuggets for \$10 so that means \$0.50 or a nugget and I got three containers off BBQ sauce to dip the Nuggets in and mum got a burger with lots of vegetables in it and a meat patty. Dad got a burger with cheese patty lettuce and the cut of tomato me and Alex also got a frozen coke that tasted really good.

And then we headed for Mitre 10 mega because Dad wanted one of the new angle grinders because he got the disc stuck on the angle grinder inner can't get it off and he went for a Makita and grinder because they make good stuff and they last longer than the other stuff that doesn't really handle what Dad's using he only uses grinding blade and he was looking for big angle grinder to cut some big metal and then dad went to placemakers to say what one was cheaper type Michael was just down the road we walk there not polluting the ear we figured out the the Angela and Mitre 10 mega was cheaper than the one at placemakers so we bought the one at Mitre 10 mega it only cost \$349. He asked if they would like to buy some blade but said no we already have some at home, the blades on the angle grinders last quiet well.

Clark

Monkey

Last Friday I went to the swop shop In Owaka. I bought four toys. They were a pink bunny, a black dog and a tiny monkey with velcro hands, and another monkey. But I love the big monkey because I don't want to ruin my favourite toy, orange dog if I take him everywhere. So I got monkey. Monkey is big and he's about 41 cm high, and 42 cm wide with his arms stretched out, His fur is brown and soft and it is about 3 cm long. He is enjoying his new life on my bed with orange dog and the other toys.

Liam

My New Puppy.

On Wednesday Mum picked me up from school at 11:30am to take me to Duniden for my mouth x ray because my dentist thinks I might have a tooth going off track. I was a little nervous for the start because I had never had an x ray on my mouth before. They told me that it was going to be very quick and harmless. I didn't really mind it actually because it was quite quick and very harmless it didn't hurt. After that Mum had to pick up some leggings from farmlands because she was running out of Stoney Creek leggings. Then it was finally time to pick up the puppy. I was super super super excited for this moment happen mum was very excited as well. We had to drive through lots of little places because we were picking her up at Waimate. We went through a place called Waitaki first. Then we went through Hampdon and a couple of other places. Then we finally made it to Waimate we arrived at our destination but then the owner of the little puppy said her daughter was running late. So we decided to stop at vet co while we were waiting. We got

her some duck sticks as well as a matching collar and lead. Then we went back to our destination to meet Janine at her house to pick up the adorable little puppy. I was super super super excited and once I saw her I love her she is just the cutest little thing I have ever seen. My Mum had a little conversation with Janine about what to do with her of course look after her but that was just not it. Mum had to sign some papers to say that she can't breed from the puppies so if she has puppies then her puppies won't be a cross between another dog. But Mum said she doesn't want puppies so that was fine. She looks like a tiny teddy bear but in real life. She has a black,white,tan fur coat. After we picked her up we went back through the small towns and On the way back to Dunedin Meg which is now the puppies name being very good puppy. She mostly sleep on my knee and she played a little bit. When we got back to Dunedin we went to the garden motel. But don't worry it is a pet friendly motel. We ordered Uber eats for dinner we got McDonald's. I had a double cheeseburger and a medium fries with a medium coke a Cola. Mum had a Fillet o fish burger fries. The next morning we had to stop at Mitre 10 mega to get Dad a box of screws. Then we went to McDonald's for breakfast. I got a chicken McMuffin. Mum got an egg McMuffin. They were very yummy. Then we went back to Tahakopa school to drop me off. Meg came to the board meeting. I love her. I can not wait to see her when I get home.

Sarah

In serach of a kiwi expedition

One day Richard Hammond Jeremy Clarkson and James May Turned up at my shed asking for directions and I said where too they said the pub so we went there .I gotta ride with Jeremy and on the way there he decided to take a little short cut and his Mercedes L200.And he went off aside road but the bridge was out so I said give it the gandel And instead of going to the pub we landed in the pub . The News at 6 came onto the TV there was a man reported for yelling at a brick wall because it would not move. in London and then we found out it was the Stig .Some people say he wears a suit to make him look taller then he actually is.

So when he finally got to New Zealand he came in a box labelled tamed racing driver.We decided to look for a kiwi .So from the last experience the Stig decided to buy Land Cruiser Jeremy had a Hilux what she thought would never break down. Hammond had a Nissan Terrano and James had a SsangYong . And I and I had an F100 with a V8 Motor and couch on the deck and we set off to on a mission to not drive on any tar road from the bottom of New Zealand to the top. as tools we had three spades one pickaxe some dynamite A chainsaw and an aex. so as we set off we drove through the bush Jeremy used his Hilux as a bulldozer. Hammond cut everything down with the chainsaw James drove very slowly! and the Stig was taking photos of a rock and trying to send them to the BBC News but there was no reception so he threw his camera in a duck pond. As we were driving through the bush we found some old vehicles so we took spare parts wenches and found a keg of beer.

Then we got faced by a giant cliff Jeremy thought if he drive fast enough he would go straight through it and come out the other side but he didn't not success in that. So we had to fix this truck and then we tried to throw the winch onto the top of the hill that did not work so we broke out the pickaxe the spade and lots of dynamite. but James thought this Cliff doesn't go from the ocean to the ocean in both directions so we'll find the end cliff and

drive around it. Hammond said smart for dear but you still drive slowly. when we set camp up they went and got some firewood and We had a campfire and then when they went to sleep as you know on top gear they have to sabotage each other's vehicles.

James decided to sabotage Hammonds radio but Richard And Jeremy thought they better not do anything. The next day when they woke up the Stig was trying to brush his teeth with a stick so they set off again and then they were faced with a giant river So that's when they came up with the idea of a bridge but. Hammond had a idea build a pad drive your vehicle on top of it put lots of dynamite underneath it lite the dynamite get in the vehicle and go flying to the other side of the river and then the Stig Caught up. But he did not know how to work the brakes and ran into the river up the other side and when we looked again he was having a beer so we joined him.

Alex

World War 3

On December second in a school far far away in a village called Wakanda Clarke was having his birthday at school and everyone was there eating his cake and having a good time. Until Ms Bush tripped up and all the M&Ms on here plate hit the ground and bounced and they hit all the kids so they all started throwing their cake at Ms Bush.

Ms Bush recruited all the teachers and they went into the left bush and we went into the right. The kids made M&M mini-guns and skittles pistols. The teachers made multiple Gobstopper cannons and many bubblegum bombs.

The teachers acted first by firing many Gobstoppers that can break a brick but the kids fired back with M&Ms and Skittles. The teachers were not successful and most of them died. The teachers retreated to the trees and the kids followed but not all the teachers ran out they were waiting patiently and most of the kids were wounded. The war was at a stand-still until on boy named Spud declared that he was going to launch an attack on the teachers forces. Spud demanded " Get new weapons". So the kids started to make new weapons like the candy cane bow with sugar glass tips. It was effective and the teachers had to call in reinforcements from Owaka.

The next week the Owaka teachers came with new weapons like a marshmallow gatling gun and the gummy M16. They were used to storm the kids base and they killed Spud and 9 of his bodyguards. Sadly there was only 11 kids so they had to call reinforcements. All the kids from Catlins arrived and came with a fully automatic shotgun that fires warheads.

The kids launched an attack on the teachers because they were sick of the war and they were successful. They ran in and started shooting they hit everyone but when they walked up to them, they got shot by the teachers that had built rafters in the roof. In the end the teachers finally won a battle.

By Braydee

Our Hut



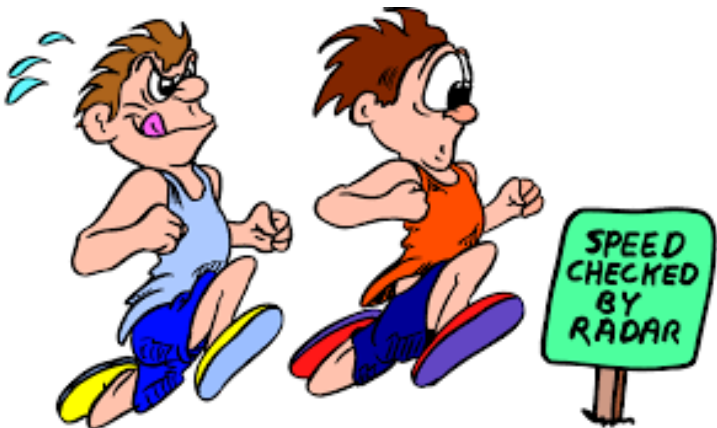
Church Service on Sunday 18 August at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 1 September at 9.15am.

Everyone welcome

Small Schools' Cross Country

Tahakopa School attended this event on Wednesday 14 August at the Clinton Sports Grounds. This is after weeks of practice running around Scobie's paddock across from the school. It was very cold but dry day and great effort by all of the children.



Braydee Osborne	7 th
Alex Napier	8 th
Sarah Stephens	4 th
Liam Barrett	13 th
Clark Napier	2 nd
Jacquelyn Barrett	23 rd

Both Sara and Clark have made it through to the South Otago Cross Country event, which will be held next Wednesday at the same place. Congratulations to all!!

Other Notices

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.

Balclutha Rotary

Balclutha Rotary are hosting a Rotary conference next year (17th-19th April) with Rotarians from across the lower South Island attending(Dunedin, Invercargill, Queenstown, Geraldine, Timaru, Oamaru and everywhere in-between). Rather than having a sit down conference with speakers and talks, they are planning a project based conference where Rotarians will get out in to the community to do 'good in the hood'. They are seeking expressions of interest from 2 groups

1. A request for Rotarians to help with a working bee on the 18th
2. An expression of interest in providing services - such as catering or accommodation - a great way to do some fundraising for a club or group

The expression of interest forms are attached, or contact Balclutha Rotary Directly. Please put the word out there - this is a great opportunity to give a real boost to the area. The Rotarians consist of a diverse group of people: a wide range of ages, both men and women and kids, a wide range of skills and abilities and they may be able to bring tools or resources with them, there could be as many as 400-500 attending so be creative, try your luck and put in an expression of interest.

Thank you,

Alison

<https://balclutharotary.club>