

School Newsletter No 14

26 May 2023

Reminders



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

Term 2 2023

Wed 31 May	Transition to school
Wed 31 May	Top Team
Mon 5 June	King's Birthday - Public Holiday, no school
Thurs 8 June	Tech
Fri 9 June	Assembly, 1.30pm
Mon 12 June	Sports Activator
Wed 14 June	Transition to school
Tues 20 June	Hockey Tournament Year 7/8
Thurs 22 June	Tech
Fri 23 June	Assembly, 2.15pm
Tues 27 June	Hockey Tournament Year 5/6
Wed 28 June	Transition to school
Fri 30 June	Last day of Term 2
Sat/Sun 15/16 July	School Ski Trip

From the Principal's Desk

"Many eyes go through the meadow but few see the flowers in it".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

The term is really flying by. It is hard to believe that we are now half way through the term.

On Monday Ginny Ridgen, Healthy Active Learning Advisor again visited our school and worked with the Year 8 students to teach them the game, Ki o Rahi. She also helped the PALS (Physical Activity leaders) with their lunchtime session with the younger students. How amazing was it to see the large number of students involved in this lunchtime activity. Well done to the PALS, Dot and Ruby who took this session.



Ginny also worked with the staff after school to teach us a range of Māori games. The students will be introduced to these over the next week in preparation for our cultural day at the end of the term.



Today and over the next few days we farewell James, Ryan, Pippa, Peyton, Kinlee, Carter, Suham and Amelia. All the best to all the students as they move on to new schools.

On Tuesday our Year 3 - Year 8 students took part in the Rippa Tournament in Balclutha. Our teams performed well, with the Year 3 and Year 4 team, The Valley Battlers reaching the finals. Congratulations on coming second. What was most pleasing for me was the many comments I had about the sportsmanship and the effort the students put in. Yes it is great to win, but whether you win or lose, showing enjoyment and playing fairly, showing respect, and supporting others are key to successful teams. Thank you to our managers, coaches and supporters. We appreciate the assistance and support you all provide.



This week's TV3 show 'Paddy Gower Has Issues' featured a segment on Literacy in New Zealand Schools. It highlighted the move to Structured Literacy, the approach which we are using successfully within our school. This is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtVdi8X7aHU>

To our farmers out there that are moving house or stock over the weekend I hope it all goes well for you.

Ngā mihi nui
Val Ward
Principal

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held on Monday 26 June at 4.30pm. All welcome.

MAY BOARD REPORT

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the tragic loss of a student from Whangarei Boys High School in the recent caving accident. Our thoughts have certainly been with his whanau and community in this extremely difficult time. It is very timely that this month our Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) policy is the one that is up for review. So I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that at Clutha Valley Primary School we do have many measures in place to ensure our staff and students' safety outside of the classroom. For each trip a careful and thorough safety plan is drawn up identifying all potential hazards and plans to reduce risk and how to ensure both student and staff safety. Each plan is reviewed by another member of staff, and the principal or another senior member of staff in her absence. For any overnight trips or school camps there is a further review by ourselves, the Board of Trustees. Whilst preparing these plans can be demanding it does support staff and parents who volunteer to ensure that safety is placed as prime importance.

Also on a safety note, on 3rd May Val met with Simon McAtamney (Councillor), Jocelyn Lindner, the Rooding Asset Management Officer, for the Clutha District Council and Rachel Harrison, Road Safety Coordinator, regarding the proposal for safer speeds around schools. They are considering reducing the speed limit around the school to 30 km/h with flashing lights on the Clutha Valley Road and stop signs on the side roads. They would really appreciate as many people as possible completing the 6 questions on the following form. <https://forms.gle/UkwUwKy6Ab2jeZWC8>

They had the road outside of the school under surveillance for a month and we were astounded to learn that the net data showed 6,300 vehicles passing the school over that month with a minimum speed of 35km/hr and a maximum of 150km/hr!!

On a brighter note, you will have noticed the new school build is really starting to get underway now. In the next month we should have $\frac{2}{3}$ of the framework erected and then the roof can begin to be installed as well as the steps around the new building. We are also well through the process of finalising the new playground for the children which is very exciting! We want to really thank Chantelle Allan and Anne Relling for the huge amount of work and hours they have spent on this project. It looks set to be a really fun and challenging playground that I'm sure all the students will enjoy. There will be a community meeting regarding the new build on the 14th June, 7.30pm at school with Rick Jordan from the Ministry. You are all welcome to come along and hear what is happening and what we can expect in the coming months.

We discussed the students achievement data and analysed in depth where they are at in their structured literacy and how this programme is working throughout the school. We are so grateful to have such well presented and thorough data presented by Val and the staff to create great learning targets and goals in this year's strategic planning. We look forward to monitoring the progress of all the students throughout the year.

Finally with 'Dairy Farm Changeover Day' fast approaching we are unfortunately farewelling one of our

board members, Doug McLeod. We want to take this opportunity to thank Doug very much for his time on the board; we really enjoyed having him as part of the team and the contributions he made. We wish Doug, Emma and their family all the very best on their next chapter. This does create a vacancy and the board has voted to go through the selection process to fill this position.

We wish all our busy dairy farming families all the very best over the next few weeks, especially to those who are moving farms.

Our next meeting will be on the 26th June at 4.30pm and everyone is most welcome to attend.

Kind Regards,
Paula Steel
(On behalf CVPS BOT)

BOT VACANCY



CLUTHA VALLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Clutha Valley Primary School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has
occurred on the school board
for an elected parent
representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Laura Hunter
Clutha Valley Primary School
Board Chair
152 Awamangu
RD 2
Balclutha

by 23 June 2023

POTENTIAL STRIKE ACTION

There is potential that teachers may be striking next Wednesday 31 May. This means school will be closed for teaching. If making alternative arrangements for care is difficult we can supervise a small number of students at school, if required. We are hoping that through negotiations this week the Union and the Ministry will reach an agreement or make sufficient progress to avert the strike action. This would mean the strike will not go ahead. We will not know this decision until Sunday at the latest. In the meantime, please be prepared in case the strike does go ahead. We will notify you as soon as we have more information.

REBUILD COMMUNITY MEETING

Please keep Wednesday 14 June free for a meeting at school at 7.30 p.m with the Ministry and other representatives to update you on the building project. Anyone interested in the rebuild are most welcome to attend.

CHILDREN IN CARPARK

Firstly thank you to everyone who is following the direction of backing into the car park. We really appreciate this as it helps with the safety of students.

However, when picking up your children we would ask that you support the school by insisting that they walk behind the cars to your car. **We do not want children in the middle of the carpark.**

HERO

This week a notice went home about how to log into HERO. Please let us know if you need help in any way to get logged in. Once you are in and you are not sure about the information that is available within it please feel free to contact us.

Within HERO there are graphs which show student progress. Take the time to look at the graphs as they will be closed off after Monday morning to allow teachers to update them. They will be opened up again at the end of the term.



We are pleased to launch our charity fundraiser – *Jumping June!* This is a sponsored programme where we hope to raise much needed funds for The Heart Foundation. The event will be held on **Friday 16 June** giving students **five weeks** to get excited and to collect online sponsorship for their big day! To Fundraise go to jumpingjune.co.nz and create a student profile page. Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward. To start fundraising, go to your student profile page at jumpingjune.co.nz and share your fundraising link via email, SMS, or social media!



CV PTA

YOU ARE INVITED TO

MID WINTER BALL

SATURDAY 24 JUNE, 2023

CLUTHA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

- ☘ Courtesy Coach available
- ☘ Alcohol served 8 pm until 1am
- ☘ Crash Course band playing & supper provided
- ☘ ROAR (Right of Admission Reserved)
- ☘ \$40 early bird ticket (before May 30)
- ☘ \$50 regular price
- ☘ Tickets can be purchased from Clutha Valley Primary School, the Greenfield Tavern or via email cluthavalleyball@gmail.com

Clutha Valley Primary
School Transition to School Visits
Term 2

Kowhai school visits are every second week on a Wednesday morning from 9 am - 12.30 pm.

3rd May
17th May
31st May
14th June
28th June



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**.

SCHOOL TERMS 2023

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 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

RELIEF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED

At the moment if a driver needs time off there is only one relief driver for this area. If he isn't available then either the driver can't go to a funeral or an appointment or even get sick!

NO DRIVER MEANS parents will be delivering and/or picking up their children from school!

We are looking for members of the community to step up and get their licence to drive a bus.

Go Bus will help you get your licence. Ring Daryl on 0273252028 to get more information.



South Otago High School
National Secondary Schools Touch Tournament

Quiz Night

FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023

7.00PM CROSS RECREATION CENTRE
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM

MAXIMUM OF 6 MEMBERS PER TEAM

Cash Bar, Raffles and Auction Operating
Hot food available for purchase

Compete for bragging rights, have some fun, and show off your smarts! Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night supporting our Senior Touch Team to get to Rotorua in December.

Register teams by 26th May to Heidi Marshall by email
hlmarshall29@gmail.com

TICKETS \$40 PER TEAM

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT CLUTHA VALLEY RUGBY

SPONSORS DAY

VALLEY



CLUTHA

11.30 AM UNDER 7 & UNDER 9S

12.30 PM UNDER 11S

1.30 PM UNDER 13S

SENIORS 3PM



BBQ

JUNE 17, 2023 | 3 PM

