

Newsletter

13 November 2020



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2020	
16 Nov	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
16-27 Nov	Start of two weeks swimming, Owaka
16 Nov	Staff meeting at 2.40pm
23 Nov	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
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26-27 Nov	Local over night camp at school
30 Nov	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
01 Dec	Sports Activator at school
07 Dec	Y7 and Y8 Technology, Catlins
10 Dec	BOT meeting at 3.00pm, school
11 Dec	Assembly at 2.10pm
11 Dec	Christmas Concert at 7.00pm, hall
14 Dec	Last day of term 4
18-20 Dec	Tahakopa Christmas at the hall
2021	
1-2 Feb	TOD (Teacher Only Day)
03 Feb	Start of term 1 for all children

Christmas Concert

Friday 11 December at 7.00pm,
Tahakopa Hall

Everyone welcome, come along and enjoy the end of the year, please bring a plate for supper to share after the concert.



Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$2 each

Our Stars



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

Spelling Stars:

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Week 2 – Clark, Liam, Alex

Basic Facts Stars:

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Sarah, Alex

Week 2 – Clark, Alex

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

We are learning to be honest at all times

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

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

Learning Stars:

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

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Week 2 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, 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

We need everyones support and help to make this real for the children at our school, we need to be their role models and show them how to be the best they can be.

BOT News:

- Thank you. Thank you:

Thank you to all of you who came along and supported Pet Day this year. The weather was great, the baking amazing making for a wonderful afternoon provided by all of the children and the outside activities run by the children put everyone's talents and skills to the test. The lovely bbq lunch was to die for with venison, home made sausages and venison stir fry too. Lots of fun and laughs from everyone who came along and enjoyed a relaxing day. We have some great photos of all of the action, check out the school notice board in the office.

Thank you for supporting us on our



Pet Day 2020

- Christmas Raffle:

We are running our Christmas Raffle for the Christmas Concert can all items for this please be dropped off at school, thank you for once again supporting our school. Tickets will be available for purchase next week at \$2 each. If you want some tickets there are some available at school, see the office.

- Christmas Donations:

These will be collected over the next few weeks for the children's presents which are given to all of the children on Christmas concert night. We thank you ahead of time for your donations for this special night for the children.

- Christmas Concert:

We would love for the community to become a greater part of the Christmas Concert, so please think about being involved in performing an item of some kind.

School News:

- Thank you:

Thank you to all of you who have dropped off newspaper at school, it is greatly appreciated. They are great for lighting the fire and when we are painting at school. If you have any please drop them off at school.

- Pet Day:

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school and the children on this day. The children had worked very hard on their outside activities again this year, a great way to put all of those key competencies into practice. We had the usual activities of nail drive, gumboot throw, guess the lollies and

treasure hunt. Alex and Liam came up with a new idea this year of a mail run challenge. It was well received and not too many time penalties had to be given.

A big thank you goes to all of our judges, as we couldn't have the day without you.

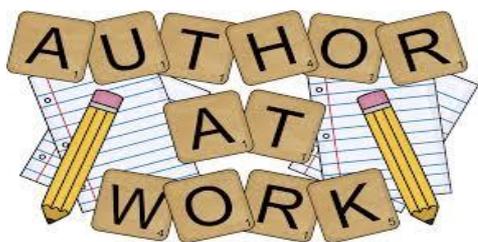
- Dunedin Museum Trip:

We had an amazing time at the Dunedin Museum and I don't think there was anything the children did not see. We were able to save any of the children from being eaten by the dinosaurs but it was a close call at times. The donuts we had, now that is what we call a jam filled donut and afternoon tea wasn't bad either. \$6 doesn't go very far now days.

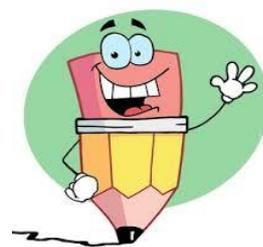
- Whenua Project:

The children have worked out a written agreement which they and their parents need to sign so that they can work on the Whenua Project as it requires some very different skills using some tools that children do not usually use during school learning. These have been sent home for discussion and signing.

They are working on the first part of the Whenua Project and that is making an area for organic waste so that it can all be put in one place and not just anywhere which is the case at present. Then the tidy up of the paddock can begin in earnest.



Children's Writing



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

Dog

I am so excited I might finally get a dog and it will be small. It might be a chahahawa dog but I do not care if it is big or small.

Jacquelyn

Fun with Dad

Yesterday we were going to jump up and down. I was pretending that I was the cowgirl and Dad was the horse. I got up on my Dad and he jumped up and down. Me and my Dad had fun too . I Was scared because I didn't want to fall off.

Billie

Karate Cat

The karate cat cut his kicking karate cat foot on a kitten cat toy .The karate cat can not walk so the cat crawled to the kitten bed and curled up in a circle

Clark

Ground Work

For the last week dad has been doing lots of ground work in the paddock beside the house. It was in crop last year but because we moved crop paddocks we are putting it into grass.

How you do that is; first grub it, how you do that is you attach a gruber on to the tractor and drive round the paddock with it lowered in the ground and that rips up the hard soil.

then disk it, by doing that you tow a trailer like frame with large metal, angled disks attached that cut through the ground.

Next you would spred lime out, the way that most people would probably use a bulky but we have a trailer bulky that we tow behind the tractor it chucks the lime out around the paddock.

After that you rotary it some people use a power harow but we only have a drag around which we drag around after we rotary hoe. What both of these things do is make the ground soft so the seeds go in well. You then sow it, that is easy all you do is fill the seeder loader seeder turn the seeder on and in straight rows until the paddock is seeded.

After all of that you roll it. And all that dose is cone packed the seed in to the ground. Now we are at the stage of rotary hoeing 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.

Owaka Gymkana

On Saturday I got up at 6:30am and fed my lamb. Next I went and got Mickey's saddle, bridle, my pony club saddle blanket and the competition brushes(which are the cleanest brushes that we have)and put them in the car whilst Mum was feeding the calves. We would usually pack the car up the night before as we would not have time to do it in the morning, but as we were only going to Owaka we didn't have to leave until 8:00. When Mum came back from the calves she did the same but put her horses stuff in the car. Around about 7:15, Alex and Clark came because their mum and dad were at a school reunion and would not be home to look after them.

When they arrived it was time to load the ponies onto the float. When we got to the pony club grounds we unloaded the horses and started brushing them. Once I had finished brushing Mickey I then oiled his hooves so that I would get extra points and so his hooves would not dry out. Oiling their hooves makes them look enchanting. After that I put his saddle blanket and his saddle on him. While I was getting changed Mum put his bridle on. I then hopped on and headed over to where we waited to be put into groups.

I was put in group three. In my group there was Millie, Olivier, Jessica, Ruby, Lana and I. The classes we did were: Best Paced and mannered, Turnout, Best Rider, Best Pony Club Mount and Best Hunter over a jump. I was so happy because at the prize giving I came third overall. Around lunch time, Millie and I walked the Showjumping course.

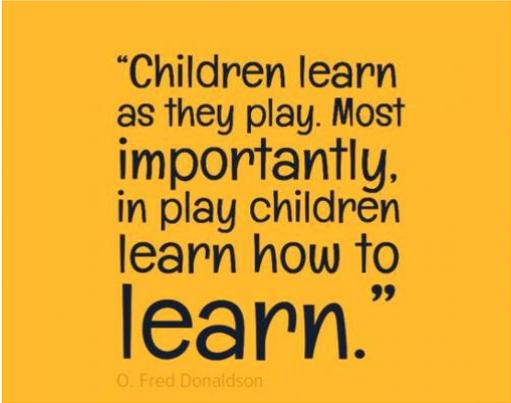
Millie and I did odds and evens together.

Sarah

The Whenua Project

Yesterday I brought my cs 590 Echo timber wolf chainsaw to school for the Whenua project where we are cleaning up the glebe out the back of the school. I started cutting all these tiny trees down where the bomb fire is going to go so now I can cut three sycamore trees down and cut them up. We found a new place to put the firewood. I have already got a wee pile to add to the stack.

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 22 November, at 9.15am

Then on Sunday 6 December 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

School is currently still collecting these and to date we have: 1449 grams so far

Wanted:

Some land in the Tahakopa Valley to build a home on or a house and section. Can you help? Email katjh@hotmail.com

Tahakopa Christmas

December Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th
From 10.00am to 4.00pm
Tahakopa Hall



Special Events

Friday 18 December - Christmas High Tea at 1.30pm
Christmas Lights Supper from 9.00pm
Tickets \$10 (no door sales)
Sunday 10.30am church service and shared lunch

Everyone welcome
Come and enjoy
Contact: Katrina 03 415 8817 or katjh@hotmail.com

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

Albert Einstein