

# NEWSLETTER

06 November 2019

## Upcoming Events

Term 4	
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
15 Nov	Surfing at Curio Bay
18-29 Nov	Swimming in Owaka
02 Dec	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
03 Dec	Sports Activator
06 Dec	Bats project
09 Dec	BOT meeting at 4.00pm, school
13 Dec	Assembly at 2.10pm, school
13 Dec	Christmas Concert at 7.00pm, hall
18 Dec	Last day of the school year!!!

## Pet Day

Come one, come all to

This Friday at school 10.00am start.  
Best dressed pets, fun activities, hot food  
and kids baking  
**See you there**



## Our Stars



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

### Basic Fact Stars:

Week 2 – Liam, Clark, Sarah, Alex

Week 3 – no tests done

### Spelling Stars:

Week 2 – Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Week 3 – no tests done

### Learning Stars:

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

Week 2 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex, Braydee

Week 3 – Jacquelyn

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

We are learning to (WALT) respects others and ourselves this term.

Week 2 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Sarah, Braydee

Week 3 – none

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

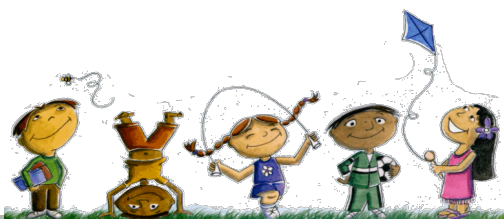
## Other News

### • Class News:

The children are busy working on their Pet Day outside activities and have come up with a new one for everyone to try if they wish. They are also looking forward to next weeks local school camp. They will be going to the Science Road Show, having a visit from Earthlore with the Bat Project, going surfing and finishing off the bat houses. An exciting two weeks.

### • BOT News:

The BOT have approved next year's school camp to Te Anau in the first term. This will also co-inside with the International Bat Conference being held in Te Anau at the same time. The school will be part of a presentation at it as we have been part of a Bat research project, which started this year and will continue into 2020.





# Children's Writing



## My worms

My worms are Ox, Katie, Reilly and Breilly and I love them. I am going to bring them to Pet Day. It is going to be very fun. Ox is the boy, Katie is a girl and Breilly and Reilly are girls too. I am taking them to Pet Day.

Katie is a small worm and she is the cutest. I cannot wait until I bring her to Pet Day. They are all coming.

Jacquelyn

## My birthday

On December 2nd is my birthday party. I am going to be turning ten. I think I am going to have a gear bike off-roading birthday and some ice cream with crunchy in it. It is going to be the best birthday of my life. I want some army LEGO, a watch, a water bottle holder for gear bike and a chocolate cake with some raspberry icing, M@m's and snakes. I am still sorting out to where we are going to go off roading. I think I have a perfect place to go. I also want some Bruder toys as well I am going to invite Blake, Brady, Luke, Harry and Austin (my rugby teammates).

Clark

## Possums

Possums are fluffy

Possums are fat

Don't try and pat them you will get scratched

Possums make good steering wheel covers and seats too

Possums are pests.

**H**orses are amazing  
**O**ver the 1.5 metre jump  
**R**acing around the race course  
**S**topping at a scary jump  
**E**ating all day  
**S**mart and intelligent horses

Sarah

## My Chainsaws

I have several amazing chainsaws. I have thirteen chainsaws: a poland 3200 cav , Mrco poland , a Homelight 20 power stroke, job mate , stihl 015 ,stihl023, stihl 026 witch gos,stihl 041 witch i have got two of. An stihl 034 ,stihl056 av, 270 pm, mcculloch 250.

I like collecting chainsaws. I've been collecting them since I was eight. I think that's when I found my first one. Three years later I have thirteen. Two of them go which I used to cut firewood. Normally if dad's doing firewood, I drop everything just to do firewood.

When I grow up to be a logger it shouldn't be an issue using a chainsaw, because I use them now. If Jacinda Ardern bans logging, I still have plenty of chainsaws so I'll just cut trees down. My dream chainsaw is a 660 Stihl or 395 XP Husqvarna. these are my two favourites.

Alex

## I Won

One hot and sunny Friday evening I was playing Badminton in Balclutha and they were hard, difficult and challenging B-grade games. I didn't win any of my long and tiring games

until my mixed doubles(boy and girl playing) where I was playing with the best person. We were competing against difficult, hard and unbeatable A- graders. It was very difficult but very exciting and fun at the same time. Will i get the lucky winning shot? I got the lucky winning shot. It was a speedy slam shot to the hard ground and the opponent team dived furiously for it but missed. We had won the fatiguing and long game, the score was 24-22.

By Braydee



## Other Notices:

# Our Hut



**Church Service on Sunday 10 November is at 9.15am,  
Then on Sunday 24 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 Festivsl in December. Email: [katjh@hotmail.com](mailto:katjh@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.

# Pet Day

Friday 8 November from 10.00am

Come along and join in the fun.

Starting with:

View inside activities

Best Dressed Pet

Pet Judging/Baking judging

Lunch

Outside Activities run by the children

Prize giving

Afternoon tea

