

School Newsletter No 7

17 March 2023

Reminders



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

Term 1 2023

Mon 20 Mar	Otago Anniversary Day, Public Holiday, no school
Sat 25 Mar	Southland Athletics
Sun 26 Mar	Otago Swimming
Mon 27-Fri 31 Mar	Camp Te Anau Year 7/8

Tues 4 Apr	Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 Football Tournament
Thurs 6 Apr	Last Day of Term 1

Fri 14-Sun 16 Apr	The Valley Roar Hunting and Fishing Competition
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From the Principal's Desk

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more
and nothing but happiness come through your door".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

A very big thank you for your understanding yesterday when the school was closed because teachers and principals across the country took strike action. We certainly appreciate your support. Strike action is not something the profession takes lightly. It is not all about pay. It is as much about the need for smaller class sizes, more time for individual students and more learning support staffing, all of which would have a direct impact on the education of your children.

Well done to the students who took part in the Triathlon on Tuesday. There were some amazing results as outlined below. This was a fun event, enjoyed by the students. Once again the quality of our swimming was highlighted.

This week we had our second visit from Paul Skipper (Skip) our new Sports Activator. The students enjoyed learning some new touch skills. Having the Sports Activator in our school on a regular basis helps to provide our students with a range of experiences in a variety of sports.



This week we also had a visit from Phillipa Dick, who runs a programme across South Otago schools which focuses on tools to support students for their future learning. This week the Kowhai team explored robotics through playing with robots. The Kanuka/Manatu team experimented with ways to fold paper in order to create pop-up books and/or cards. Further up the school, Phillipa worked with students looking at playgrounds and their design. Phillipa will be visiting twice more this term to work with other students within the school.

Well done to the following students who took part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) competitions last year:

Writing	Aaron	Participation
	Jairah	Participation
Spelling	Cedric	Participation
	Jyrus	Credit
	Aaron	Participation
	Jayden	Credit
Maths	Jairah	Merit
	Cedric	Participation
	Jyrus	Distinction
	Aaron	Participation
	Jayden	Credit



A special mention to Jyrus who achieved the distinction award in Mathematics. This placed Jyrus in the top 11% of students in New Zealand. Well done.



On Wednesday twelve students took part in the Clutha Enviroschools day at the Cross Recreation Centre. This was a hands on day filled with lots of activities which explored aspects of environmental sustainability.

The students had lots of fun playing some traditional Māori games and learning about native plants that can be used for rongoā (medical purposes). The students also learned about zero waste. Part of this included the students taking a waste free lunch; something I would like to promote and strongly encourage families to consider. Thank you to Fiona Wilson, our EnviroSchool coordinator and Ezra Blair for transporting and accompanying the students.

A reminder that there will be no school on Monday because of Otago Anniversary weekend. Enjoy the long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Val Ward
Principal

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held on Monday 3 April, 7pm at school. All welcome.

PTA AGM and General Meeting, Wednesday 5 April 7.30pm. School Staffroom. All welcome!

All children in the school benefit from the efforts of our PTA. We would love some more committee members. Whether you prefer to organise, offer ideas or just help out when you can, come and find out how you can support the school.

Apologies to chantelle@cluthavalley.school.nz 😊

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY - OTAGO ANNIVERSARY

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

The Ministry of Education have issued schools with a mandatory Teacher Only Day to support the new curriculum refresh. This day has to be taken in the first 2 weeks of Term 2. **We will be having our Teacher Only Day on Monday 24th April as the following day is ANZAC Day.**

VALBOURNE CUP

Support our pool fundraiser and get your tickets for the Valbourne Cup. Early bird prices end on Sunday!



Valbourne Cup
a night at the races

Dress up for a fun-filled night of virtual horse racing & casino games!

Hosted by CVPS Pool Development Committee to raise funds for further pool upgrades.

Tickets are \$55 pp & include \$100,000 funny money, nibbles & your choice of a delicious light meal from the Bogan Bakehouse food truck. Get in quick! No door sales!

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A bar and courtesy coach will be operating.

Fashion in the field prizes (best & funniest dressed).

Email cvpspool@gmail.com for online ticket sales.

Cash sales available during March (until sold out) at Clutha Valley Primary School, Greenfield Tavern & Clutha i-SITE Visitor Information Centre.

Visit the Clutha Valley Swimming Pool [Facebook](#) page for further details.

Clutha Valley Community Centre
Saturday 1st April at 6.30pm

Early bird special \$50 until 12th March!

Clutha Valley School Triathlon Teams Provisional Results

Year 7 / 8 Teams

Valley Mustangs- 2nd (30.03) Run: Teitia Ketike Bike: Hugh Craig Swim: M.J Malaga	Valley Hotdogs- 3rd (34.15) Run: Honor Phillips Bike: Erika Bocock Swim: Awhina Wanahi	Valley Girlz- 4th (34.42) Run: Eva Hunter Bike: Ruby McHaffie Swim: Dorothy Wilson
Valley Dominators- 1st (33.39) Run: Semi Yalewanirabe Bike: Henry Begg Swim: Aaron Arndt	Valley Big Macs- 3rd (30.53) Run: Chase Cambridge Bike: Hudson Allan Swim: Santiago Rattin Gonzalez	

Year 3 / 4 & 5 / 6 Teams

Valley Veins- 4th (34.35) Run: Fritz Bineati Bike: Joseph Johnston Swim: Jyrus Gelacio	Valley Speedsters- 2nd (25.09) Run: Jake McHaffie Bike: Axel Semmens Swim: Anaru Unahi	Valley Spiders- 10th (29.23) Run: Asher Johnston Bike: Liam Begg Swim: Axel Semmens
Valley Lightning- 3rd (30.30) Run: Juliana Malaga Bike: Sophia Cambridge Swim: Mia De La Harpe	Valley Goofy's- 1st (24.46) Run: Stanley Phillips Bike: Pierrie Martin Swim: Tane Wanahi	Valley Avengers- 2nd (27.52) Run: Lusiana Ramabuke Bike: Geordy McCammon Swim: Henry Harwood
Valley Rockets- 1st (28.34) Run: Robert Ketike Bike: James McLeod Swim: Monty Wilson	Valley Comets- 2nd (28.40) Run: Marc Madayag Bike: Hudson Blair Swim: Jack Unahi	

Individuals

Year 7 Lucy Craig- 10th (47.55)	Year 6 Charles Wilson- 13th (28.29:6) Archie Allan- 12th (28.29:2)	Year 5 Hunter Steel- 7th (24.55)
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Congratulations to all the competitors but particularly Valley Dominators, Valley Rockets and Valley Goofys, who were placed 1st.

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Tuesday 4 April 2023.

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

If your child is already under-care / wears glasses? You do not need to opt-off as we will not be screening your child but have a note for them to take home.

SCHOOL INVOICES

School invoices will be sent out next week. They will include fees for Touch, Hockey, Cricket, South Otago Triathlon, South Otago Swimming, Otago Swimming and Tech fees for Year 7 & 8. As a lot of these events have started or already occurred please can these be paid as soon as possible. If there are any concerns with your school account please contact the office either by phone 03 4159105 or email office@cluthavalley.school.nz.



THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS (ICAS) 2023

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	7 Aug – 11 Aug 2023	\$20.70
Science	21 Aug – 25 Aug 2023	\$20.70
Writing	7 Aug – 11 Aug 2023	\$27.03
Spelling	21 Aug – 25 Aug 2023	\$20.70
English	14 Aug – 18 Aug 2023	\$20.70
Mathematics	28 Aug – 1 Sept 2023	\$20.70

Please make payment before **30 June 2023**.

BYOD (Bring your own device/chromebook)

BYOD is still our school policy. Most families are now purchasing outside the school. The PTA is still offering the \$150 subsidy per child. Families will need to provide a full GST receipt and their bank account details for the subsidy payment.

SCHOOL TERMS 2023

Term 1: Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 6 April

Term 2: Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June

Term 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term 4: Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

BUS DRIVER CONTACTS



Please find below the contact information for the bus drivers:

Awamangu Bus	Neville Waters	0274183958
Wharetoa Bus	Adele Byers	4159150 / 0274716516
Popotunoa Bus	Kevin Jenkinson	0223250690
Rongahere Bus	Deb Stratford	0273594315
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	Paige Holden/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.

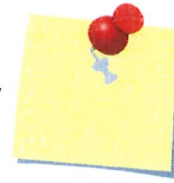
School Blogs 

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 NETBALL CLUB AGM

Notice is hereby given that the
CVNC AGM is to be held on

Wednesday 22 March 2023

7.30 pm

At the Greenfield Tavern

All existing & new members welcome

Apologies to Heidi 027 424 6862 or cluthavalleyprimarynetball@gmail.com

CLUTHA VALLEY NETBALL CLUB

Netball 2023

The netball season is just around the corner and we would love to encourage some new players into our club. C.V Netball Club has teams from year 3-8, plus a senior team for players high-school age and over. There is also a netball skills programme for any beginners for Year 1-2 players, held mid-week in Balclutha.



Primary netball is played at the Rec centre in Balclutha on a Saturday morning, and senior netball is played on Friday nights.

The junior competition will be starting on Saturday 6th May through to Saturday 5th August.

We will be holding our AGM on the 22 March 2023 (refer to AGM notice for details). We would really love to see all of our parents at this meeting, and we look forward to having some new members in the committee. We have two meetings a year, with a little bit of fundraising.

If anyone has questions, or concerns about committing their child to a season of netball, please get in touch with our President so we can find a solution -

Hannah Phillips 027 631 5058

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CLUTHA VALLEY

JUNIOR RUGBY OPEN AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 4.30 PM
@ THE RUGBY CLUB

GEAR SWAP. GAMES. ISSUING TOPS.
BBQ FOOD PROVIDED.
COME ALONG & HAVE SOME FUN – AND GET
ORGANISED FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON.



REAL STEEL

• SOUTHERN •
ROADIE

BALCLUTHA Sunday 2 April 2.30pm - 4.00pm | Cross Recreation Centre Ascot Park

GREENFIELD TAVERN / CLYDEVALE

The Valley Roar

hunting & fishing competition

14 - 16th April 2023

Stags, Bucks 'n Boars — Perch 'n Trout

**THOUSANDS
OF \$\$\$
IN PRIZES**

Prizes for:

**Deer & Boars - Best antlers & tusks
Heaviest red stag, fallow buck & boar
Average bag of all 3 plus a mystery animal**

**Ugliest
Stags
Head**

**Fish - Average & mystery weights
Heaviest bag - maximum 3 trout
Highest tally of hares / rabbits & possums**

"BEST DRESSED PEST"

**TAKE
THE KIDS
HUNTING
- DETAILS ON
ENTRY FORM**

**Entry forms available from Greenfield Tavern — Entries close 12th April 2023
or for further information contact Karen 03 415 9020**

Email: valleyroarclydevale@gmail.com

Proceeds to: Otago Rescue Helicopter & other Community Groups



CLUTHA VALLEY LIONS BLUE MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE



BIKE, RUN or WALK

GREAT PRIZES!

Late registrations & briefing
30 minutes before each event

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

PRIZES & LUNCH 12.30PM

Please circle which event and category you are entering.

MOUNTAIN BIKE	START TIME	EVENT	CATEGORY	ENTRY FEE
PowerZone Suzuki	9.30 am	55 km	Female/Male/Child	\$30
"Blue Mountain Challenge"				
Country Motors Mountain Bike	10.00am	32 km	E-bikes welcome	

RUN	START TIME	EVENT	CATEGORY	ENTRY FEE
Roy Contracting	11.15 am	11 km	Female/Male/Child	\$10
Shand Thomson	11.30 am	5 km		

RECREATIONAL WALK	START TIME	EVENT	CATEGORY	ENTRY FEE
Greenfield Tavern Recreational Walk	10.15 am	11 km	Female/Male/Child	\$10
W & J Dunlop Recreational Walk	11 am	5km		

Families may bike the 5km or 11km course only if accompanied by a competing adult (gold coin donation please)

*Registrations at the Clutha Valley Rugby Club, Clutha River Road, Clydevale
(Clydevale-Beaumont Road)*

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE MEN/WOMEN: BIKE \$30 PER PERSON, RUN/RECREATIONAL WALK \$10 PER PERSON

Entry forms together with the entry fee to be posted to Bryce Johnston, 1998 Rongahere Road, 4RD Balclutha, 9274 (Phone 03 415 9294) or alternatively deposit your entry fee into the following account - Clutha Valley Lions 03 1734 0019 434 000 and email your entry to bryceandliz@farmside.co.nz.
Please enter your family name (surname) & initials and 'Challenge' as reference

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY

SURNAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MALE/FEMALE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ CONTACT NUMBER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if under 16 years of age) _____

TERMS of ENTRY Under 13's are able to enter but must be supervised by an adult.

I enter at my own risk and agree to event conditions and my name/photo being used for publicity purposes. Neither the organisers, the sponsors, nor any other party associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, arising out of negligence or otherwise for any direct or indirect loss, injury or death which might be sustained by myself from my intended or actual participation in this event, or related activities. Prior medical conditions must be notified.

SIGNATURE to accept terms & conditions above _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if under 16 years) _____



South Otago A & P Society



Annual Giant Pumpkin & Market Day

Sunday 2nd April 2023

11.00am

South Otago A & P Society Show Grounds

Followed by

Baleage & Hay Competition

Family Fun Day – Free Entry

- Giant Pumpkin Competition
- Vegetable, Fruit and Baking Competitions
 - Children's Entertainment
 - Music, Food, Market Stalls
 - and Much More

For further information:

Giant Pumpkin & Market Day

03 418 1693 - soap1867@gmail.com

Baleage & Hay Competition

Bridget Lowry - 0273477683

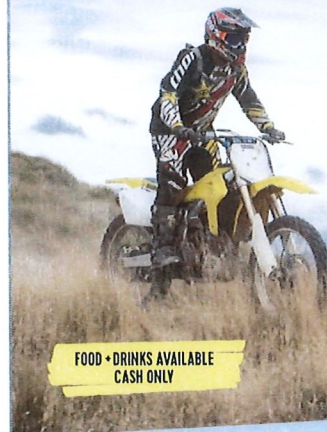
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A fundraiser for Montessori Children's House Wānaka & Wānaka Primary School

WĀNAKA TRAIL RIDE

SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023



WE'RE BACK FOR 2023.

Join us for an epic, all-ages
and all-abilities trail bike ride
over Deep Creek, Long Gully,
and Linds Peak stations.

FOOD • DRINKS AVAILABLE
CASH ONLY

EVENT DETAILS —

TRAIL BIKES AND PEE WEES No side-by-sides
Registration on the day from 7:30am
Trails open 8:30am — Trail gates close 3:30pm
SPARK ARRESTORS COMPULSORY

TICKETS —

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE FROM 1 FEBRUARY
ADULTS (16 yrs+) Pre-registered \$55 On the day \$65
JUNIORS (under 16 yrs) Pre-registered \$20 On the day \$20
FREE PEE WEE TRACK

WWW.WANAKATRAILRIDE.ORG



ANZAC SUPPORTERS
\$1 from every entry fee is
donated to the RSA appeal.

Coming up soon for those keen to Learn & Coach,

Balclutha Junior Football Club
Coaching Clinic

- 1st April 2023
- 10am till 12noon



Come along and bring the kids, learn the rules,
Have some fun and learn how to run some fun drills.
Meet some likeminded people and have your questions ready
to be answered about junior football.

2023 Season Registrations are now open

For all children ages from 4 years and up.

- Register online at [MyComet \(analyticom.de\)](http://MyComet(analyticom.de))
- Or if assistance is required, please come to the clubrooms for help
registering, we will be there on the following days:
 - Saturday 25th March 2023 (11am – 12noon)
 - Tuesday 28th March 2023 (3:30pm - 5:15pm)
- Any questions please contact via the web page or one of the following
 - Web: balclutha.juniorfootballclub.co.nz - Contact (sporty.co.nz)
 - Email: Balcluthajfc@gmail.com
 - Balclutha Junior Football Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/balcluthajfc/>
 - (How to find us – Google Maps)

Balclutha Junior Football Club Address.
16 Glasgow Street,
Balclutha 9230
New Zealand





APRIL HOLIDAYS

Balclutha Community Library

The Great Tui Scavenger Hunt

A wayward flock of Tui has come to sing in the library! Can you find them all?
Go into the draw for a plushie!!

Magic Movie Monday | Mon from 10:30AM

Pull up a bean bag and enjoy the little big screen!!

Arts and Crafts | Tues & Thurs | 10:30-11:30AM

Join us in the library for an hour of arts and crafts!

Escape Room: Autumn Edition | Wed & Fri from 10:30AM

Granny Bonnet has gone to Paris for their Spring but a new threat to the library has emerged.
Come and see if you can escape the library in time!! Bring friends, or family, or go it alone!
Go into the draw for exciting prizes!!

Wed 12 - Fri 21 April The Great Tui Scavenger Hunt				
Mon 10 April Library Closed	Tue 11 April Library Closed	Wed 12 April Escape Room	Thu 13 April Arts & Crafts	Fri 14 April Escape Room
Mon 17 April Movie	Tue 18 April Arts & Crafts	Wed 19 April Escape Room	Thu 20 April Arts & Crafts	Fri 21 April Escape Room

03 418 1677

23 John Street, Balclutha

<https://libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz/events>



Clutha District Council

Libraries



Understanding Your Concussion/Brain Injury

Public Workshop

- Symptom Awareness
- Navigating ACC
- Tips and Strategies

Enquiries and RSVP to manager.dunedin@brain-injury.org.nz

BALCLUTHA

30 March

1PM

Balclutha Community Library
23 John St
Balclutha

Brain Injury Awareness Month March 2023



471 6156 or 027 303 7727



laison.dunedin@brain-injury.org.nz



braininjuryotago.org.nz

For further information and bookings contact:
Balclutha Community Library
03 4181677
clutha.library@cluthadcc.govt.nz



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