

School Newsletter No 10
12 April 2024



'A Journey of Growth - To Be the Best We Can'

Reminders

Term 1 2024

Fri 12 Apr Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Mon 29 Apr First day of Term 2
Thurs 9 May Technology Year 7/8
Mon 13 May Sports Activator
Tues 21 May Rippa Rugby Tournament
Thurs 23 May Technology Year 7/8
Tues 28 - 31 May Year 5 & 6 Camp - Pukerau
Mon 3 June King's Birthday - public holiday - no school
Tues 4 June Teacher only day, - no school for students
Wed 5 June Sports Activator
Thurs 6 June Technology Year 7/8
Mon 10 June School Photos
Thurs 20 June Technology Year 7/8
Fri 28 June Matariki - public holiday, no school
Mon 1 July Sports Activator
Thurs 4 July Technology Year 7/8
Fri 5 July Last day of Term 2

Term 4

Mon 11-15 Nov Year 7/8 Camp - Stewart Island

From the Principal's Desk

"A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it."

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Wow! What a busy term it has been but we have made it! It is fantastic to see how quickly the students have settled into learning in their new environment. It is lovely and warm, quiet and light. Next term, we intend opening the spaces up for families and interested people to come and have a look at the students as they are learning in their new environment.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding yesterday and our apologies for any inconvenience when we had to make the decision to send students home early from school. Knowing that we were going to be without power and water for a considerable length of time, the school was unable to function effectively. It was an opportunity to review our processes, which overall worked well.

Well done to all the students who took part at the Otago Swim Championships last weekend. A special mention to Monty who was placed sixth in the 9&U 50 Free Finals.



I wish everyone a great holiday and we look forward to settling into the new school next term.

Ngā mihi nui

Val Ward
Principal

Attendance

There has been a lot in the media of late about attendance. Attendance rates across New Zealand have been falling and are worse than in other comparable countries. Most recently, (September 2023) primary school regular attendance fell to only 45.9 %. This is concerning, because the evidence is clear that regular attendance is really important for learning, wellbeing, and life outcomes.

‘Regular attendance’ is when a learner misses less than a week of school a term. The expectation for regular attendance is 90%. The government has set a target of ensuring 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

At Clutha Valley School as of today, 66% of our students' attendance is 90% or greater. As a school we have a target in 2024 for 70% of students to attend greater than 90% of the time. This is the same target set for all schools across South Otago. It is interesting to note that attendance in Term 4, 2023 was close to 80% so we can do it!

‘Non-regular attendance’ is when learners miss a week or more of school in a term. A day here and there adds up to a lot.

Learners who miss a week of school each term or one day of school every two weeks will have missed out on a year of schooling by the time they are 16.

31% of our students' attendance is between 70% and 89%. Many of these students are close to reaching the 90% threshold which is great. Of concern though are the 3% of students who have attendance of less than 70%. The attendance of these students is being closely monitored.

SWIMMING POOL

The school pool is now closed. Please return your fob to the school office if you:

- Are likely to lose it over winter.
- Will be shifting from the area.
- Are unlikely to want a key next season.

Otherwise please keep it in a safe place to be reactivated once you've paid for next season.



CVPS PTA Chromebook Subsidy Guidelines

Clutha Valley PTA has agreed to make a one-off payment to students of \$150 subsidy towards the purchase of their chromebook to align with Clutha Valley Primary School, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy.

These guidelines have been developed in order to make the subsidy process fair and transparent.

Guidelines:

One subsidy per child during their enrolment at Clutha Valley Primary School

Students must be Year 4 and above.

Subsidies for students in Year 8 must be applied before 30th June.

Subsidy payments will be paid into the bank account of the purchaser.

Attached to this request please include:

Name of child

Age and School Year of child

Bank Account details of the purchaser.

Copy of invoice (photocopy, photograph, or scanned copy accepted).

Correct documentation to be emailed to the school office.

(office@cluthavalley.school.nz) attention: CVPS PTA Treasurer/Chromebook Subsidy, or a copy can be left at the school (c/o CVPS PTA Treasurer).

Payment:

Payment will be made within 2 weeks of receiving the correct documentation into the bank account provided.

Any queries, please discuss with any member of the CVPS PTA, school teachers, or principal.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS (ICAS) 2024

Students are invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) programme. The competitions completed online are available for Year 3 to 8 students in all subjects except for writing which is for Year 4 - Year 8 students. They provide an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies Skills. All students receive a certificate, an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The student report is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in skills and processes in the ICAS they participate in.

Certificates are awarded for each year level in New Zealand as follows:

High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants

Distinction to the next 10% of entrants

Credit to the next 25% of entrants

Merit to the next 10% of entrants

Participation to all other participating students

The Competition Dates are:

ICAS SUBJECT	ICAS SITTING DATE	COST
Digital Technologies	5 Aug – 9 Aug 2024	\$21.50
Science	19 Aug – 23 Aug 2024	\$21.50
Writing	5 Aug – 9 Aug 2024	\$27.75
Spelling	19 Aug – 23 Aug 2024	\$21.50
English	12 Aug – 16 Aug 2024	\$21.50
Mathematics	26 Aug – 30 Aug 2024	\$21.50

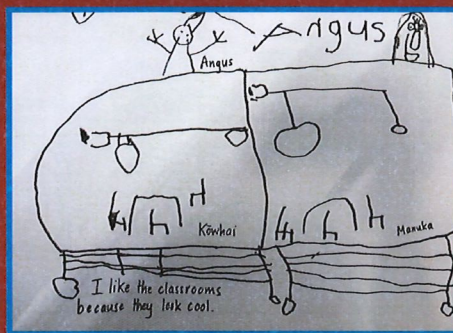
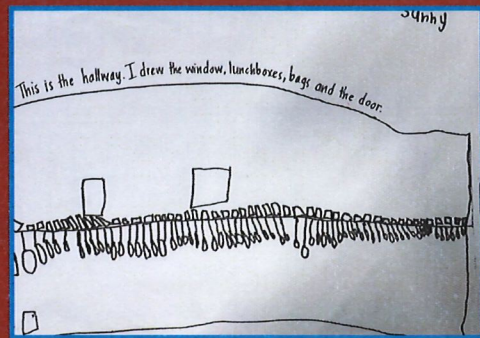
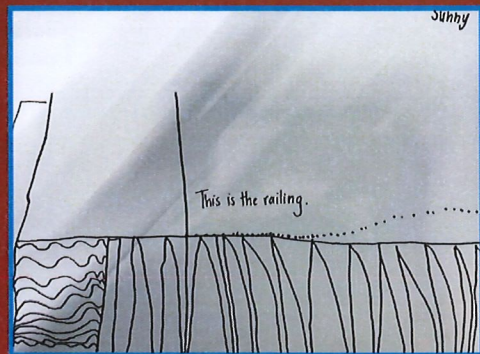
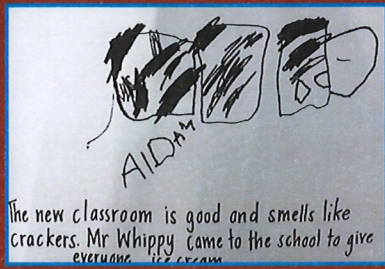
Please make payment before **28 June 2024**.

Teacher Only Day, Tuesday 4 June

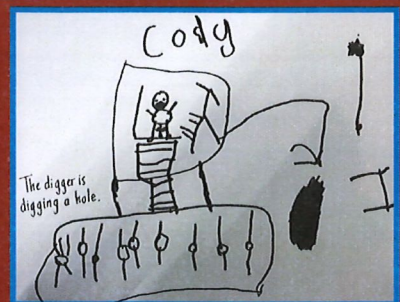
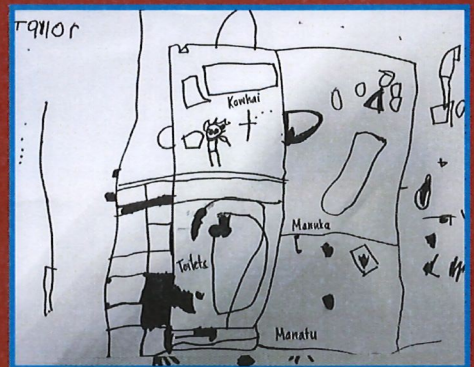
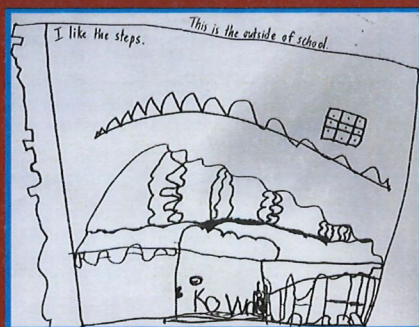
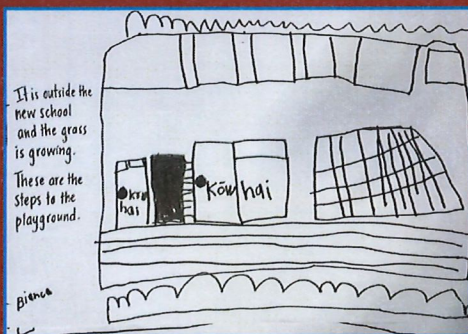
On Tuesday 4 June, we will be joining with other South Otago schools to hold a Teacher Only Day, based around Mathematics. This day follows King's Birthday, making it a long weekend.

This is the first of two days this year which schools across the country have been directed to take by the Ministry of Education.

The New School



by Kowhai



SCHOOL TERMS 2024

Term 1 Tuesday 30 January - Friday 12 April

Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 Monday 14 October - Monday 16 December

BUS DRIVER CONTACTS



Please find below the contact information for the bus drivers:

Awamangu Bus	Neville Waters	0274183958 (relief driver Andrew Begg 021349148)
Wharetoa Bus	Adele Byers	4159150 / 0274716516 Monday, Wednesday, Friday
	Herbie Edmonds	0274366229 Tuesday, Thursday
Popotunoa Bus	Kevin Jenkinson	0223250690
Rongahere Bus	Murray Dickie	0274904500
	Deb Kinder	0274139381 Relief Driver
Puketi Bus	Warner Reid	4159150 / 0274374669

PLEASE CONTACT THE BUS DRIVER IN THE MORNING IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE ON THE BUS. PLEASE ALSO BE ON TIME.

Each teacher is responsible for a bus run. If you have any concerns regarding the buses please contact the appropriate teacher:

Awamangu	Tiffany McRae
Puketi	Sophie Dempster/Grace Tilbury
Popotunoa	Michaela Brouwer
Rongahere	Fiona Wilson
Wharetoa	Jody Louw
Walkers	Reegan Tourell

Please contact the school if your child is not travelling on the bus in the afternoon or is on another bus. If we have not been informed of alternative travel arrangements your child will be sent home on their usual bus. Some buses are close to full so you need to check with the DRIVER to make sure there is room for your child to travel.

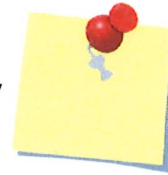
School Blogs 

OUR WEBSITE LINK IS: <http://www.cluthavalley.school.nz/>

OUR FACEBOOK LINK IS: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clutha-Valley-Primary-School/1679447322276417>

Community Notices

The school takes no responsibility for the accuracy and/or validity of the following notices. Donation to accompany newsletter advertisement.



Clutha Valley Community Church

We warmly invite you to join in our weekly family friendly services at Clydevale.

Service Time: Sunday 10am

Where: On the hill directly ahead as you go over the Clydevale bridge

All services are followed by a supplied morning tea.

Please note: There is no service on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Everyone most welcome.

11 Manse St
Clydevale
Contact: G Hunter (03) 4859-567



Clutha Valley mainly music

You are invited to join us each **Wednesday, 10.15am** during the school term at the Clutha Valley Community Church

This is a fun interactive and educational 30-minute music programme for preschool children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This music session is followed by a supplied morning tea for children and adults followed by a play time for the children.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet with others in our community.

This mainly music programme is run by volunteers from the Clutha Valley Community Church.

A small cost of \$3 per session/family is required.

Further enquires to Pam Hunter - 034859567 Mob. 0274859020
or Sue Harrex 4183975 Mob. 0221698536

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT CLUTHA VALLEY RUGBY

SPONSORS DAY

VALLEY



CLUTHA

**JUNIORS TO PLAY BEFORE
SENIORS 3PM**



MAY 18, 2024 | 3 PM



South Otago Theatrical Society
presents

Blackadder IV
GOES FORTH

7:30PM Friday April 19th • 7:30PM Saturday April 20th
2:00PM Sunday April 21st • 7:30PM Thursday April 25th
7:30PM Friday April 26th • 7:30PM Saturday April 27th

SOTS Theatre, 4 George Street, Balclutha

Email to purchase tickets:
tickets@sots.org.nz

\$25 Adult ticket \$20 Concession ticket

Pop-Up Ticket Sales
Te Pou O Mata Au, 4/6 Clyde Street, Balclutha
11AM - 1PM Wed 27th March • 11AM - 1PM Wed 3rd April,
11AM - 1PM Wed 17th April • 11AM - 1PM Wed 24th April

Cross Recreation Centre
home of recreation & sport

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
2024

3 DAYS OF EACH TERM BREAK
FUN ACTIVITIES AND GAMES TO
KEEP CHILDREN PHYSICALLY
ACTIVE AND ENTERTAINED

Dates:
Tuesday-Thursday 16-18 April 2024
Tuesday-Thursday 9-11 July 2024
Tuesday-Thursday 1-3 October 2024

Cost:
School Day session - 9.00am-3.00pm
(doors open 8.30am)
\$40.00 per child per day
\$30.00 per extra child per day

Morning Session - 9.00am-12noon
(doors open 8.30am)
\$30.00 per child per morning
\$20.00 per extra child per morning

Enquires:
Please contact Lara, 418 3470
info@crossrecreationcentre.co.nz

Register online at:
www.crossrecreationcentre.co.nz

Like and Follow us on social media to keep up to date with all of our activities and events
@crossrecreationcentre

BIG RIVER COUNTRY
HAVE A GO DAY

Great opportunity for kids to learn new skills, tips and tricks. There will be a range of stations for the children to explore and learn off the BRC players!

SUNDAY 19 MAY
9AM - 3PM
BALCLUTHA SHOWGROUNDS
\$30 PER CHILD

BIG RIVER COUNTRY

BRC WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT AND ARE EXCITED TO HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT WITH CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY!

*Please bring a drink bottle & plenty of snacks

AGES 5-13
PRIZES UP FOR GRABS
BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED
ALL GENDERS

CONTACT:
To register your child please text your child's name, age & emergency contact to one of the following numbers before Sunday 12 May:
Tayla - 0278214002
Sam - 0279527650

We look forward to hearing from you!



BALCLUTHA KIDS FUTSAL CLASSES

\$90
per term

SKILLS SESSIONS

All skill levels welcome
Ages 7 - 12

Skills sessions + games aimed at improving
confidence, skills, fitness and knowledge of futsal

Facebook: [Dunedin Futsal Academy](#)

Call us: 027 784 2201

Email us: dunedinfutsalacademy@gmail.com

MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

SOUTH OTAGO & NORTH OTAGO

Otago Hockey and Otago Cricket join together for
multisport days featuring a variety of sports!

Ages: 4-12

Dates: Tuesday 16th April (North Otago Hockey Turf)

Wednesday 17th April (South Otago, Balclutha
Showgrounds)

Time: 10am - 3pm

Price: \$25 per child

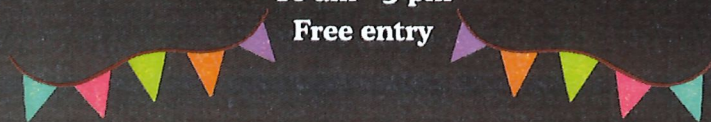




45° Fibre

~ DEEP SOUTH FIBRE FESTIVAL

Come along to the
Gore Town & Country Club
2 Bury Street, Gore
on Saturday, 4th of May
10 am - 3 pm
Free entry



**We'll have a kids corner,
where all the cool crafts will be.**

(No cost to your parents.)

Food & Drink Trucks
including candy floss, ice
cream
(and healthy stuff too)

Have a go at:
weaving, knitting, cross stitch
pompom animals,
plaiting rats tails,
daisy-making

Fibre Animals
to meet and pet

(There will be stuff to keep the adults busy, too.)

Celebrating all things fibre.
Email: 45fibre@gmail.com
Phone: 021 522 502

With thanks to our sponsors:



Year 1 & 2 Future Ferns Netball Programme **Balclutha**

Starting Wednesday 1st May 2024 – Wednesday 12th
June 2024. (No netball on Wednesday 29th May)
Time: 4.00 – 4.45/5

Where: Cross Recreation Centre

Please wear appropriate shoes and bring a drink
bottle.

Cost: \$30.00

Please register on the sporty link

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/232865>

Please add Balclutha into the 'additional information' box when
registering.

If you have any questions please email
southotagojuniornetball@gmail.com

