

# NEWSLETTER

08 November, 2018

## Upcoming Events

Term 4	
08 Nov	Y7 and Y8 technology
09 Nov	Sports Activator at school
13 Nov	Assembly at 2.10pm, school
13 Nov	BOT meeting at school, 3.00pm
15 Nov	STRIKE DAY for all primary schools
15 Nov	Y7 and Y8 technology
19 Nov	Surfing at Curio Bay
20-23 Nov	Swimming week from 10-11am
22 Nov	Y7 and Y8 technology
26-30 Nov	Swimming week from 1-2pm
28-30 Nov	Local school camp at school
05 Dec	Sports Activator at school
06 Dec	Y7 and Y8 technology
8-9 Dec	Tahakopa Christmas Festival
14 Dec	Christmas Concert at hall, 7.00pm
18 Dec	Last day of the school year

## Christmas Concert

It is that time of the year again so put on your thinking caps and get creative and join in the fun. We would love to have acts from the community, and make this a real community event for all.

Please let us know what you wish to share.

**Friday 14 December at 7.00pm, Tahakopa Hall**

## Christmas Raffle

Christmas items wanted for the Christmas Raffle  
Please drop all items at school. **Tickets \$2 each**

## Our Stars



The following children have achieved 100% in their spelling and basic facts work. Fantastic effort and work by you all, great.

### Basic Fact Stars:

Week 3 – no tests completed

Week 4 – Sarah, Clark, Liam, Izzy

### Spelling Stars:

Week 3 – no tests completed

Week 4 – Liam, Clark, Sarah, Alex, Izzy, Casey

### From Class:

Pet Day was great last Friday. We had three lambs, three dogs and two cats. The children had a fantastic time with their pets and running their outside activities. These activities raised \$106.80, an amazing effort by everyone and lots of fun too. They added two new events, the Marble race and Fun Run. The children are looking forward to surfing and swimming in the next few weeks of term.



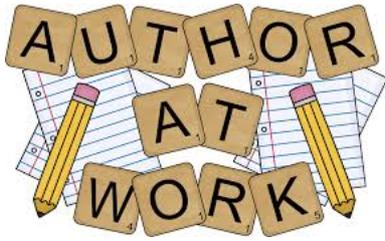
## Other items:

- Thank you to those who ordered these **2019 calendars, notepads, cards, mouse mats and diaries**. We need to have the money before the end of next week so the orders will be back in time.  
**No money no order sent**

## Pet Day Thank you

Many thanks go to our judges for making this day a success for all of the children, great weather too. The marble racing was great fun for all. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the children.





# Children's Writing



I like Izzy. She is cool. She is super cool.  
She likes other people. She makes it fair  
for people.

Jacquelyn

On Pet Day I brought Lucy for Pet Day. I dressed Lucy  
up as a fairy. Lucy looked a beautiful lamb. We gave  
Lucy one feed on Friday. Lucy has a little home beside  
the woolshed. Lucy is cute.

Clark

## **Taner and Colten's birthday party**

Me, mum and Jacky went to Taner and Colten's  
birthday party at their house on the Sunday of Labour  
weekend.

There were about 30 people at the party. When we  
got there we played on the trampoline for a while, and  
on the inflatable slide.

I enjoyed playing with the other children. Then we had  
some food, like cheerios, chippies, fizzy and cake. It  
was a really fun day

Liam

Once upon a time there was a girl called piper and her horse named Pippin.

They were on an adventure. They were galloping up the blue mountains of Australia.

One day there was zombie apocalypse . They were so terrified of what was going on. So they galloped off down the hill and told the police. The police said to never go back again.

Sarah

Yesterday after we finished decorating the hall I started up my motorbike in the workshop. Then I rode to the farm. I was doing it so I could keep myself cool.

I did skids then I went over a bump. I went fast. My bike is a 125.

Alex

On Thursday it is touch. We have to go to Balclutha at the Rec Centre in the afternoon.

We are playing two games because we missed one last week. I think we are versing Romahapa. I feel really confident and I think we are going to win.

By Braydee

My breath was white against the green leaves, cold air swarmed around me biting at any bare skin it could find. Little bugs floated around in the pale, cold moonlight. A large lake was a few metres to the east of me.

A slight movement caught my eye, a stag grazing in a patch of lucious grass across the lake, about fifty metres away. I quietly slid a bullet into place in my shotgun with a muffled click and slowly raised the barrel trying not to make to sudden movements

I took a deep breath and fired, BANG, the bullet sped passed its head and missed by an inch. The stag bolted from his spot towards a dense patch of trees, I loaded another bullet and fired again not caring about the noise I was making, the bullet hit a tree a metre from its body. The stag disappeared into the trees.

I let out a sound somewhere between a groan and a frustrated scream. I cursed at the ground, I sighed and began walking back to my little camp a few kilometres away.

"Oh well at least I got a few rabbits." I thought looking at the limp bodies hanging from my belt.

Adam looked up from the campfire when I came into view.

“Get anything besides rabbits, Jo?” He said half joking, half pleading, I couldn’t blame him, we’d had rabbit for two weeks straight.

“No, sorry.” I said still disappointed. “ I did see a large stag though.”

Adam raised an eyebrow looking curious.

I handed him the a few rabbits to skin, while I started skinning the other two. We gave some raw meat to Adam’s pup that had been sleeping the whole time, it was a five month old blue pitbull. He was training her to be a pig dog.

“When are we going back to the village?” Adam said as he turned the rabbits on the spit.

“Maybe tomorrow?” I suggested stretching out against a large rock. He nodded and handed me a rabbit.

The sunlight twinkled among the tree’s leaves as we walked the twenty kilometres back to the village.

“I wonder how Dad’s been handling the farm.” Adam said worriedly as we walked over patch of mud.

“Uncle handled it for thirteen years before you were old enough to help.” I told him.

“Yeah but he’s getting old.”

“Well not everyone can be young and fifteen like us, besides he’s got Elliot and David to help him” Elliot and David were his little twin brothers (and my little cousins), and their only thirteen years old.

“Well I wonder how much your Mum is earning.” Adam questioned.

I wondered too, my mum is the town healer and when we left she barely had any customers at all.

“I hope she’s been earning enough to for herself and Nora.”

End of Part 1

Izzy

### ***Spottle Dog***

*Camouflaged in the darkness of our room*

*As black as obsidian,*

*Sleek and as agile as a cheetah.*

*Every night we snuggle him in the lounge.*

*Yet so nice and warm.*

*Oh how soft his fur is,*

*So soft and cute*

*Barking at noises he hears 20 metres away.*

*Opening the door as he barges past,*

*Running into bed,*

*Now there is no doubt that he is sleeping,*

*Everywhere he feels comfortable.*

By Casey

# Our Hut



**Church Service on Sunday 11 November at 9.15am.**

**Then on Sunday 25 November at 9.15am.**

**Everyone welcome**