



School Newsletter No 37

8 December 2023

Reminders

Term 4 2023

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

Term 1 2024

Tues 30 Jan

First day of Term 1



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



From the Principal's Desk

"What did the salt say to the pepper on Christmas. Seasonings Greetings
Merry Christmas everyone".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Another busy year has flown by and the holidays are looming. It is hard to believe that there are only a few days to go until the end of the school year.

Our production on Tuesday evening of "Happily Ever After?" was such a great way to end the term! How good was it? The students really stepped up on the night and did themselves proud. A lot of work went into this, with the students involved in all aspects of the performance including performing, advertising, lighting, sound, costumes, make-up, props and backdrops. This has been a real life experience where the students have taken ownership and learnt a lot about the process of putting on a production. Such a fantastic team effort from staff and students. Thank you to everyone who came along - I would have to say I have not seen the hall so full in such a long time.

As this is the last newsletter for the year this is the time to reflect on the positive year that has gone by. I would like to thank my teaching staff who have put in a great deal of time and effort to ensure the students have been provided with interesting programmes which encourage them to be "*The Best They Can*,". Sadly, at the end of Term 2 we farewelled Paige Holden who decided to embark on new adventures. Thank you to Natasha Freeman who has taught in the Manatu room since Paige left us.

I would also like to thank the support staff who carry out many duties to support students and teachers. I am very appreciative of all they do to help with the smooth running of the school. We make such a strong team.



I would like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees who are a dedicated team who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the focus has been on student learning. Having a strong Board behind me certainly helps make my job a lot easier. The PTA have continued to undertake a variety of projects to support the school. My sincere thanks.

Thank you also to the many parents and community members who have been involved in the school during the year. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community. This was so evident last Friday when I hosted a gathering for families from other countries. What an incredible turnout. I know many schools are very envious of the support that our school receives.

Finally, the students of the school need to be recognised. I am proud of the students and their genuine love of learning and their caring attitude. We often get positive comments about our students in the wider community. Next week we also farewell our Year 8 students. I wish them all the best as they continue on their learning journey, as they move onto secondary school. Take with you all the wonderful memories of your time at Clutha Valley School.



Take care, have a great Christmas and a relaxing and safe holiday. We will see you all back to start the year on **Tuesday 30 January**.

Ngā mihi nui

Val Ward
Principal

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving will be held **on Thursday 14 December at the Community Centre at 1.00pm. ALL students are expected to attend.** Students must wear the correct school uniform. For girls this means **culottes, maroon t-shirt and navy or white socks with their normal school shoes.** Please ensure that their hair is tied back. No coloured headbands are to be worn. For boys the uniform will be **navy shorts, maroon t-shirt, navy socks with their normal school shoes.** Year 8 students can come in mufti. This needs to be appropriate, clean and tidy.

Following the break up parents may take children home. Please sign your children off the bus boards at the door. Any remaining students will walk back to school and go home on the bus at 3pm.

PTA CATERING

🌟 🌟 🌟 PTA Catering help 🌟 🌟 🌟 The PTA are helping with the catering at Wharetoa Genetics Ram on Friday 15 December, 9.00am - 3.00pm. We need a couple of people to help with food service. If you are able to help please contact Renée on 027 684 3726. Thank you CVPS PTA Committee.

SWIMMING POOL KEYS

The swimming pool is now open. **Keys can ONLY BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR KEY BEFORE THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER WHEN THE OFFICE CLOSSES FOR THE HOLIDAYS).** Payment can be made with cash or a direct debit into the school bank account (see details below). Rules must be read and signed to receive a key. Keys are \$100 (no bond refund will be offered). A key for a casual swim may be hired at a cost of \$10 for two hours from Greenfield Tavern over the holiday period and at weekends.

School Bank Account
Clutha Valley Primary School Board of Trustees
03 1734 0003862 00

DENTAL BUS

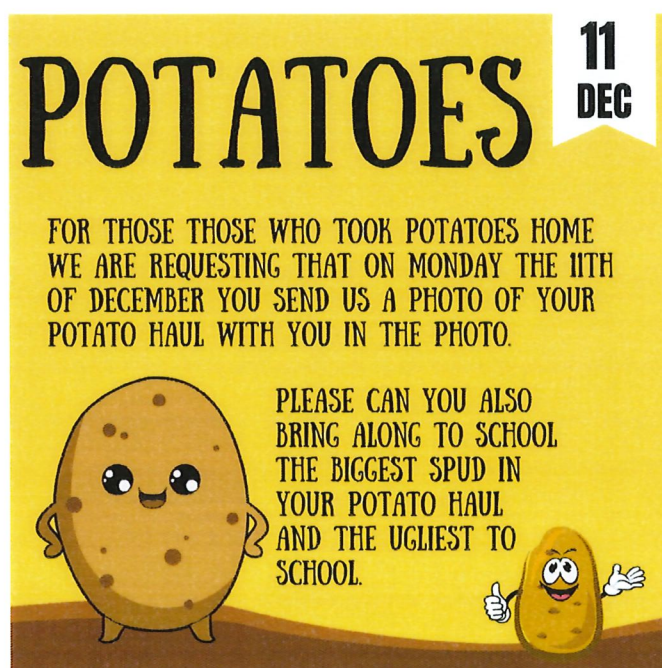
The Dental Bus will be at school the first week of Term 1 2024.

SPORTS TOPS AND HI VIZ VESTS

Please can all sports tops be returned to school by Tuesday 12 December. All students are to return their Hi Viz Bus Vests to school on Thursday 14 December (last day). Thank you.

2024 SCHOOL STATIONERY AND CLASS LISTS

2024 school stationery and class lists will be sent home next week. This is a paper copy. This information will also be put on Hero. Please check your child's bag for this information as it is important.



BOT Report December 2023

Just like that it's the last report of the year! Not quite sure how December got here so quickly this year but I know the children are very excited for the holidays!!



This month we have celebrated the Enviro schools bronze status achievement. It was great to have this acknowledgement for all the work that has gone into this initiative to date and I know the passion from the children is strong going into the future.

We farewelled one of our fabulous support staff members Bex as she heads off to a new opportunity at the high school. SOHS will be very lucky to have her and I know she'll be a real asset to their school. We wish her the very best on her new venture.

Mike from ERO has visited the school and met with staff and the board as part of the new ongoing review process. The new process seems very positive and supportive and we are looking forward to working together to align our ERO goals with our strategic goals and plan. Thank you to all those that took the time to fill out the recent surveys that were sent out from the school. We really appreciate all the feedback and every board member has spent time going through each response to those questions and feedback from the evenings. This information has been used to set our schools strategic goals going forward for the next two years. This is such great information to have and we were very pleased with the responses. We will continue to develop our strategic plan and will share the draft with you in the new year. We have also noted some of the areas that we can review in policies as they come up for review.

We hosted an evening for those involved or wishing to be involved in the stock scheme we operate through the school to help fund our 6th teacher. This was a fantastic evening. We are grateful to have such wonderful support from our community which goes directly to increasing the education for all our students. There are several different ways you can be involved in the stock scheme and we would appreciate it if you could fill in the survey sent out to indicate your interest. Then the stock scheme committee will be in touch over the next month or so.

The council is currently consulting on the road speed limits outside schools. A letter has been sent to the council on behalf of the Board in regards to this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students and staff on a fabulous school production this week. It was very enjoyable and a credit to all involved.

As we countdown to the last days of school we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! I hope you all get to enjoy a well deserved break with the family at some stage over the holidays. We look forward to an exciting year in 2024 with the move into a fabulous new school.

Happy Holidays,

Paula Steel
On behalf of the BOT

SCHOOL TERMS 2023:

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

BUS DRIVER CONTACTS



Please find below the contact information for the bus drivers:

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| 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:

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| 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

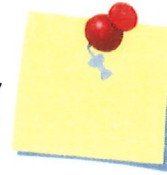


OUR WEBSITE LINK IS: <http://www.cluthavalley.school.nz/>

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

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 TRAINING DAY

Clutha Valley & Clinton Lions would like to advertise a Driver Safety Training Day being held in Clinton on Sunday 28 January at 1.30pm at Dobbie Farm. This will be sign posted from Old Lake Road. Applicants must be 15 years and older and should have their learner licence or better. Driver trainers will be rally drivers Derek Ayson, Paul and Scott Gouman. If interested please contact Phil Neame on 02726441519 or Robin McCall on 03 4159288 or 0274159478.



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**



Summer Reading Challenge Finding Treasure

Registrations open now!
Use the QR code or pop
into your local branch to
register





HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

SOUTH OTAGO

Fun skills and games to develop your motor skills!
Featured Activities: Bouncy Castle, Smash Play games, Paper Planes and more!

Ages: 4-10

Dates: Tuesday 23rd January

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Balclutha Show Grounds

Price: \$20 per child



MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES SOUTH OTAGO

Otago Hockey and Otago Cricket join together for multisport days featuring a variety of sports!

Ages: 4-12

Dates: Tuesday 16th January

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Balclutha Show Grounds

Price: \$20 per child

