

School Newsletter No 9

31 March 2023

Reminders



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

Term 1 2023

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

Term 2 2023

Mon 24 April Teacher Only Day - No school for students
Tues 25 April Anzac Day - Public Holiday, no school
Wed 26 April First day of Term 2 for students
Thurs 27 April Tech
Fri 28 April Kanuka/Manatu Trip

Tues 2 May School Photos
Thurs 11 May Tech
Tues 23 May Rippa Rugby Tournament
Thurs 25 May Tech

Mon 5 June Kings Birthday - Public Holiday, no school
Thurs 8 June Tech
Tues 20 June Hockey Tournament Year 7/8
Thurs 22 June Tech
Tues 27 June Hockey Tournament Year 5/6
Fri 30 June Last day of Term 2

From the Principal's Desk

"A quick way to tell if you're old or not.
Fall down in front of a lot of people.
If they laugh you're still young.
If they panic and start running to you you're old".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

This has been a quiet week without our Seniors here at school. The campers have been having an awesome time in Te Anau, boating, tramping, visiting the Glowworm Caves and cruising Milford Sound. I am sure the students will have lots of stories to share about their adventures when they get back. A big thank you to parents, Geli, Carmen, Terry, Lachlan, Chantelle, Paula, Gareth, Laura, Kerry, Deb, Gerry and Sarah who accompanied the students. Camps cannot go ahead without your support. Also a very special thank you to staff Reegan, Sophie and Ayleen. A lot of time goes into planning and organisation for a successful camp.

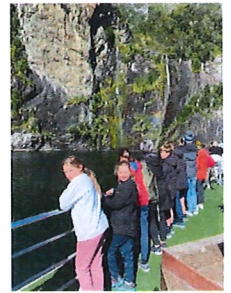
Yesterday Tiffany and Paige held a session for parents to explain the knowledge and skills students need to support successful learning. Because there was a small turn out we will organise another session in Term 2.

Daylight saving starts this Sunday. A friendly reminder to turn your clocks back.



Next week is also a short week with no school on Friday as this is the start of Easter and the school holidays.

Ngā mihi nui
Val Ward
Principal



SICKNESS

As the bugs are starting to make an appearance we just have some reminders regarding sickness. **If your child is ill please keep them at home. If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting they need to stay away for at least 48 hours after the last symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.** This is a minimum time period. If the 48 hour exclusion period has past but a child is observably still not well (i.e. has fever, lethargic and unable to participate), they should **NOT** come back to school. Covid is still very much present. If your child is experiencing any covid symptoms please test them.

Teacher Only Day

On Monday 24 April we will be holding a Teacher Only Day. This means that Term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26 April. The Ministry of Education has made available to all schools four Teacher Only Days for primary and secondary schools, two days in 2023 and two days in 2024. The first Teacher Only Day must be held in the first two weeks of Term 2. These days are to support significant changes in curriculum and assessment.

ANZAC DAY

Please note that there will be a holiday on 25 April for Anzac Day. This means that Term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26 April.

Waste Free Lunch Wednesday

Next Wednesday we are holding our first Waste Free Lunch Wednesday.

What is a waste-free lunch? "Waste" is anything that would get thrown away at the end of the lunch period, including yogurt containers, napkins, utensils and bags. A 'zero-waste' lunch is one that avoids these items so that there is nothing to throw away at the end of the day. This means the less glad wrap and packaging the better. There will be a prize for the best class with the least amount of glad wrap and packaging in their lunchboxes. We are aiming to have these days more often each term so that this becomes a habit.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Just a heads up we will be holding Student Led Conferences on the afternoon/ early evening of Thursday 4 May. More details to follow.

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held on Monday 3 April, 4.30pm at school (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME). 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 😊

SCHOOL INVOICES

School invoices have been sent out. They 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.

Transition to School


The last transition session this term is Wednesday 5 April from 9.00 a.m until 12.30 p.m.



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 June
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**.

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

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!

The evening will conclude with a funny money auction & a real money auction.

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 [f](#) page for further details.

Clutha Valley Community Centre
Saturday 1st April at 6.30pm

Early bird
special
\$50 until 12th
March!

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



REAL STEEL



• SOUTHERN • ROADIE



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

Ascot Park

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

pinzridge09@outlook.com



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.cluthadcc.govt.nz/events>



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 Lindis 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 Junior Football Club - Contact \(sporty.co.nz\)](http://Balclutha Junior Football Club - 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



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.



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

CLUTHA VALLEY NETBALL CLUB

**Registrations are now open for the
Primary Netball Season 2023**

Year 3 - 8

Register on this link BEFORE 6th April 2023


<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/219807>



**Any questions to Heidi on 027 424 6862
or email cluthavalleyprimarynetball@gmail.com**


PRE LOVED CHILDRENS BOOK, TOY AND CLOTHING SALE

1ST APRIL 2023 @ SOUTH OTAGO ATHLETIC
CLUBROOMS on Pearson Lane



Sausage
sizzle \$2

9am - 12pm



Pony rides -
gold coin
donation

EFTPOS will be available

Fancy a declutter of your own children's room?? All donations of toys/books/clothing to add to the sale are gratefully received - please message Megan on 021 0385582 to organise pick up or delivery of your items before sale day

100% of money raised
will go to Ronald Mc
Donald House South
Island.