

School Newsletter No 32

3 November 2023

Reminders



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

Term 4 2023

Tues 7-10 Nov	Year 5/6 Tawhai Team Camp Bannockburn
Mon 13 Nov	Teacher Only Day - School Closed to Students
Wed 15 Nov	Top Team
Thurs 16 Nov	Technology
Mon 20 Nov	Sports Activator
Tues 21 Nov	Quadrathon
Fri 24 Nov	Assembly
Mon 27 Nov	Board Meeting, 5.30pm at school. All welcome.
Thurs 30 Nov	Tech
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

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;
A optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

A special welcome this week to Grace who has joined the Tawhai room. Over the next month we are also pleased to have Ezra teaching alongside Fiona in the Kowhai team for her practicum as part of her teacher training.



GUMBOOT FRIDAY, 3 November 2023

Thank you to everyone who supported Gumboot Friday today. A total of \$152.50 was raised, with all funds going towards supporting the free counselling in schools' programme.

Over the last year, as a school we have been working through an online course called Assessment for Learning. Assessment for Learning (AfL) refers to how both formal tests and informal observations of students, their work, and their responses in classroom discussion can be used to gain insight into their learning. Teachers and students learn together about what the students are learning, their progress and their needs. Most staff were awarded their certificates, alongside other teachers at a presentation in Balclutha on Wednesday afternoon this week. Congratulations to them all!

On Monday morning we will be holding a celebration at school to share with the EnviroSchools' facilitators the projects we have undertaken over the last few years. This is part of the process to become recognised with a Bronze EnviroSchool award which recognises how we are trying to

create a healthy and sustainable school environment. Thank you to Reegan and more latterly Fiona who have both been instrumental in continuing the journey with EnviroSchools over the last few years.

Today we have four students Charles, Anaru, Molly and Lexi in Dunedin at an EnviroSchools workshop focusing on growing, harvesting and preparing kai for everyone. The photos coming in show they are having a great time.

I know there will be some very busy students packing their bags for school camp next week. Enjoy your 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.

SURVEY

Please look out for the survey link on a separate email. This is the beginning of the Board's process of consulting with the community to help with the development of our strategic plan for the next two years. The survey can be completed electronically with a Google Form sent via email or on a paper copy which will be given to the youngest child in each family. Please complete just ONE of these surveys. As we value the ideas and opinions of all who are associated with our school we welcome your input. We are looking forward to hearing about the things we do well and your ideas and thoughts to make our school an even better place.

SUN SAFETY

Sunhats are compulsory in Term 4 and Term 1. Please ensure your child has a sunhat to wear. Navy widebrim hats are available to purchase from the Warehouse. We also have spare sunhats available in our second hand clothing. Please send your child to the office to get one.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY
MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**



LUNCHES/FOOD AT SCHOOL

This is just a reminder that **lollies and chewing gum are not items we welcome at school**. These have been steadily increasing across the school. **Please can these be kept at home.**

We have had quite an increase in the number of students asking for additional food at school. We have three break times at school where students are able to eat. 9.45am which is brain break, so a piece of fruit or a vegetable. 11.00am morning tea and 12.30pm which is lunch. Some students eat all their food at the first two breaks and have nothing left for lunch. If parents were able to pack extra it would be much appreciated. It would also be helpful if you could explain what they should eat at each break.

The other thing we have noticed is some students arriving at school in the morning and eating their food before school starts. Please can you ensure your child has breakfast in the morning. If this is an issue or your child simply does not want to eat early in the morning please let us know.

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.



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

**Men's Health Month!!
Tuesday 7th November
5 – 8pm
here (Greenfield Tavern)**

**our local nurses are
volunteering their time
conducting FREE health
checks for all our local
men**

**Awesome spot prizes
and giveaways on the
night!!**

53 Clyde street, Balclutha
(Old BNZ Building)

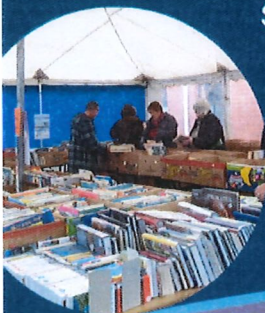


Clutha District Council
Libraries

BOOK SALE

Thursday 9 November | 10am-6pm
Friday 10 November | 10am-6pm
Saturday 11 November | 10am-4pm

Fill your own bag \$5
Children's books are free
Eftpos available



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 VALLEY
COMMUNITY CENTRE
CLYDEVALE
ALLANGRANGE ROAD**

Market Day

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 2023 | 1PM TIL 8PM

JEWELLERY, CLOTHING, HOME & GARDEN WARE,
GIFTWARE, BEAUTY PRODUCTS, ART,
FOOD, COFFEE & DRINKS

NO ENTRY FEE PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE & BELOW FREE

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