

School Newsletter No 35
24 November 2023



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

Reminders

Term 4 2023

Mon 27 Nov	Board Meeting, 5.30pm at school. All welcome.
Thurs 30 Nov	Tech
Tues 5 Dec	School Production, 7pm at the Clutha Valley Community Centre
Mon 11 Dec	Sports Activator
Mon 11 Dec	Year 8 Sleepover
Thurs 14 Dec	School Prizegiving, 1pm at the Hall
	Last day of term for students

From the Principal's Desk

"Everyday is an opportunity disguised as a challenge".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

The term is really flying by now but there is still a lot to come! Currently the focus for students and staff is the production. The date for the performance of 'Happily Ever After?' is now finalised with an evening performance on Tuesday 5 December at 7.00 p.m.

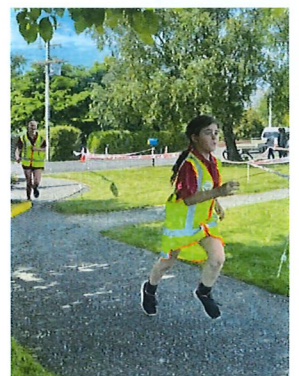
On Monday, we farewelled Bex, our valued Teacher Aide who is moving on to South Otago High School. All the best Bex. A big thank you for the Kākahu (Māori cloak) in our school colours which you gifted to our school. A very kind and special gesture.

On Monday evening it was great to have another good turnout for our second Whānau Hui of the year. I loved hearing the stories of our Māori families and their journeys to this part of New Zealand. Next Friday there will be a session to gather information from our families from other ethnicities. Feedback from these gatherings and the survey responses will be used to develop the school's strategic plan for the next two years.

Thank you to the members of our community who attended the meeting about the Stock Scheme on Wednesday night. We really appreciate everyone who has contributed to the scheme in the past to help support the school. As we have only been funded for five teachers next year, funds will be used towards the employment of a sixth teacher. We look forward to continued support from the community for our stock scheme to ensure the students of Clutha Valley have the best possible education.

This week our Year 5 to Year 8 students took part in the annual Quadrathon. This event is always enjoyed by the students at this time of the year. Thank you to all the families who helped to transport and support the students. While the results are not yet available, we believe some of our teams were very competitive. What was most impressive was the sportsmanship of our students as they encouraged and supported each other.

There's a lot happening around the area - the South Otago A&P Society Show



and the Winton Fete to name a couple. Have a good weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Val Ward
Principal



BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held on Monday 27 November at 5.30pm. All welcome.

LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR

The last school newsletter for the year will be on Friday 8 December 2023.

SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool won't be opening on Monday as some work still needs to be completed before this can happen. We will advertise an opening date once it has been confirmed.

PTA Christmas hamper items and raffle cards

Please drop these to the office by Tuesday 5th December.
Thank you!



JR McKenzie High School Uniform Assistance for Transition to High School

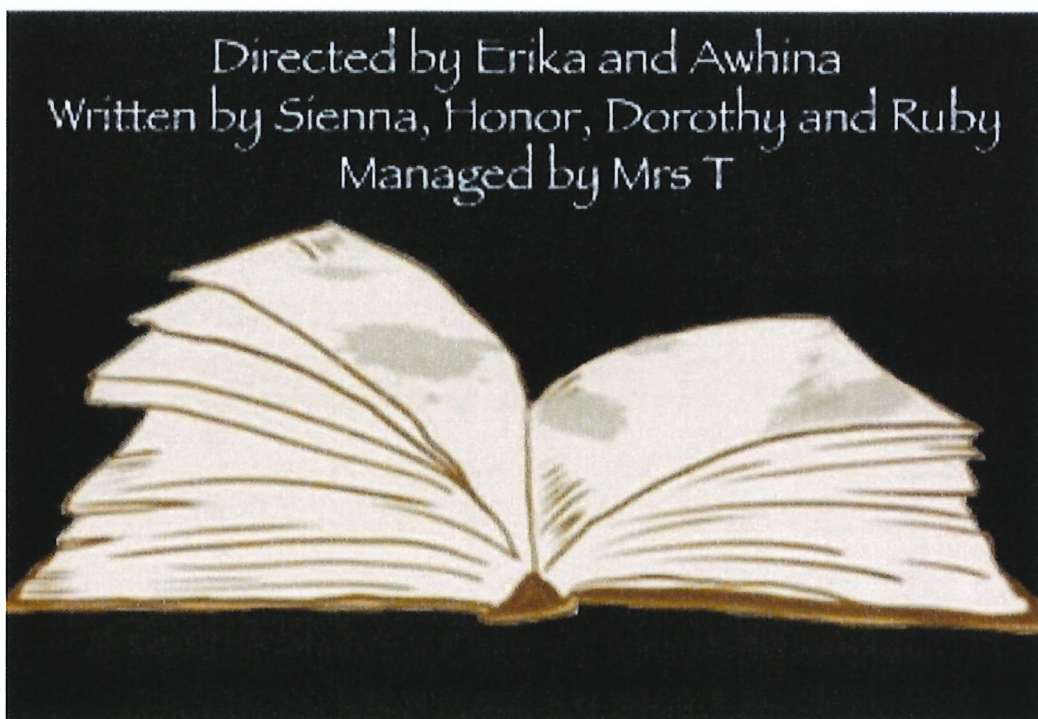
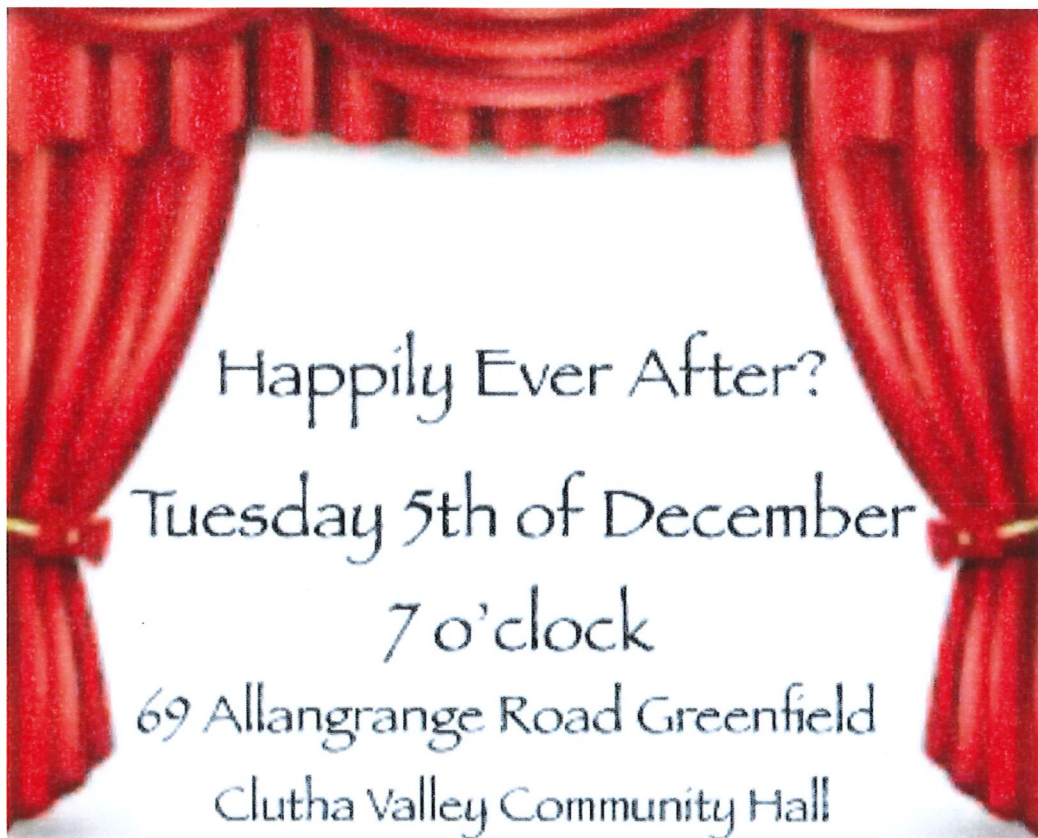
The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund has a proud tradition of supporting families in need of financial assistance, with the purchasing of school uniform. If you require financial support to purchase uniform for your Year 8 student transitioning to High School please contact the school for an application form. The school has to verify the need through nomination as a sponsor for the application. The closing date for applications is Friday 8 December 2023. Grants must be for the purchase of basic school clothing and footwear only [excluding roadshoes/ runners/ stationery/ school bags]. Please note if the application is for a uniform for the 2024 school year, applications will not be considered until after 8 December and purchase orders will be sent to successful applicants before Christmas 2023.

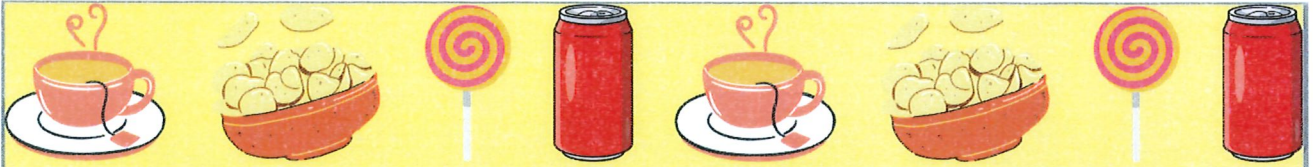
TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

The last transition to school visit for term 4 will be on Wednesday 29 November, 9am - 12.30pm.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Next week production practice will be in full swing each day. **We would appreciate if students could be at school every day to prevent disruption to these practices.** Dress rehearsal will take place on Monday 4 December and the actual production will be on Tuesday 5 December (see advertisement below). Entry to the production will be a gold coin donation.





HAPPILY EVER AFTER CANTEEN PRICE LIST

LOLLIE MIXTURES – \$2.00

BAGS OF CHIPS – \$1.00

POPCORN – \$1.00

ICE BLOCKS – \$1.50

JELLY CUPS – \$1.50

BOTTLES OF FIZZY – \$1.50

TEA AND COFFEE – \$1.00

WATER – \$0.00



SPEED PAST THE SCHOOL

On 11 October the Clutha District Council Service Delivery Committee met. During this meeting information was presented by the Senior Infrastructure Engineer to inform the councillors decision making process. Although the engagement report describes that all schools suggested Category 1, it was suggested in the meeting to designate the following five schools to Category 2:

- Clutha Valley
- Waikoikoi
- Warepa
- Tahakopa
- Romahapa

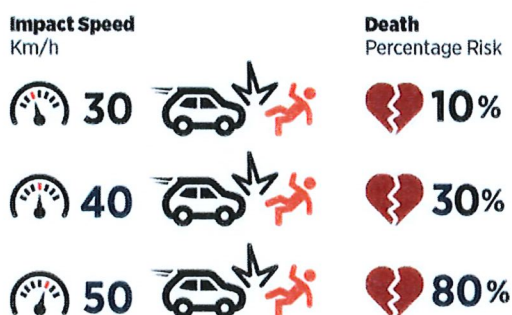
The councillors' recommendation (as reported in the ODT Saturday 14 October) was that most schools should be Category 1 with exception of the five schools listed above.

What does this mean?

30km past schools (**Category 1**): This was deemed by the schools to be very understandable for all road users, as district wide it would be consistent, and most importantly a safer speed for our children.

60km past schools (**Category 2**): this means the above five schools will be regulated at 60km. At rate payers' expense, area use factors will be reinvestigated every 2 years for Waka Kotahi to accept Category 2 status. Evidence suggests 60kms will result in serious injury or death if a pedestrian is involved in a crash at said speed.

Death and injury risk percentages



If you would like our school to be 30km or you have other suggestions then go to: [Feedback Form by 15 December](#). This document will lay out all proposed changes for Clutha District Schools: [Draft Speed Management Plan Consultation for Schools](#)

You can also:

- Email speedmanagementplan@cluthadc.govt.nz
- Visit any libraries or service centres to find a hard copy survey to complete.
- Completed surveys can be left in a drop box at any of our service centres.

Many voices would be needed to see this change so if you would like this to happen, be sure to let all friends of the school know to make a submission and send them the links.

SCHOOL TERMS 2023:

Term 4: Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

Term 1 2024 starts on Tuesday 30 January - Friday 12 April

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	Daryl Forrest	0273252028
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

(NB the later start time of 10.30am In August, September and October)

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

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

Clutha Valley Lions would like to advertise a Driver Safety Course that is being held in Clinton for 15 year olds and older on Sunday 28 January. Derek Ayson, Paul and Scott Gouman are the tutors. For more information, contact Robin McCall 0274159478.

CLUTHA VALLEY COMMUNITY PANTRY

*Take whatever kai you need!
Bring what you can!*

**LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE
SWIMMING POOL.**

CV ENVIROSCHOOLS GROUP AND CV LIONS GROUP

Clutha Country Christmas Parade

**SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2023
1 - 1.30PM BALCLUTHA MAIN STREET**

1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be announced
approx 1.45pm (Elizabeth Street Plaza)



To register or for further information contact Lilly Paterson
022 014 9519 or email lilly.paterson@cluthadc.govt.nz

**THE CLUTHA COUNTRY XMAS
MARKET IS ALSO BACK!
10AM - 2PM BALCLUTHA MAIN STREET**



Clutha District Council



CLUTHA VALLEY LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS BBQ and FIREWORKS NIGHT

**Friday 8th December
6pm Onwards**



Featuring:

BBQ

Novelty Races

Bouncy Castles

Visit from Santa

Lolly Scramble

...and our amazing Fireworks Display

**All Clutha Valley residents and their
families welcome**