

# NEWSLETTER

18 September 2020



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## Upcoming Events

2020

- 21 Sep Staff afternoon tea at 3.00pm
- 24-25 Sep Local school overnight camp
- 24 Sep Student led bat walk, 6.45pm
- 25 Sep Reports and portfolios out
- 25 Sep Last day of term 3

Term 4

- 12 Oct Start of term 4
- 12 Oct Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
- 12-15 Oct Three Way Conferences at school
- 16 Oct Bats at school
- 16 Oct SOP breakfast meeting, Balclutha
- 19 Oct Teachers PLG meeting, Balclutha
- 22 Oct BOT meeting, 3.00pm
- 23 Oct Bats at school
- 26 Oct Labour Day holiday
- 06 Nov Pet Day at school, 10.00am start

**Can't do a backwards roll?  
We can help!**

## Our Stars



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

### Spelling Stars:

**Week 6** – no tests done TOD

**Week 7** – Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

### Basic Facts Stars:

**Week 6** – no tests done TOD

**Week 7** – Jacquelyn, Clark, Alex

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

We are learning to show kindness for others

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

**Week 7** – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah

### Learning Stars:

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

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

**Week 7** – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex

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



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### *From small seeds*

Our children, who are all different, talented, special, everything they bring to school, their language, culture, and identity, what makes them unique

### *grow*

We are doing to help each child research their full potential, realise their dreams and become the very best person they are meant to be

### *forest giants*

Our children to leave our school, with our values, life long learning skills, and are positive contributors to our community and the world

### Our Values

Respect

Kindness

Honesty

### Our Learning dispositions are

Thinking Critically

Take risks in learning

Set goals

Have resilience



## **BOT News:**

- Administration Policy and Procedures:

This policy is still available for community review on the staffroom notice board.

- Student Achievement Policy and Procedures:

This policy has been accepted without any further changes and passed by the BOT.

- New BOT Member:

The BOT has co-opted Mrs Marion Harper to the board as the staff representative. We would like to welcome Mrs Harper to the board and thank her for her commitment to our school and children.

- School House:

The BOT is undertaking work on the school house, this will involve painting the house and doing any other repair work that is required.

## **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.

- Local Over Night Camp:

The children will be staying over at school next week for the night as part of our work on our local curriculum. This involved the children in beach studies, surveys, exploring the environment, leading a bat walk for their parents, cooking dinner for their parents, creating maps and problem solving and setting moth traps and collecting the data from this as well as taking a closer look at our local streams, river and water. We have several visitors coming in the evening to help the children with these activities. Everyone is welcome to come along on the bat walk with the children and parents.

The Bat walk will start at at 6.45pm (just as it is getting dark), so we will see you all down at the hall for a informative and enlightening evening walk.

- Design Thinking:

We have been working on design thinking over the last few weeks at school. This is where local issues or problems are identified and then the children developing possible answers to these problems or issues. After this they then decide on which solution they think is the best, develop this idea into a diagram and making a prototype to see if their idea would work.

Our first problem was how to aid someone to do a backwards roll when they couldn't (no actual people were used during the prototyping stage). The children then shared their prototypes and showed how they would work and why their idea would solve the problem of doing a backwards roll. (Please see below the results of their thinking and work)



## Children's Writing



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

### **Penny the Pen**

Penny is a pen that can move when you are not looking and the cool thing about Penny is she can be your friend. Penny has a house that only she can go into. Only one person knows about Penny and that person is Penny. Nobody knows about Penny. She is a nice pen .

Jacquelyn

### **Buzzy McBee**

....achuuu went Buzzy Mcbee. He went to his food .He said aachu, he splatted it over McBee I think you need to go to see Doctor Batty, Miss Mier said to McBee. Mcbee seen Doctor Batty you have got Guano. Is it good? "no:, he said . You will have to Stay here in this room.

Clark

# My New Bruder Tractor Trailer

Yesterday it was pouring down and it was windy as, so mum was picking up things that had blown down to the fence. About three days before I had ordered a Bruder tractor trailer and down in the fence was a Huge box. It was soked, but when I opened it, there was a box inside the box and that box was not wet. I opened the box and inside was the trailer. I got it out and found out how to use it. I'll tell you about it. So the sides fold down, the tale gate can do the same, it has a dump bed so it can dump off rocks, it has a stand and the color of the deck is red and the gates are grey and today I will use it.

Liam

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.

## Buzzy McBee

Achoo!! Buzzy McBee went flying through the air. He then landed on his poor little rump. Buzzy McBee was very upset. He was so upset that all the bees could hear him from Beesville. So the Mayor of Beesville told Buzzy McBees family that he was crying in the Willowomp Wood on Tootletuff Hill. Mr McBee was a bee doctor and with a flick of his stinger he was using his winger and flying to Willowomp Wood to see Buzzy who was sad on Tootletuff Hill.

In thirty bee seconds which is about three hours in human time Mr McBee was at his destination in Willowomp Wood on Tootletuff hill. Buzzy McBee was not crying anymore and he was saying he was fine but Mr McBee was not sure about that. So he got his thermometer out and tested him for any illness. Turns out Buzzy had been diagnosed with the bee sneezles. Buzzy McBee said he didn't notice any signs of sneezing. But just as he said, sneezing....  
AAAAACCCCHHHHHOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sarah

## D - 30

A few months ago we stopped in at the Owaka garage. Perry, the owner of the garage, had an old d-30 McCulloch chainsaw sitting under the bench. He said I could have it. So I took it home. Today I am starting the rebuild. I have got everything that it need, except it doesn't have a top cover. These chainsaws were introduced in 1958, they are 80 cc's, weigh 18 pounds. The shortest bar they can run is a 16-inch bar, and the longest is a 24 Inch bar that has a manual oiler. When I get home I will start resealing the front of the fuel tank. I have put a cover over where your starter housing would normally be because the pull start is on top of the saw. It hasn't done much work in its life because it still has paint on the sprocket. I made a new top cover out of tin. This afternoon I am going to paint it black. I have put a hard tip 24-inch McCulloch bar on it.

Alex

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

O. Fred Donaldson

Other

# Our Hut



**Next Service on Sunday 27 September, at 9.15am  
Then on Sunday 11 October 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 17<sup>th</sup> of October** and advance voting begins on the week before this date.

Get ready to have your say!

## Missing

One fluffy, black and white cat, called Henri. He loves people and is very friendly, since last Tuesday 5 September in the Tahakopa Village area.

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

*Albert Einstein*