

NEWSLETTER

12 September 2019



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2019	
Term 3	
12 Sep	BOT Meeting at 3.10pm, school
16 Sep	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
17 Sep	COL visit to school
20 Sep	Bat Project at school
20 Sep	Teacher Aide applications close
23 Sep	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
24 Sep	Sports Activator at school
25 Sep	Posh day at school
25 Sep	Assembly at 2.10pm
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
17 Oct	BOT Meeting at 3.10pm, school

Teacher Aide Wanted

We are sad to say that our current Teacher Aide is leaving to take up an exciting new venture.

If you are interested please contact the school for an application package and job description. Closing date Friday 20 September at 2.30pm.

Ph: 03 415 8085 or come and have a chat,
email: principal@tahakopa.school.nz

Our Stars



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

Basic Fact Stars:

Week 6 – no test done

Week 7 – no test done

Spelling Stars:

Week 6 – no test done

Week 7 – no test done

Learning Stars:

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

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

Week 7 – Jacquelyn, Sarah, Braydee

W.A.L.T. Stars:

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

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

Week 7 – Sarah

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

Other News

Class News:

Camp was great and the children spent a lot of time outside exploring the school's back paddock, mapping it and coming up with some very interesting ideas about what different parts of it could be used for. We had a night walk, using bat detectors, no bats detected but we did discover one unusual creature out late that night, which tried to give some a fright, it didn't work!

Untreated Rough Sawn Wood:

We are still looking for this, as 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.

Change in dates:

There is a change to two dates at the end of the term. Please make sure you take note of these:

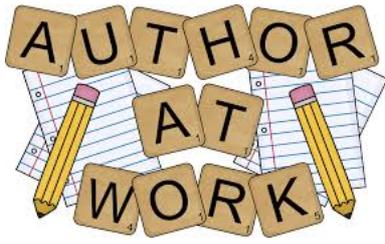
Posh Day **Wednesday 25 September**

Assembly **Wednesday 25 September**



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Children's Writing



I am staying over at Tessa

I asked Tessa and Davy if I could stay. They both said "Yes It's fine".

I was so excited, but I was very tired. We watch a movie After the movie we went to sleep. In the morning we had pikelets but they had no baking soda so they didn't rise and they had chocolate chips in them. They were very very yummy but just when they're cold they are really chewy and yucky. I don't exactly like them when they were cold but I like them when they were hot,yum. I melted chocolate on the top. I can't wait until I stay over at Tess's again. She's so much fun. Also later in the day I went to the park and I was on the seesaw and I was about to see saw when when I went on one hand like a bull rider. I can't wait until I stay over at Tess's again, it's going to be so n much fun.

Jacquelyn

Today in planet of cubes I am going to build a castle made out of concrete blocks. I am going to have a wall so I can walk on the top of it and see if any zombies are trying to break in. I am going to build some towers at the front of the castle to guard the doorway. I am going to make a staircase to the top of the walls because I need stairs to the top of the castle to see if anybody is trying to climb up it and steal my stuff. I am going to have some food storage and in the empty dungeon for the chef to cook up a great roast lamb. My favourite meal is a plater of lamb shanks and then for dessert I am going to have a triple layer cheesecake, that is delicious. I can also have a chocolate cheesecake with ice cream and I get unlimited raspberries cokes, delicious yeah. We have ice getting

all over the car to keep the king's message from any danger. I am the person who came up with the idea to build the castle so I am the smartest man in the world because I read 52 Bibles and and I know what every single word. And we also have four big missiles that we are going to launch to at the bottom of the bunker to blow them up. Then we are going to send some spies and see what we have damaged and how big the hole in the building. I have meeting every Wednesday night and we always drink some beers at the Mason, it is fun drinking the beer. We know where they are and which way they are coming from to us and trying to kill us. From the side that we are still building but we have an idea we're gonna mine under the bunkers and then blow them up from underneath. It's the only way we're going to take the other team down so we going to get out the big groups of troops that we have here today and I've already sent 5 groups and we haven't heard back from them. Then we heard from them calling us on the phone What a day that was.

Clark

Dogs

Woof woof, dogs woof
Little dogs, fat dogs, short legged dogs
Farm dogs, pet dogs
All different kinds and sizes

Liam

Pig Hunting

Last night after we dropped Jack off at his friend's place Dad and I went pig hunting. We had to get the Tika out of the gun cabinet as well as the ammo that goes with the Tika.

While Dad was putting that on the back of the ute I went back inside put on my hunting clothes . I had to make myself look as camouflage as possible so the deer or pigs do not see us. Then it was time to hit the road.

We didn't really hit the road we kind of went to the paddock next door because that is the way we go to the bush burn. But before we went up the hill we can not forget about the dogs.

We got Bud because he is aggressive but not in a bad way he is just a bit growly but he is perfect for this mission. We also grabbed Sid because he is kind of aggressive but not as bad as Bud and probably not as fast but he's probably the best dog that would help with pig hunting. Then we grabbed one more dog actually no two more dogs which where two heading dogs that are named Mush and Walt. We also grab Bear. Now if you're wondering Bear is not the alcohol it is the name of one of our hunting dogs.

Once we got our three heading dogs we hopped in the track and quietly made our way up to the bush burn. once we got to the top without the dogs and they went sniffing for pigs. I also went with the dogs just in case I found a pig all the dogs found a pig. Dad and I had walkie-talkies on us just in case there was a pig. Then the dogs and I saw a boar I called Dad on my walkie talkie told him to come up and we'll pick up the pig. The dogs keep on taking it which is a good thing but I told them to get out of it so that I could put it on my back. Dad then parked the ute at the bottom of the hill then walked up. He asked me if I wanted to carry it on my back. I said "yes please" and Dad said "ok". So I did.

I put the pig on my back and started to make my way down when suddenly... I tripped on a stump and rolled down the hill and at the end I hit a stump. But I hit the stump and the pig had a soft landing.

Sarah

McCulloch 250!

Next time we We go to Gore we will stop at Wines and get and old McCulloch 250 Chainsaw that he wants to get rid of. these saw were were Produced from 1963 to 1967. they are 4.9 cubic inch 80 cc. 18 lbs. It is a one man saw. The longest by you can run on them is 24 inches long. These saws are Direct Drive. And came with a HL carburettor.

I'm getting the saw because Wayne wanted to get rid of it. I've always wanted a McCulloch chainsaw I will restore the Chainsaw and hopefully get it running. These Were the most beautiful McCulloch chainsaw ever made. they cut very slowly but it was a very nice cut they have a manual order so you were kept busy while cutting.

These Saws are pretty rear in New Zealand they are normally found in Canada and America this one has not been run in about 20 years. they look really cool when they are restored.

Alex

Weather

Wind

The wind is howling outside like a siren, it's shaking the trees violently. When I walk outside, I feel like I'm going to be blown away by the hurricane like wind. When I'm in the car it feels like the hulk is trying to pick it up.

Hail

The hail feels like somebody is dropping marbles on you, they look like crystal balls.

Sun

The sun burns like your in an oven, if u look at it you'll see a blue dot wherever you will look for 5 minutes. It's a burning circle ring of fire that can blind you.

Rain

Rain feels like a cold shower, it feels like it's following you wherever u go.

By Braydee

Other Notices:

Our Hut



**Church Service on Sunday 15 September is at 9.15am,
Then on Sunday 29 September at 9.15am.**

Everyone welcome

- **Spring Fling Evening:**

Thank you to those who organised Saturday evening, it was greatly appreciated by all those who came along. Once again a great evening was had by all.

**Thanks for a great
night!**