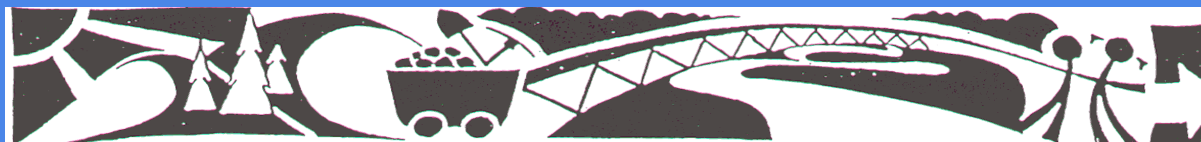


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Building a Bridge to Success

9 August 2024

Kia ora koutou

We could not have picked a better day if we had tried. Our pupils who chose to run in the trials for the South Otago Cross Country run at Clinton on Wednesday put their best effort in. Selected for the South Otago competition are: Robbie and Fergus Lane, Brydon Begg, James and Ryan McLeod, Layton Kenealy and Baxter Owen

The whole school joined in for the 'colour run' and had a great time.

These are the results from the competitive races.

Yr 3 - 1st McKenzie Brookland, 2nd Archie Morrison

Y4 - 1st Ryan McLeod, 2nd Kaiden Wilson, 3rd Fred Sutton

1st Hannah Reid, 2nd Hollie O'Boyle, 3rd Ruby Turner

Y5 - 1st Phoenix Bradley-Johnson

1st Nikita Hancox, 2nd Summer Hayes, 3rd Roselie Daumann

Y6 - 1st Robbie Lane, 2nd Brydon Begg, 3rd James McLeod

1st Rubee Hancox

Y7 - 1st Layton Kenealy, 2nd Baxter Owen, 3rd Hunter Owen

1st Summer Andrews, 2nd Jahna Hancox, 3rd Chastity Ferguson

Y8 1st Fergus Lane

1st Ella McKenzie



Government Maths Announcement

The government made an announcement regarding the "Making it Count" maths directive for schools at its party conference last weekend. This has been a bit of a blind-side for schools as only a month ago, we were told that implementing the new maths curriculum was deferred until 2026.

The new initiatives are designed to improve achievement in maths across the country. They are based on some very concerning data on the achievement of Year 8 students at the end of 2023 which showed that only 22% of students were achieving at the appropriate level.

This data was only gathered from 853 students across the whole country and they were assessed against a new draft curriculum which has not been implemented in schools yet so things are not as dire as they have been painted.

I would like to reassure our parents that our school's mid year assessment shows that 88% of our Year 8 students are achieving at or above the expected level. This assessment data was gathered on-line with the Asttle tool that schools are going to be directed to use by the Ministry.

We are awaiting the release of the new draft Maths curriculum document on Monday next week and will be working hard to ensure that we are ready to implement this at the beginning of next year. It appears that we will also be issued with student workbooks. While these will provide an additional tool for our maths programme, they are certainly not going to be a quick fix and a replacement for sound teaching. We will be continuing with the work we are doing with Rob Profitt White as we are seeing that this is having a positive impact on student engagement and the ability to think mathematically and problem solve.

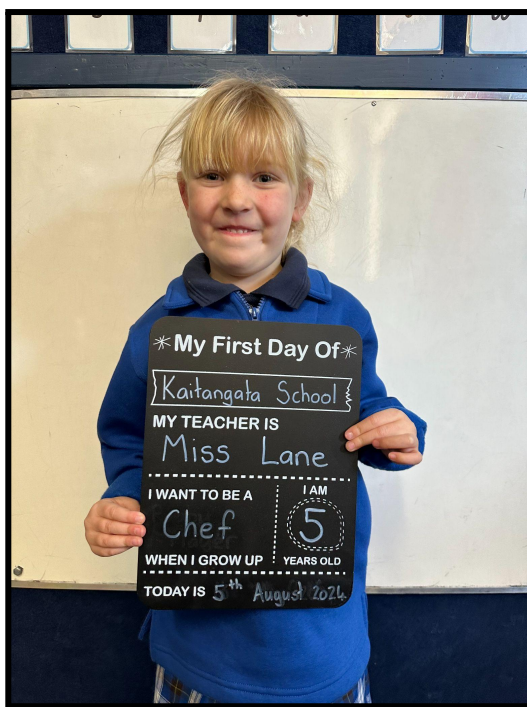
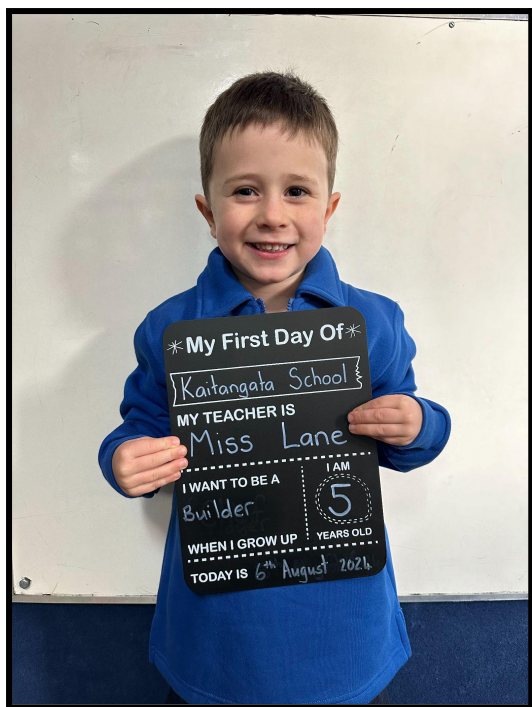
Cookie Time Orders

Cookie time orders are due by 3pm next Thursday 15th. The order will be placed with cookie time that weekend so orders that are handed in after Friday, at the absolute latest will not be accepted.

If there's any issue with orders needing to be handed in late then they can email brittany@kaitangata.school.nz. Thank you for your continued support.

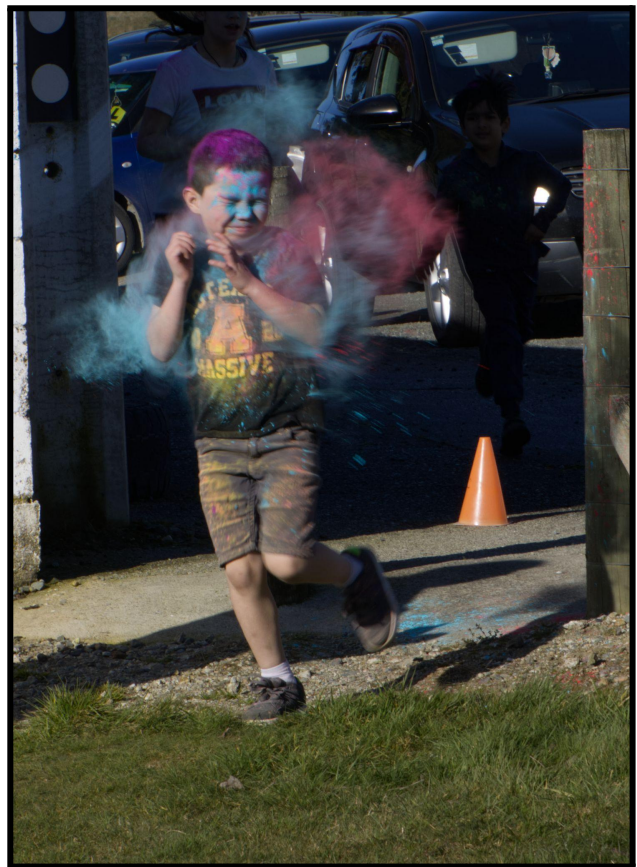
Welcome

This week we have welcomed Charlotte and Cohen to the Tui room. We are sure they will enjoy their learning journey with us.



Some more Cross Country photos





Rugby League

Today we have a team taking part in a first for South Otago - a Rugby League tournament being held at Lawrence. Thanks to Pete Falconer, Terry Owen and Marty Darmody for assisting with transport to this event.

Sport Clutha Rugby League

We're pleased to share an exciting opportunity for young rugby league enthusiasts! This Sunday 11 August, from 11:00 am at the Toko Rugby Football Club (Milton Showgrounds) in Milton a special training session for any interested Under 9, Under 10, or Under 11 children is being hosted by experienced rugby league coaches from Dunedin.

Six experienced Rugby League coaches will lead the session, offering a fantastic chance for kids to get involved, discover how much fun rugby league can be, and learn from skilled professionals. This is a great opportunity for any young tamariki keen to experience the sport and develop their skills in a supportive environment.

Feel free to spread the word and encourage your students to take part and enjoy this engaging event! No need to register, just turn up on the day.

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5	19 BOT 7pm	20 Football Tournament Yr 3/4 Yr 5/6	21 School Photos am El Grego 1:30	22	23 Tech
6	26	27	28	29	30 Daffodil Day Mufti Fundraiser Assembly
7 Sept	2	3 Maths PLD	4 Yr 7& 8 Golf afternoon	5	6 Tech
8	9 Otago Polyfest Week	10	11	12	13 Assembly Disco
9	16	17	18	19	20 Tech
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COOEE BIKE PARK DOWNHILL FUNDAY

Sunday 1st September

Registration (Free): 10.30 - 11am

Top entrance - off Golfers Drive, Balclutha

DH/Enduro Races - Whip Competition - Prizes - Sausage Sizzle & Coffee

New beginner trail just built - so all Welcome!

Enquiries to: Jo Bond 027 6315748

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