

# Newsletter

14 August 2020



## Upcoming Events

2020	
14 Aug	Assembly at 2.10pm, school
17 Aug	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
17 Aug	Staff meeting at 2.30pm, school
19 Aug	SO Cross Country, Clinton
21 Aug	Visit from Taieri Beach School
24 Aug	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
26 Aug	School production at the hall, 7.00pm
27 Aug	TOD (Teacher Only Day)
28 Aug	TOD (Teacher Only Day)
31 Aug	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
31 Aug	PLG for teachers, Balclutha at 3.45pm
04 Sep	Bats at school
07 Sep	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
07 Sep	Staff meeting at 2.30pm, school
08 Sep	Sports Activator at school
11 Sep	Bats at school
14 Sep	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins

**Stars in Their Eyes**  
**Presenting: Katie Perry**  
**Kenny Rogers**  
**Bon Jovi**  
**Tone and I** and many more  
**Everyone welcome at 7.00pm on**  
**Wednesday 26 August at the**  
**Tahakopa Hall**  
**See you all there!**

## Our Stars



The following children worked hard on their homework and achieved 100%.

### Spelling Stars:

**Week 2** – Clark, Sarah, Alex

**Week 3** – Clark, Liam, Alex

### Basic Facts Stars:

**Week 2** – no one

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

### WALT Stars: (We are learning to...)

We are learning to show kindness for others

**Week 2** – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex

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

### Learning Stars:

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

**Week 2** – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex

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

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



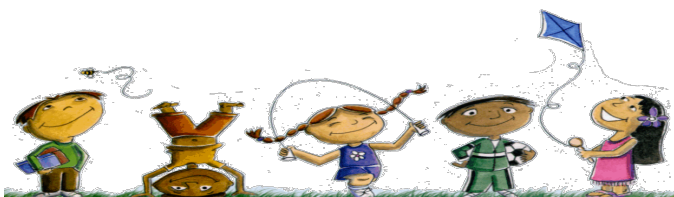
The vision has been broken into three different parts. After working with all involved with the school we have three values that fit into the ...

*forest giants*

what we want for all of our children to be and have when they leave Tahakopa School

We have three values that we wish all children to be now and when they leave our school, these are:

*Respect*  
*Honesty*  
*Kindness*



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## **BOT News:**

- Playground Equipment:

A trampoline has been ordered for the children along with a swing set. The swing set has three swings and one of these is a basket which several children can be in at the same time. We hope that these will be at school very soon for the children to use. The sandpit is also having a make over as well with more sand and a small retaining wall be put in beside the footpath. A lockable outdoor container for the sandpit equipment will also be put in place which will also provide seating as well. New sandpit equipment is going to be bought as well.

The hard court area is going to be resurfaced too in the very near future.

- Health and Safety Policy:

This policy has been reviewed and been in place for community consultation since the last meeting and has now been passed.

- Student Achievement Policy:

This policy has been reviewed and is now available for community consultation on the staffroom notice board.

- 2020 School Camp:

The BOT have decided that the school camp for all of the children will be in Hanmer Springs next year some time in the autumn. This location has been picked as there is a school for The Arts that is running programmes for children in drama, dance, music, visual art. They cater for size groups and with the children we have this will be a great experience for them all. We will also explore the local area and do other activities there as time allows, yes go to the hot pools too.

- Replacement of ICT Tools:

The BOT is going to start to replace the old out of date ipads. They are going to lease the new equipment so that the school can always have up to date tools for the children to use. Three are being bought to start this process.

## **School News:**

- Wanted:

If you have any unwanted newspapers we would love to have them at school. They are great for lighting the fire and when we are painting at school. If you have any please drop them off at school.

- Production 'Stars in Their Eyes':

The children have been working very hard on their chosen acts for this year's production. If only you could see them at school they are just amazing to see. Let's all hope that with the current situation that you will all get to see them perform in 'Stars in Their Eyes'. We have some great talent on show:

Katie Perry  
Kenny Rogers  
Tone and I  
Fred Dagg and the Trevs

Annie Leblance  
Billy Ray Cyrus  
Village People  
Aaron Watson  
Maddie and Tae  
Bon Jovi

**So come along and see them perform at the Tahakopa Hall  
on Wednesday 26 August at 7.00pm.**

- Small Schools' Cross Country:

This event was cancelled due to being at Alert level 2. Most of the children didn't actually mind this but some really wanted to complete this course as they had been working very hard over the last few weeks. All of the children have improved on their individual times, all taking minutes off from their first full race practices, great work by everyone.

- Y7 and Y8 Technology:

Due to the current Alert Level 2 conditions the Y7 and Y8 children will not be going each Monday to the catlins Area School as the 2.5m social distancing is a major issue within the current classrooms. This will stay this way until we return to Alert Level 1 in the future.



## Children's Writing



The children pick their own writing that they wish to share with everyone from the two weeks since the last newsletter.

### **Baby birds**

... and out came the claws but mama bird taught the baby birds to fly because mama bird could see that big fat cat at the bottom of the tree. The birds flew out of the tree and went to build a new nest. Now we call them the four siblings and no one knows if the four siblings are boys, girls or boys and girls even scientists have searched but can't figure it out. Some people have seen photos of them on google if you looked it up but people think the four siblings are as beautiful as a rainbow. I hope you enjoy the story of the four special siblings.

Jacquelyn

## Top Gear

Yahoo!!! James was hauling away down the street but somehow he got lost so Jeremy passed him then won. Back at the hotel, Jeremy and James were talking about their cars. James had a Mercedes class, Jeremy had a BMW 7 Series and Hammond had, hold on where's Hammond sure enough Hammond came back late that night very drunk in his Porsche 928 Turbo. The next morning Hammond had made them all nicknames James was now Mr Slowly, Jeremy is Jezza then Hammond's was Hamster. They decided that they should get out of there so Jezza gave it the jangle he was flying, Hammond went so fast that the wheels on his car passed him. Then Mr Slowly and Jezza went to the pub they got so drunk that they went to see Hamster and instead of them parking beside Hamster's car they landed on it. Hamster's car was as flat as a pancake but with some protesting from the gearbox they were off. I can tell you that the Porsche was more of a Nomoresha. Hooray cheers they had two cars left. Well, that was not the case. Mr Slowly's car was towed and Jezza's car was in the lake as sunk as the Titanic.

Liam

## Fat cat

...then the fat cat saw the mother bird flying at the fat cat and he fell out of the tree. Fat cat heard a little whisper. Are you ok? yes said the little bird in the nest. Birds do you want to go flying. Fat cat climbed up the tree mother bird went away and fat cat ate them up one by one, but one bird flew out of the tree. Fat cat climbed down the tree then he climbed up the other tree and fell out of the tree and got a sore head. Fat cat got wounded so the fat cat went inside the house and curled up on the couch and went to sleep.

Clark

In the following section the children have completed their own editing and proof reading of their work and consider their work is ready for publishing. They are working on these skills and responsibility over their time at school and as the children get older others will be added to this area in the news letter. They are still developing these skills at this time, so please forgive them for any mistakes and errors they make during this time of learning.

## **Foxy and Ruby**

Once upon a time there were two cats named Foxy and Ruby. They were brother and sister. Ruby was active and Foxy wasn't. One day Ruby was outside pouncing on mice, rats and rabbits. While Foxy was asleep on his favourite person's bed. Sleeping in the most awkward positions in the world of cats. He expects Ruby to do all the work for him. Foxy's favourite person, Sarah said she was going to get a treat for the cats. But Foxy and Ruby only heard cat not cats.

So Ruby came up with an Idea for a challenge. The challenge was who can get the most rats, mice and rabbits etc. Foxy was thinking in his teeny tiny mind: How am I going to win this outrageous competition. On the other hand Ruby was thinking in her slightly smarter mind: I've got this.

So they started the challenge. At the end of the course Ruby had won. Foxy was very disappointed. When Sarah got home, she noticed that Foxy was sad and Ruby was happy. She went over to Foxy and gave him a cuddle. She then pulled out the surprise and called Ruby over. The surprise was their favourite drink. A catpuccino!

Sarah

## **Macrocarpa tree**

Yesterday we had no school so I decided to do some firewood. I had to wait till lunchtime when Mum and Dad finished feeding out. The first tree I cut up was an old Elderberry tree that had fallen over in pips paddock where the pet sheep are. I used my 034 to cut it up because there was no need for the big 272. I took the wood back to the yard and through the big rings off on a pole to be split. I put the small stuff on the stack Then I went to the gum and started to cut up an old macrocarpa tree that got pushed over when the gum trees were felled. I cut up half the tree but then I ran out of room. On the motorbike trailer so I took it home and split it I also split the Elderberry that I had cut before.

This afternoon I am hopefully going to be able to use the bike and do a couple of loads of wood. I hope to finish this macrocarpa. And start on a big gum tree that got pushed over into the native they never cut it up because it was too big and had fallen into the bush. The first thing I will have to do is cut the root plate off, then I have to start ringing it. There will be lots of trailer loads because it is really big. I will be using my 272 and my 034 but I'll have to sharpen it first.

Alex

## Shared Story – It was a dark, cold night.

We wrote a shared story this week in class on our devices, working altogether and at the same time. We each wrote in a different colour and tried to make sure what we wrote made sense in the story that developed over the twenty minutes. The children really enjoyed this activity in writing.

Mrs Harper

Miss Hampton

Sarah

Liam

Clark

Jacquelyn

It was a dark, cold night. The rain came down with great big bucket fills as the sheep came up to the shed. They wanted to get out of the driving rain and try to get warm after spending most of the day. If it hadn't been for that silly old dog they would have been there hours ago, all safe, dry and warm. You won't believe what that dog made them do. They ended up going all over the place as the silly dog got lost and didn't know where they had to go, so hence they all ended up cold and wet. It was still raining so hard that they couldn't hear themselves think. You could hear it from miles. The next day Milly, one of the sheep went over to the shed and got inside. Milly was not worried about the rain and she got into the sheep pellets... unbeknown to Milly the sheep she did not know that Mr Jones had put some rat poison in the feed to try and catch the GIANT rats that had been getting into the bags of pellets. But these were not just ordinary GIANT rats OH no they were the ugliest rats you could ever have laid eyes on. They had teeth sharp and jagged like sharks teeth , ears big and floppy like an elephant, feet wide and long like dinosaurs but the most ugly of all was their skin, Ewwwww it was slimy and grey green in colour with a pungent smell of rotting fish Ewwwwwwwwwwwwwwww. Poor little Milly ate this rat poison and got sick. She had to get better so she stayed in the shed and got cast.

So Milly got looked at by the vet and Mr Jones got a other sheep to keep the sheep company so the sheep did. This sheep was littler than the other sheep and it bashed a ram in the paddock and the littler sheep was now a hero. For all you who don't know the silly dog's name is Silly. Silly was so retarded that when Mr Jones tells him to go and round up the sheep he would go and chase the chickens instead. Mr Jones was just getting fed up with him. You just don't realise that Silly might look cute be he again is so so so so so retarded.

“Children learn  
as they play. Most  
importantly,  
in play children  
learn how to  
learn.”

O. Fred Donaldson

Other

# Our Hut



**Next Service on Sunday 16 August, at 9.15am**

**Then on Sunday 30 August at 9.15am**

**Everyone welcome**

Kia ora

**Please collect bread tags - keeping them out of landfill and funding wheelchairs for those in need.**

If you are already collecting like thousands of other kiwis, thank you so much! If this is news to you, please read on...

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/?modal=admin_todo_tour)

**School is currently still collecting these and to date we have: 529 grams so far**

Kia ora Tātou,

2020 is a big election year! Not only are we voting for the parties and candidates we want to represent us in parliament, we are also having our say in both the End of Life and Cannabis referendums. Are you ready?

**It's easy to enrol, check, or update your details online at [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz)** using a New Zealand driver licence, New Zealand passport, or RealMe verified identity. If you need information in another language you can also find it on the front page of [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz)

You can also use a paper enrolment form – download one from the website, call 0800 36 76 56 or text your name and address to 3676 to have a form sent to you.

**Election day is Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September** and advance voting begins on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

Get ready to have your say!

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

*Albert Einstein*