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Reminders



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

Term 3 2023

Mon 31 July -2 Aug

Life Education Trust visit

Mon 31 July

PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, staffroom. All welcome

Thurs 3 Aug

Tech

Fri 4 Aug

Assembly, 2.15pm at school

Mon 7 Aug

School Cross Country

Wed 9 Aug

Transition to School

Thurs 10 Aug

BOT Meeting, 4.30pm at school. All welcome

Wed 16 Aug

SOPSA Cross Country

Thurs 17 Aug

Tech

Fri 18 Aug Tues 22 Aug Assembly, 2.15pm at school Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

Wed 23 Aug Wed 23 Aug Year 7/8 Netball Tournament Transition to School

Wed 30 Aug

PCT Challenge

Thurs 31 Aug

Tech

Wed 6 Sept

Transition to School

Thurs 7 Sept

Top Team

Fri 8 Sept

Assembly, 2.15pm at school

Mon 11 - Fri 22 Sept

Keeping ourselves safe

Thurs 14 Sept

Tech

Mon 18 Sept

Tony Tourell Golf Tournament

Wed 20 Sept

Transition to School Kowhai Farm Trip

Fri 22 Sept Fri 22 Sept

Last day of Term 3

From the Principal's Desk

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

On Wednesday the Year 6 students attended the "Clued Up Kids" programme at the Cross Recreation Centre. This was an amazing opportunity for the students! There were eleven stations, all with a focus on safety. The students experienced a simulated earthquake and learnt about the correct way to put on a helmet, before riding a bike around a course. They learnt how to read the body language of dogs and how to keep safe when outdoors. Gun safety, quad-bike safety, first aid and water safety were also covered. A truly worthwhile experience.

The highlight of the week for me had to be the Whanau Hui which we held on Tuesday evening. There was a great turnout for this relaxed evening. This was an opportunity for our Māori families to share their whakapapa, with some families finding out they have links to the same areas in New Zealand.

Also on Tuesday we were privileged to host teachers from across South Otago for the Future Focused Learning Day. The focus of the day was around learning more

about 'learning through play' and Project Based Learning. As part of the day teachers visited the Kowhai and Kanuka teams to see learning through play in action. Reegan Tourell and some of the Totara



students also shared their project where they have been making soft toys for their buddies in the junior school.

Today a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students are participating in the Rugby League tournament in Lawrence. By the amount of mud it looks like they are having a super fun time!!!

Just a reminder that COVID is still in the community. We have a couple of students and staff currently isolating with COVID. If you or your children are unwell please still be vigilant and test. We do have a small supply of Rapid antigen **tests** (RATs) available at school if you need them.

Next week we have the Life Education Van at our school. The students are always keen to see Harold, the giraffe and learn about aspects of their health and wellbeing. If you would like to know more about the programme or view the van please feel free to contact the school.





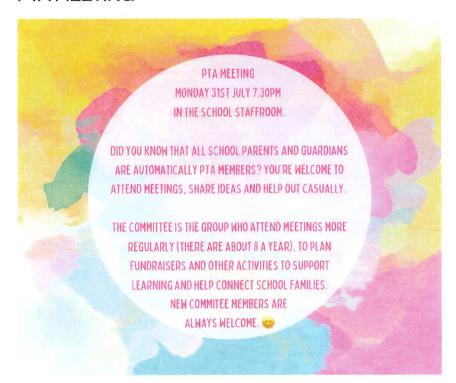


Ngā mihi nui Val Ward Principal

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held on Thursday 10 August at 4.30pm. All welcome.

PTA MEETING



HEARING YOU - COUNSELLING SERVICE

The "Hearing You", counselling service run by Catholic Social Services operates in schools in South Otago. Susan Evans, registered counsellor, visits our school fortnightly on a Friday during the school year. The service is designed to be a safe place to help children with any challenges that they face and to support them to be happier in themselves, at school, and at home with their families. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to talk with Susan please contact the school.

To enable this crucial service to continue in our area each school within the area has committed funds toward the service. We are very appreciative of the support of local businesses in our area. Simon Cleverley from Cleverleys has provided a vehicle with running costs supported by Jared McPhee from Balclutha Motors and Mike Hurring from Hurring Logging and Contracting. This year we have also received

Counselling For Children

Counselling For Children
Provided by Catholic Social Services

donations from The Clutha Foundation, The Trusts Community Foundation, the Clutha District Council and The Valley Roar. We are extremely appreciative of the support of these businesses and organisations.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

With the cold weather and very busy students some are extra hungry. If you are able to send additional food in lunch boxes it would be greatly appreciated. If you are finding it difficult to provide enough food for your children please contact the school so we can ensure we have extra food here for them. You can ring and speak confidentially to Val on 03 4159105, email principal@cluthavalley.school.nz or office@cluthavalley.school.nz. Please do not keep children at home if you do not have food for lunch boxes. We will sort lunches where needed.

SCHOOL CLOTHING

Students are enjoying the mud at the moment. It would be much appreciated if extra uniform could be sent to school to replace wet, muddy items during the day.

Sports tops which have been provided to students are to be worn for sport tournaments only. They are not for every day wear at school.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL



COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Enviroschools project this year is a Community Pantry which is going to be built by Lions member Lindsay Thompson and CVPS students. Lions Club member, Steve Semmens will also be helping to co-ordinate this project. The pantry will be placed to the left of the gate into the swimming pool entrance. The school has purchased seed potatoes and is hoping to fill the pantry with new potatoes before Christmas. When operating it is hoped that it is a drop off point for the whole community to share produce and seeds. A huge thank you to the Lions for supporting this project.



Learning with Harold

Pip & Harold are really excited to be visiting your school next week with our specially designed & built mobile classroom. Over the next few days the Students and Teachers will participate in specifically designed health based programmes (selected by the Teachers & created by Pip) to meet the needs of the school & local community.

If you would like to learn more about our programme please visit our website https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach

We even have a special page just for kids (how cool is that!)

https://healthyharold.org.nz/kids

Please ask your kids what they have been learning about during their visits, I'm sure they will have lots to share with you. They will also have received a 'Take Home Pack' filled with activities you can do together at home.

If you would like to check out the classroom for yourself (or even reminisce your own Harold memories) please contact either the school or email Pip at heartland@lifeed.org.nz and we can organise a time to pop in either before or after school.

WASTE FREE LUNCHES - EVERY WEDNESDAYS

A reminder that every Wednesday will be a Waste Free Wednesday lunch day. We have noted that on Waste Free lunch days there is less paper and plastic in lunchboxes and the quality of lunches is much improved.



SCHOOL TERMS 2023

Term 3: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September Term 4: Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December



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

Popotunoa Bus

Kevin Jenkinson

0223250690

Rongahere Bus

Brigit Wills

0273019817 (temporary bus 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

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.



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

South Otago High School Open Night Invitation for Year 7 Parents/Caregivers

$\begin{array}{c} OPEN\ NIGHT \\ Thursday\ 10^{th}\ August-6.00pm-8.00pm \end{array}$

Open Night is an opportunity for you and your family to visit our school, meet some of the students and staff and hear about what we offer here at South Otago High School.

Selecting the next school for your child is important and we know that making the right decision is vital. I strongly believe in young people attending school in their local community. At South Otago High School we do offer great academic and vocational courses as well as excellent sporting, cultural and personal interest opportunities. The opportunities and success of our students is a reflection of the work of all staff at the school and we encourage students to get involved and try new experiences.

During the evening we will provide a tour of the school and the opportunity to try various activities. Should you successfully complete all the sample activities you will receive a stamp in your South Otago High School 'Passport'. At the end of the evening, all completed passports can be exchanged for a chocolate fish.

We will be hosting parents in the school hall at 6.00pm and I hope you will join us to hear from a number of students and myself.

On the night we will also have a free sausage sizzle. Tea and coffee will also be available at the end of the evening.

This year we are offering parents and students the opportunity to present questions prior to the Open Night so we can provide the information you really want. If you have a question please enter it on the form found at https://forms.gle/1K57JHV7pnCb8wUS8

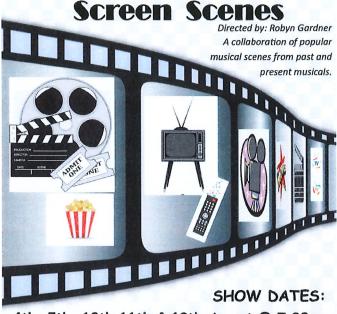
I look forward to seeing you and your family. If you have any questions about this event, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to me on the night. Mike Wright, Principal.





24 AUGUST 2023 | 1-5PM SOUTH OTAGO TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB





4th, 5th, 10th,11th & 12th August @ 7.30pm Matinée 6th August @ 2pm

Performed at The George Street Theatre, Clubrooms.

TICKETS: Adults \$25, Seniors & Students \$20
For tickets, email <u>tickets@sots.org.nz</u>

Or purchase in person via the Booking Office on Monday 26th June

12th August 2023 12pm till 3pm



Taking People of all ages with Special Needs

Or Life long Medical Conditions

For a ride in a Big Rig, Classic Car or Hot Rod

Starting and Finishing at Southern Field Days Site, Waimumu

Coffee and Food
Provided FREE on the day,
Thanks to Bravebeans Coffee, Bogan Bakehouse
& Rapid Relief Team NZ



Raffles available to purchase on the day



Anyone wanting to Volunteer their Time, Truck or Car to help out on the day please contact Dianne 027 7732700 or lan on 0204 335500 Check out our Facebook Page : Southland Hug a Rig Day