

# NEWSLETTER

24 October 2019

## Upcoming Events

Term 4	
28 Oct	Labour Day holiday
01 Nov	Halloween Disco, hall at 6.30pm
04 Nov	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
04 Nov	BOT meeting at 4.00pm, school
05 Nov	Y5-Y8 Extravaganza, Balclutha
06 Nov	Y1-Y4 Extravaganza, Balclutha
07 Nov	Inside Activities for Pet Day
08 Nov	Pet Day, everyone welcome
11 Nov	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
13 Nov	Science Road Show, Balclutha
13-15 Nov	Local school camp
14 Nov	Earthlore visit to school camp
18-29 Nov	Swimming in Owaka
02 Dec	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
03 Dec	Sports Activator
06 Dec	Bats

## Halloween Disco

Come one, come all to the Tahakopa Hall

Friday 1st November, 6.30pm start.

\$5 entry for popcorn, drink and lollies.

Best costume prizes.

See you there



## Our Stars



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

### Basic Fact Stars:

Week 10 – Liam, Clark, Braydee

Week 1 – Liam, Clark, Sarah, Alex

### Spelling Stars:

Week 10 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Alex

Week 1 – Liam, Clark, Braydee

### Learning Stars:

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

Week 10 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah

### W.A.L.T. Stars:

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

Week 10 – Jacquelyn, Sarah, Braydee

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Sarah, Braydee, Clark

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

## Other News

### Class News:

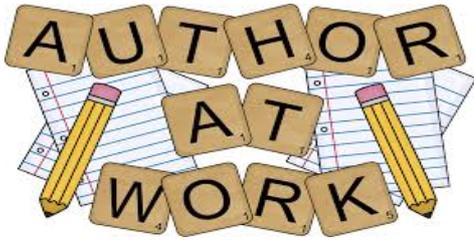
Mrs Harper has started as our new Teacher Aide this term and she is enjoying her time spent at school. This term we are looking closely at respect especially when it involves others and ourselves, it is going to be our W.A.L.T. for the term. The children are working on just what this means and have six things they think they need to do to show respect to others.

### School Internet:

We are once again having major issues with our internet connection, our current system is going to take over two weeks to fix so we have decided to change to a local company who can actually fix things quicker and we can contact ourselves with any issues. Yrless have come to the party, they actually rang on Monday to offer the school some sponsorship with our internet connection and we have taken them up on this free connection for the school. Thank you for this, we greatly appreciate it.

Thank you





# Children's Writing



## Going to school

I am a new auntie for a boy. His name is Oliver and he was born just after midnight in Dunedin. They are coming to Balclutha with Oliver and his mum and dad. He came out with a cone head shape and I cannot wait until I see Oliver. Dad told me this morning I was an auntie again.

Jacquelyn

Today Brady and I made a miniature scene out of a cardboard box from Miss Hampton's garage. I brought it out of Miss Hampton's garage, it was filled with lots of polystyrene and other junk, so I put all it back in Hampton shed. Then I brought the rubbish over to the school and put it in the bin.

The first thing we did was get in it to see how big it was and then I decided to make a miniature scene out of it. It is going to be a army bunker, we named it eagle eye, with mini trucks and other army stuff and we are going to paint it army green. Brady is going to be a charge of 500 guards and I will be charge of 500 guards too. We are going to rule the World!.

Clark

## Zack's dune buggy go-kart

On Sunday, the last day of the holidays I went to Zack's house to see his go-kart, up Beggs Track just off Clude Vale. His go-kart is made out of blue metal pipe and three motorbikes. We got it going yesterday. Dad said it went quite well. It still needs some work. Zack said the next time I go there he would let me drive it. He wants to put grip tyres on it. He is looking for a gearstick knob and a proper seat. I think it is a good go-kart, he likes it too.

Liam

## Saving Chops

Yesterday Alex and Clark came over to my house. We went down to the creek and climbed some trees. On the way back I spotted a lamb. He was cold and wet. So we sprinted back to the shed and got a woollen lamb cover. Then we sprinted back to the lamb and put the cover on him. We took him back because his mother had left him alone. We gave him some medicine and took him home. We gave him some warm lamb milk. I thought he was tired and cold so I left him to sleep. I was worried about him so I checked on him regularly. Sadly he died over night. I named him Chops.

Sarah

## Getting wet

On Sunday Joe came over, we played in the yard for a bit. Then Mitchel turned up so we went fishing down by the cattel yards. We put our lines in the water then it started to rain so we got in the truck. When it stopped raining we got out of the truck and started walking down the bank of the river. we went to the climbing tree. I tested the branch but it came crashing down! Then we found a tractor tyre so we rolled it to the side of the river, while pushing the tyre I fell in it was very cold. Then we got the tyre in the water.

Alex

## Marble run

Today Clark and I built a marble run out of plastic tubes. There was stands to build up the towers and there was bottom platforms to hold it and keep it stable. It was about 1 metre high and we made it up in a spiral so it didn't collapse. There were a bunch of different pieces you can put together like a loop the loop, curvy ones and corners. It took us 10 minutes and we also made a little one out of the spare pieces, and it didn't work because it was on a lean. The big one ran for 42 seconds and then we decided to take it apart and liam kick one over.

Clark ran out and came back with a massive box. So he laid it down and crawled inside and he told me to try and fit in as well. We somehow managed to do that and he came up with an idea to transform it into a miniature scene. So far we have cut the flaps of and we are cutting one of the faces of to make a military bunker. We will paint it green and it will be called eagle eye base.

By Braydee



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## Other Notices:

# Our Hut



**Church Service on Sunday 27 October is at 9.15am,  
Then on Sunday 10 November at 9.15am.**

**Everyone welcome**

- **Christmas Past:**

Does anyone have any photos or items or even a memory you wish to share of past Christmas's spent at Tahakopa or some other place? If you do would it be possible to borrow or copy these and use as part of this years Tahakopa Christmas Festival in December. Email: [kajh@hotmail.com](mailto:kajh@hotmail.com) or phone: 03 415 8817

- **BREAD TAGS**

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

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. You can either choose to collect, and drop them off to your nearest collection point, or you may become a collection point for your community. You can send them to school (we have quite a collection now).

## 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.