

Reminders

Term 3

Mon	31 Aug	Year 3-8 School Speech Competition
Wed	2 Sept	Transition to School - 12.30pm - 3pm
Thurs	3 Sept	Tech
Wed	9 Sept	Sports Activator
Fri	11 Sept	Assembly
Mon	14 Sept	School Photos
Wed	16 Sept	Transition to School - 12.30pm - 3pm
Wed	16 Sept	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
Thurs	17 Sept	Tech
Mon	21 Sept	Yr 5 - 8 Golf Tournament
Tues	22 Sept	BOT Meeting, 7.30pm at school
Fri	25 Sept	Assembly
Fri	25 Sept	Last Day Term 3

***"There is no such thing as being too busy.
If you really want something you will make time for it".***
From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou e te whanau

Thank you to everyone who attended the Rebuild Meeting on Monday evening where Rick Jordan from the Ministry of Education and Claire Geterkamp, Architect with Design Group Stapleton Elliot presented the preliminary design for the new school. Final feedback received from the Board, staff, parents and community will now be taken into consideration. In the near future a freeze will be put on the building floor plan which will primarily lock in the design to avoid any time consuming and costly changes going forward. The next stage of the process is where the design is developed more, with such things as colours and finishes considered.

Yesterday 19 students from the Enviro Group went to the Bocock's property and undertook water testing, tree planting and carried out some scientific investigations of bugs from the stream. Thanks to Craig Simpson from New Zealand Landcare Trust for leading the afternoon and Shane Bocock and Anne Relling for hosting the group. Thank you to Fiona Wilson and Chelsea Sinclair for their support of this great initiative.



Ngā mihi nui
Val Ward and Rebecca Suangoon

CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families who donated money for the mufti day today. We raised \$184.30 for the Cancer Society.

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 September, 7.30pm at school. All welcome.

PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting is on Wednesday 16 September, 7.30pm at school.

SPEECH FINALS

On Monday 31 August we will be holding the final of the school speech competition. Finalists from each year group, Year 3 - Year 8, will be presenting their speeches. The assembly will begin at **1pm sharp** in the Totara classroom.

Please be aware that numbers are limited for parents wishing to attend. With students, staff and judges we have 92 people which leaves 8 available spaces. Below is a timetable of student participation. Parents may come and watch their child if they wish, but be prepared to leave once their child has delivered their speech. This is so every parent has the opportunity to see their child. Sorry for the inconvenience but we have to follow the Covid rules for gatherings.

- 1:00 - 1:25 - Year 8: Jayden, Lucy, Johnston, Nathan
- 1:25 - 1:50 - Year 7: Isabel, Toby, Marco, Charlotte W
- 1:50 - 2:10 - Year 6: Daniel, Sophia, Jayden G, Francesca
- 2:10 - 2:30 - Year 5: MJ, Awhina, Hudson, Sanuthi
- 2:30 - 2:45 - Year 4: Eva, Aaron, Caitlin, Savanna
- 2:45 - 2.55 - Year 3: Liam, Lucy J, Rose

COVID-19 Update

I wanted to give you an update on some changes taking place next week and what they mean for your children and whānau.

You are probably aware the Prime Minister has announced that face coverings will be required on public transport from next Monday, at Alert Level 2 and above. This does not apply to any child who is under 12 years of age and does not apply to school transport where there are good systems in place to manage safety on school transport.

Public Health officials have advised that children under the age of 6 should not wear face coverings.

Children and young people do not need to wear face coverings at school. However, if your child wishes to wear a face mask that is fine. Other public health control measures are in place including children and staff staying home if they are sick, contact tracing, and hygiene requirements.

Along with good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing when out and about and staying home if we are sick, face coverings are another way we can help keep ourselves and others safe,

We're continuing contact tracing by having a QR code poster at the office, so please check in every time you come onsite.

If you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app [the Ministry of Health's website has information to help you do that](#). We'll also keep a visitor register for anyone who doesn't have the app and also for anyone who comes onsite for a period of time. This will help with contact tracing in the unlikely case it is needed.

If you have any questions about face coverings or anything else, please get in touch.

KOOPER HOMELESS FAMILY CAPS CHALLENGE

My CAPS challenge this term is to help a homeless family as I'm worried that some families don't have enough food. I would like to organise a basket of food to donate to a homeless family. If you are able to help please send some food to school. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Some of the items needed are coffee, cereal, fresh fruit and veggies. Thank you. Kooper

HEADLICE

Headlice is still very present at school. PLEASE, PLEASE - CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR AND TREAT IF YOU FIND HEADLICE PRESENT.

If you are treating your child's hair with a headlice product please read the instructions carefully. It takes many days to remove all the eggs. Most people give up after a couple of days and think this will be enough. You have to COMB, COMB and COMB over and over again. IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME AND IT CAN BE VERY FRUSTRATING BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF THEM.

WE ALL HAVE TO PLAY OUR PART

Transition to School Sessions

We would like to invite children who are turning 5 years old this year or in Term 1 of 2021 to come and be part of our Junior School for our Transition to School Sessions.



Children will take part in a range of activities that will prepare them for school. This will help children to adjust to life at Clutha Valley Primary School by becoming familiar with the school surroundings, children and staff.

It is expected that parents are to stay with their child during the Transition to School sessions at school, unless organised prior with us. We realise that many of you will have preschoolers and you are welcome to bring them along also.

Transition to School will be in the Kowhai classroom. Children will need to bring their lunch with them.

Session dates are:

- Wednesday 2 September, 12.30-3pm
- Wednesday 16 September, 12.30-3pm

If you are interested in your child taking part in this Transition to School programme please come along to our first session, ring Paige on 4159105 or email paige@cluthavalley.school.nz for further information.

SCHOOL TERMS 2020

Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

School Blogs

OUR FACEBOOK LINK IS:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clutha-Valley-Primary-School/1679447322276417>

OUR WEBSITE LINK IS:

<http://www.cluthavalley.school.nz/>

BUS DRIVER CONTACTS



Please find below the contact information for the bus drivers:

PLEASE NOTE NEW DRIVER FOR POPOTUNOA BUS:

Awamangu Bus	Neville Waters	0274183958
Wharetoa Bus	Adele Byers	4159150 / 0274716516
Popotunoa Bus	Hamish McCallum	027 274 0981
Rongahere Bus	Deb Stratford	0273594315
Puketi Bus	Warner Reid	4159150 / 0274374669

Each teacher is responsible for a bus run. If you have any concerns regarding the buses please contact the appropriate teacher:

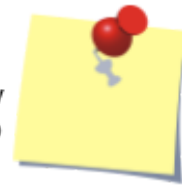
Awamangu	Reegan Tourell
Puketi	Chelsea Sinclair
Popotunoa	Paige Holden
Rongahere	Jody Louw
Wharetoa	Rebecca Suangoon
Walkers	Tiffany McRae

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.



Community Notices

The school takes no responsibility for the accuracy and/or validity of the following notices. Donation to accompany newsletter advertisement.



MAINLY MUSIC

Mainly Music is held each Wednesday, 10.15am 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 morning tea, for children and adults and a play time with our toys. We are also a funded playgroup so you can stay with us until 11.45am if you want to. 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. Mainly Music only operates during school term.

A small cost of \$3.00 per session/family is required.

Further enquiries to Pam Hunter 034859567 or Sue Harrex 4183975.

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