

Newsletter

19 March 2020



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2020	
Term 1	
23 Mar	Otago Anniversary weekend
27 Mar	Prime Lambs collected + judged
30 Mar	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
07 Apr	BOT meeting at 3.00pm, school
09 Apr	Reports and portfolios out
09 Apr	Last day of term 1
10 Apr	Easter - Good Friday, no school
27 Apr	ANZAC day holiday, no school
28 Apr	Start of term 2
30 Apr	Bat Project at school
04 May	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
4-8 May	Parent, Child conferences
11 May	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
13-15 May	TOD's, no school for children
18 May	Y7 and Y8 technology, Catlins
21 May	Gymsports festival in Balclutha



Prime Lamb Competition

postponed

Our Stars



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

Basic Fact Stars:

Week 6 – Alex

Week 7 – no tests done on camp

Spelling Stars:

Week 6 – Alex

Week 7 – no tests done on camp

Learning Stars:

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

Week 6 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex

Week 7 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

W.A.L.T. Stars:

We are learning to (WALT) use our manners in all situations with all people.

Week 6 – Jacquelyn, Liam, Sarah

Week 7 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

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

Other News:

2020 Term dates:

- Term 1 27 January until 9 April (Easter and ANZAC are in the holidays)
- Term 2 28 April until 3 July
- Term 3 20 July until 25 September
- Term 4 12 October until 16 December

South Otago Athletics Day:

- All three children, Clark, Sarah and Alex had a great day in Balclutha, amazing effort.
- Clark has made it through to the next level in Invercargill for both the 800m and 1500m races for his age group. To be held in term 4 of this year.

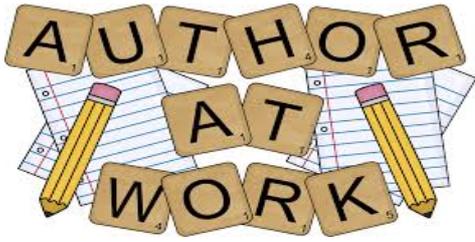
BOT News:

- The new 5 and 10 Year property plans have been signed off
- The Health and Safety policy has been reviewed and is available at school for community consultation until the next BOT meeting in April.
- The BOT has cancelled all school activities that involve other people, visits and assemblies until further notice due to COVID-19.
- Procedures have been put in place in case of school closure and/or self-isolation for the children to continue their educational learning online as the COVID-19 situation develops.



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Children's Writing



Mudflats

Liam satisfyingly ripped the box apart so he could sit on the box. It was very sticky and slippery. I and Liam could hardly stand. I and Liam looked at the seaweed and shells, some were joined.

Chook and Mr Morely

Good morning Chook. I will have to feed you Chook or you will turn into a angry woman. Just then Chook flew up into a high tree and Mr Morely said get down right now Chook! You are hungry aren't you? And then Chook said no and Mr Morely said you spoke. You really are a magical chook.

After that he went to a magical animals contest and he won and it was a whole bag of chook food. Chook said it would last a while. It was grain and grain was his favourite food.

Chook was the right size for Mr Morely and he loved Chook and Chook loved Mr Morely too. Sometimes Mr Morely took Chook to the park. But one day Chook broke his feathery wing and Mr Morely took him to the vet.

Jacquelyn

Miss Hampton

We went on the jet boat and launched it into the Waiau River. We went to Lake Manapoui and got off the jet boat onto the beach. We went on the yre swing and looked at a hut. Then we got in the boat and took off up the river.

The Hamilton turn is a 360. When we got back to shore Miss Hampton threw up and Miss Hampton smelled like rotten eggs. We didn't want to smell her.

When Sarah Came Over

When Sarah came over after school camp on Saturday morning we went on the trampoline. I did 20 front flips. Sarah did 18 front flips too.

Then we went inside because ot got too hot. When we came outside I got on the trampoline. I tried to do a front flip and I landed on the springs. It was entertaining. I laughed my head off.

Clark

Mudflat Survey

On the 11 March Jacquelyn and I started doing our mudflat survey. We went down to the Catlins Estery, of course at low tide or else we'd be swimming. I got soaked in the first five seconds. It was boring and we found nothing. It was nippy and my boots had mud on the inside and out. We had to make seats out of boxes.

The next day we went to Jack Bay Road. At Jack Bay Road we found mud crabs, poo worms. We also saw whelks, mud snails, top shells, horn snails, lug worms. For birds we saw black swans, herons, oyster catchers and some seagulls.

We did go to another location in the same area but there was nothing.

Bogged on Sunday

Andrew Haulage has been dumping ground scrapes in our swamp. The truck they drove was to big for the job and they got bogged. So they dumped their load and drove off.

Dad went down with our fiat to sort it out but he got stuck. So he called us and we picked him up. He drove the relic David Brown 990 tractor and I towed him out.

Then Mum, Jacquelyn and I cruised home leaving Dad to finish the job.

Liam

The Glow Worm Caves

On the Monday 9th March 2020 at 5.45pm we were boarding the ferry to go to the glow worm caves. When we got to the wharf we walked to a hut and got sorted into four groups of fourteen.

Some people had a nature talk at the hut whilst we went into the deep brunette glow worm caves. When we walked into the ebony caves we had to twist and turn and duck under rocks so we didn't leave any of us behind.

When we got into the caves I was facinated by what the glow worms caught their prey with. When we came out of the caves I had the best time...

The Three Musketeers

One hot sunny day there were the three musketeers. Their names were: Willy, Billy and Milly. They were on the way back from Milford Sound when Bob the bus driver stopped at te Anau Downs to have a look at the picturesque veiw.

Willy, Bily, and Milly or as I should say the three musketeers saw two colossal boulders and they started to do funny poses.

Sarah

Decapitation

On school camp last week in Te Anau. On the first day, we played frisbee golf. we bought four frisbees at the Warehouse. When we got to the frisbee golf course we looked at the map then we went to the first hole Miss Hampton said throw your discus. Now first I threw mine, it hit the tree. Clark threw his it hit a tree, seriously hit it, it didn't go very far, and that's when we noticed the sign caution flying frisbees.

Frisbee golf is fun, however you should wear a hard hat because no matter where you hide your not safe.

New Digger

At home we have an old 9-tonne Hitachi. We need a new one because the old one is about to fall apart. Dad wants a bigger digger so he can reach further. The biggest digger we can get is a 12-tonne because it might get stuck in the swamp.

The other day some people came to look at the digger to see if they wanted to buy it. I can't wait for it to turn up because I am so excited to have a play on it.

Alex

Other Items:



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. The organisation is 100% run by volunteers.

You can send them to school (we have quite a collection now).

A lot has happened since this community newsletter was put together last week. School is now closed for the next four weeks with all of the children doing their learning online and everyone is in lockdown. Life as we know it has changed for a time.

Remember others at this time in your families and communities and think of creative ways to stay in touch, show that you care and think about them. If everyone does their bit, there won't be any need for it all to go beyond the four weeks.

Find the board games, cards and jigsaw puzzles for the wet cold days and go out into the sun and enjoy the garden and your pets on the sunny days or go for a lovely walk. Read that book, email a friend, do some baking and put it in someone else's mail box as a surprise. Most of all stay well and safe, each and everyone of you is important in this life and have a special part to play that no one else can.