

School Newsletter No 19  
5 July 2024

## Reminders

Fri 5 July Last day of Term 2 - School holidays start

### Term 3 2024

Mon 22 July First day of Term 3  
Wed 24 July Clued up kids, Year 6  
Thurs 25/26 July Ski Trip  
Wed 31 July Sports Activator

Thurs 1 Aug Technology Year 7/8  
Fri 9 Aug Rugby League Tournament  
Wed 14 Aug SOPSA Cross Country  
Thurs 15 Aug Technology Year 7/8  
Tues 20 Aug Football Tournament  
Wed 21 Aug Sports Activator  
Thurs 29 Aug Technology Year 7/8

Thurs 12 Sept Technology Year 7/8  
Mon 16 Sept Tony Tourell Golf Tournament  
Wed 18 Sept Sports Activator  
Thurs 26 Sept Technology Year 7/8  
Fri 27 Sept Last day for Term 3

### Term 4 2024

Mon 11-15 Nov Year 7/8 Camp - Stewart Island

## From the Principal's Desk

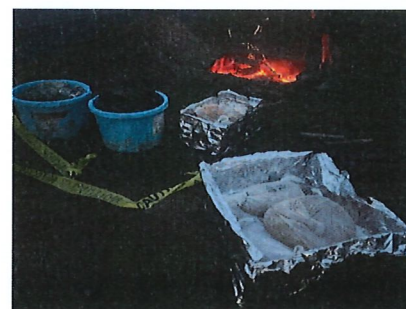
"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give".

Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Wow! It's hard to believe we have reached the end of our first term in the new school.

Thank you to those who visited the school on Wednesday or Thursday to see our new teaching spaces in operation. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and community members to observe firsthand the engaging learning environments we have created for our students. Many of the comments from those who visited mentioned how settled and focused the students were on learning.

Congratulations to our school's basketball team for their remarkable performance in the recent final! Our team played with great skill and sportsmanship, finishing as runners-up in a highly competitive game. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination throughout the season. Thank you to Tetoaiti for coaching the team.



A big thank you to the coaches. Your unwavering support and encouragement were crucial in motivating our players to give their best. Well done to all involved!

Last week's Matariki celebrations, to mark the Maori New Year, were a great success! A highlight of the celebrations was the hāngi, where our students had the opportunity to enjoy delicious food prepared in the traditional Māori way.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the helpers, in particular Donald Povey, Jade Unahi, Moko Wanahi who made this event possible. Your hard work and dedication in setting up the hāngi, cooking the food, and ensuring everything ran smoothly is greatly appreciated. We also extend our gratitude to our school families who contributed food for the hangi. Your generosity truly made a difference.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the food and the experience of the hāngi. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about and appreciate this important cultural tradition.



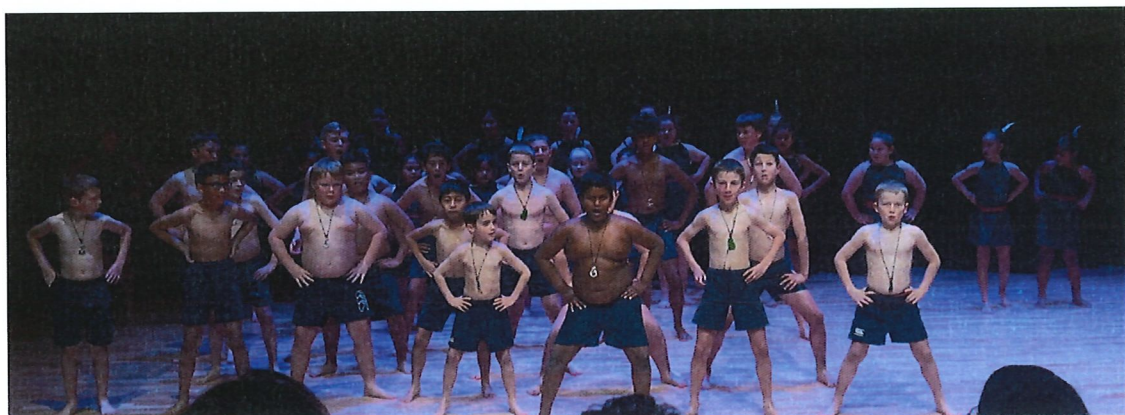
We are incredibly proud of our students who participated in the Kapa Haka performance at the Matariki event in Balclutha last Thursday evening. Their dedication to learning and practicing the traditional Māori songs and dances truly shone through on stage. The performance was a vibrant display of our cultural heritage and a testament to the hard work of both the students and staff. A special mention to Ezra Blair. Your encouragement and involvement has played a significant role in the success of our Kapa Haka group. We look forward to more performances in the future, showcasing the rich cultural diversity of our school community.

Finally I would like to extend our warmest wishes to Reegan, who will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical starting next term. As part of her sabbatical, Reegan will be looking at how to integrate aspects of STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) into classroom programmes. We also hope this sabbatical provides a rejuvenating break, allowing Reegan to return with even more energy and fresh ideas. We wish Reegan all the best and look forward to her return in term 4.

Jaquita Warren will be replacing Reegan during her sabbatical. Given the current challenges in finding teachers, we feel incredibly fortunate to have found an excellent teacher to join our team. We are confident that this transition will be smooth and that the Totara students will continue to receive a great education.

As we move into the holidays, I hope everyone takes this time to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. Safe travels to those who are planning trips, and we look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for the second half of the year.

Ngā mihi nui  
Val Ward  
Principal



## BOARD REPORT JUNE 2024

As winter feels well and truly set in we are another term down. It has been an exciting one with the move into the new school. The students have settled in very well to their new environment but I think they are all ready for a break.

Matai had a fantastic camp despite the weather. The children all made the most of the amazing opportunities. Thank you to the teachers and parents who made it possible and gave the children a fantastic, memorable experience.

Preparations are well underway for the Yr 7&8 Stewart Island Camp in Term 4. Fundraising will continue to help with the costs of this camp and any fundraising ideas are always welcomed.

The Ministry has cancelled Reading Recovery funding in its current form from next year, in favour of adopting a Structured Literacy approach to teaching children to read. The Ministry has pledged to continue to fund Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions, as long as we follow an accredited structured literacy approach. Jody Louw, alongside other junior teachers have enrolled with the University of Canterbury to complete the Better Start Literacy training. Better Start Literacy is the Ministry's preferred structured literacy curriculum and it is well supported with resources, training and support and is free to schools. Going forward, we intend to still offer a similar programme to reading recovery. We see this change as a positive for students outcomes, as we will have staff trained in both methods, therefore taking the positives from each to ensure the best student outcomes.

We would like to again thank all those involved in the school's stock scheme. This scheme is a major fundraiser for the school and has made around \$35,000 for the school in the last 12 months. This money has been used this year to fund an extra teacher and is always used to benefit the education of our children in Clutha Valley. We are very grateful to have such a supportive community to make this happen. There will be a form coming out soon with different options on how you can get involved in this scheme; so keep an eye out for this. Every bit is very much appreciated.

We hope you all have a wonderful break over the next couple of weeks and get a chance to recharge before what is always a very busy term for many of our farming families, with calving and lambing.

Our next meeting is Monday 29 July, 5pm at school.

Nga Mihi,  
Paula Steel (on behalf CVPS BOT)





## CVPS PTA Chromebook Subsidy Guidelines

Clutha Valley PTA has agreed to make a one-off payment to students of \$150 subsidy towards the purchase of their chromebook to align with Clutha Valley Primary School, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy.

These guidelines have been developed in order to make the subsidy process fair and transparent.

### **Guidelines:**

One subsidy per child during their enrolment at Clutha Valley Primary School

Students must be Year 4 and above.

Subsidies for students in Year 8 must be applied before 30th June.

Subsidy payments will be paid into the bank account of the purchaser.

Attached to this request please include:

Name of child

Age and School Year of child

Bank Account details of the purchaser.

Copy of invoice (photocopy, photograph, or scanned copy accepted).

Correct documentation to be emailed to the school office.

(office@cluthavalley.school.nz) attention: CVPS PTA Treasurer/Chromebook Subsidy, or a copy can be left at the school (c/o CVPS PTA Treasurer).

### **Payment:**

Payment will be made within 2 weeks of receiving the correct documentation into the bank account provided.

Any queries, please discuss with any member of the CVPS PTA, school teachers, or principal.

## SCHOOL TERMS 2024

Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 Monday 14 October - Monday 16 December

## 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	<b>Marie Adlam</b>	<b>0276672485 (NEW DRIVER)</b>
Rongahere Bus	Murray Dickie	0274904500
	Deb Kinder	0274139381 Relief 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	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.

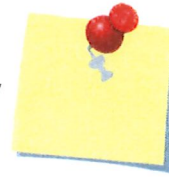
School Blogs 

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

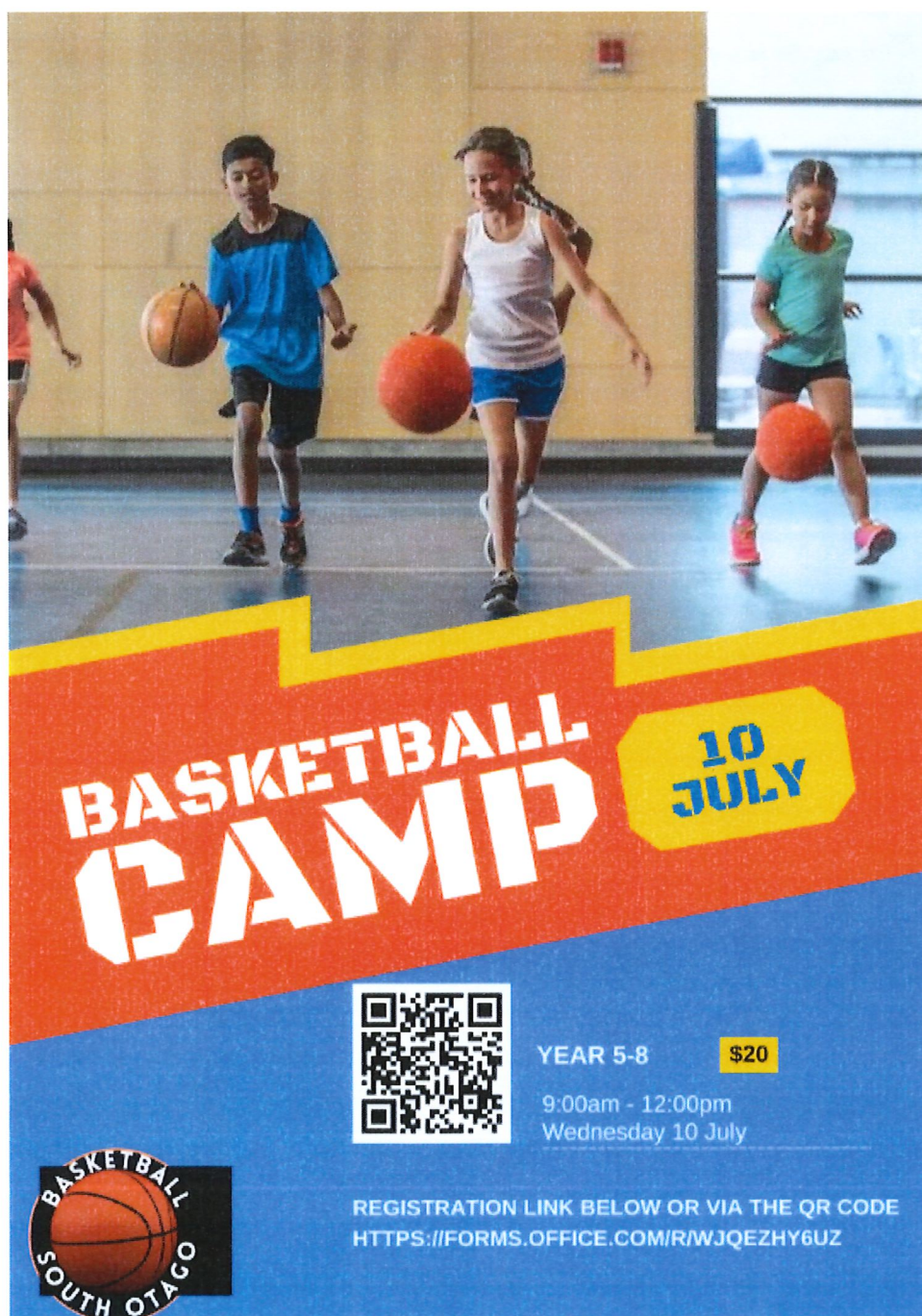
## CLUTHA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

The hall committee are holding their Tri-ennial meeting on Thursday 11 July at 7.30pm at the Clutha Valley Community Centre.

The hall is owned by the Clutha District Council and the role of our committee is to identify and prioritise work required at the hall. We are looking for new members who may be interested in helping us work with council to keep this fantastic asset maintained.

Apologies to Karen Tunnah on [tunnah@extra.co.nz](mailto:tunnah@extra.co.nz) or 027 5159492.

We hope to see you there.



A promotional poster for a basketball camp. The top half features a photograph of three children (two boys and one girl) in a gymnasium, each dribbling an orange basketball. The bottom half has a blue background with a large orange banner that reads "BASKETBALL CAMP" in white, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the banner, a yellow hexagon contains the date "10 JULY". Below the banner, there is a QR code, the text "YEAR 5-8" and "\$20" in a yellow box, and the time "9:00am - 12:00pm" and date "Wednesday 10 July". At the bottom left is a circular logo for "SOUTH OTAGO BASKETBALL" with a basketball in the center. At the bottom right, the text "REGISTRATION LINK BELOW OR VIA THE QR CODE" and the URL "HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/RWJQEZH6UZ" are displayed.

**BASKETBALL CAMP** 10 JULY

YEAR 5-8 \$20

9:00am - 12:00pm  
Wednesday 10 July

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Balclutha Community Library

# CHILL OUT WITH A COOL BOOK

Sign up for our Winter Reading Challenge  
8th of July - 16th of August 2024

Complete the tasks on the bookmark to receive a prize or go into the draw to win!

Open to all ages with two categories:  
Ages 0-12  
Teens and adults



<b>JULY</b> <span style="float: right;">8 JULY - 19 JULY </span> <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>BALCLUTHA COMMUNITY LIBRARY</b></span>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8 JULY</b> • Monday Movie Magic 2pm ←	<b>9 JULY</b> • Arts & Crafts 10am-11am	<b>10 JULY</b> • Collaborative Art Piece 2pm Onwards	<b>11 JULY</b> • Board Games Galore! 2-4pm →	<b>12 JULY</b> Scavenger Hunt
<b>15 JULY</b> • Monday Movie Magic 2pm ←	<b>16 JULY</b> • Arts & Crafts Diamond Art Ages 7+ Recommended 10am-11am	<b>17 JULY</b>	<b>18 JULY</b> • Bikkie Decorating 2pm →	<b>19 JULY</b> Scavenger Hunt

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE TO ATTEND, AND ALL RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED**

- Monday Movie Magic  
Pull up the bean bags and join us for movies on the little big screen!!
- Arts & Crafts  
Bring your imagination and come along for an hour of arts and crafts.
- Collaborative Art Piece  
Bring your creativity and help create a collaborative art piece for the library wall!
- Board Game Galore!  
Come join us for an afternoon of board games with friends!
- Bikkie Decorating!  
Head down to the Balclutha Library for a fun afternoon of decorating bikkies! \*Please check with staff for allergens before attending.\*

