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Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

At the beginning of this week we hosted 30 teachers from the West Coast (for two days) on raising Maori students' achievement. We had an excellent presenter and lots of dialogue. Thanks to our Yr 7/8 students who welcomed them into our school.

There are some staff changes for 2012. Ms Burton has accepted a position in Christchurch and Ms Gilchrist is heading off to the USA. Ms MacRae and Mr Hewson have had their positions made permanent.

On Monday we are hosting an Open morning for students and families who will be coming into our school next year. It will start at 9am in the library. All are welcome.

Our Year 9/10 students hope to head off to the Copland Valley on Monday and on Thursday/Friday we host our annual Junior Tournament with 6 other schools joining us. Parents are most welcome to come and see what is going on and joining in. A disco will be held on Thursday night.

The BoT have set starting dates for 2012. On 1 February there will be a teacher only day. Students start on Thursday 2 February at 8.45am. Holidays in 2012 are; April 6 - 20, July 2 - 13, Oct 1 - 12. The last day for 2011 is 13 Dec - School will finish at 12.30pm.

In the last Korero it was reported that school will be closed for Teacher only day on 18 November. That is tomorrow (Friday).

Please put in your calendar the school prize giving on 7 December 7pm in the school hall.

All schools are required to consult the community every two years re the Health Programme. A questionnaire was sent out last Korero for your thoughts and ideas, could you fill this in and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you to DoC for bringing in the wonderful Rowi Kiwis for us to look at. They were amazing.

Angela Sloane - Principal

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of Lost Property this term. Clothing/shoes etc will be put out on display for the last week of school.

Please encourage your son/daughter to have a look and please feel welcome to come along and collect any stray items you may be missing! Unclaimed items will be washed and sent along to the Op Shop at the end of term.

We are missing a bar from our jungle gym at school. It was in storage up the hill behind the clinic and is now missing. Does anyone know where it is?

LIBRARY NEWS

Curious about E-Books? Then come along to the SWAS library to hear Anne-Maree Wigley from the WDL give a presentation on 'Over Drive' 30 November at 7.30pm. This is a new service provided by the WDL to borrow digital material. Come along to see/hear what it's all about.

Please let Francina Glass 7533128 or myself 7533075 know if you are interested in coming along so we know how many cups to put out for supper and to make sure it's worthwhile for Anee-Maree to travel down to see us.

Jenny Derks

HI-VIZ VESTS - YR 0 - 6 STUDENTS

Wallace Wells has kindly donated Hi-Viz vests for all Yr 0-6 students. These will be numbered (please check your child's number).

These were purchased to ensure extra safety and visibility for your son/daughter while they travel to and from school. It will be parents' responsibility to have them wearing them on the way to school.

We are thinking of trialling the following: Students travelling on buses will leave them on the bus once arriving at school. The town students will need to bring them into school for their walk home. Cyclists will need to wear them to/from school each day.

If they are too small/large please come in to school to exchange them.

If you have any concerns please contact me.

Angela Sloane

MEASLES

There has been an increase in measles cases in New Zealand recently. Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, then a rash which develops around 3 days after the other symptoms start. Symptoms can progress if not treated.

If you think you have measles please contact your local nurse/doctor for treatment and to help prevent spreading them. For more information visit www.moh.govt.nz/measles.

WANTED

Our Food Tech department urgently require clean ice cream containers for use before/during Junior Tournament next week. If any one has any to spare then please send them along to school. Also we will not be requiring baking this year for Junior Tournament morning tea as we will be providing fruit and drink. Thank you.

Coming Events:

- 18 Nov - Friday -Teacher Only Day
- 21 - 23 Nov - Yr 9/10 Copland Track
- 24/25 Nov - Junior Tournament
- 28 Nov - Anniversary Day
- 29 Nov - 1 Dec - Yr 7/8 Saltwater Camp
- 2 - 6 Dec - Cactus Camp
- 13 Dec - Last day of 2011 school year

Remember to scroll down to look at our current calendar on our web page:

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SWIMMING SEASON

New rails and a ladder are now in place in the swimming pool and it is currently being filled. The water will be treated and hopefully warm enough for use at the Junior Tournament next week.

The Board of Trustees have agreed to continue with a key system this season to allow community out-of-school swimming. This usage is subject to certain conditions and keys must be signed for by an adult at the school office. Fees for the season will be \$30 for an individual (approx \$2.50 per week), and \$50 for a household. In addition we ask for a refundable key deposit of \$10. Keys will be available from Monday with the pool opening on Thursday 24 November.

Jenny/Ruth/Marg

CAKE STALL

The Hari Hari Presbyterian Ladies Guild will be holding a 'Shop Day' stall with Baking, Jams, Craft, Books, etc outside the school library on Election Day 26 November starting a 9am. Don't miss out!



DOG TOWING

Ash, my dog and I were playing on the trampoline on Sunday. I threw the rope onto the trampoline and she jumped onto it and then she bounced up off, onto the cliff. The trampoline is in the middle between two cliffs. They are as high as the tippy top of the playground flying fox. The second cliff is a bit lower.

In the trampoline paddock, there is a motorbike track. Ash and I went around it and we found a strawberry holder. I tied it to Ash and everytime she ran over a bump, it gave her a fright.

Ryan Shaw



PUPPY BASKET

Last Sunday, we bought a sheepskin puppy basket off Trade Me. It arrived on Monday afternoon and it was packaged up well. It only took one minute to get it open and it is washable. Mum said that it maybe could go in my bedroom but it is probably going in the lounge. And did he love it! Luke sometimes sleeps in his kennel at night but he still likes to lie in his basket by the fire, he kicks out the cushion at times.

Taylor Waterman



SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING PET DAY

- * A mixed rugby game
- * A variety of food and drinks
- * More games
- * More activities for the pets
- * Each class to run a stall
- * All the competitions to be completed at school
- * Free ice-cream for everyone

Please feel free to add to the list before next October.

(collated by Kathy White)

Mrs Muir



WHY WE SHOULD HAVE PET DAY - Room 4

I think we should have Pet Day because it is a family day out and people can catch up with each other.

I believe we should have Pet Day because it's fun for parents and kids because you can wet the teachers and the parents in the stocks.

I consider pet day to be important because you win prizes with all your hard work.

Chadd Maisey



I think we should have Pet Day because adults and children have lots of fun and get to meet new people and talk to friends.

I believe we still learn stuff on Pet Day. We learn about different kinds of pets and see how they are looked after and what they can do.

I think we should have Pet Day because it makes some children like me work hard to get things finished for the classroom competitions.

To sum up, I think we should have Pet Day because everyone works hard and has lots of fun.

Cameron Mathieson



I think we should have Pet Day because the Juniors and Seniors can have fun with tiny and huge animals.

I think we should have Pet Day because we can fundraise for the school so the school can buy stuff. We can fundraise with Food Stalls, Coin toss, Sponge throwing and Splat the rat.

I think we should have Pet Day because we work together to get the classroom set up. We work together to get the project books done.

And so, we should have Pet Day because we can have fun, so we can fundraise and we can work together.

Jaime Garland



I think we should have pet day to fundraise, children and adults have lots of fun, lots of games to play, and see all different pets/animals.

The Year 9/10 put up a stall and fundraise money for computer, tracksuits, and other stuff.

Children and adults have lots of fun games like sack races, 3 legged race, chariot race and lots more.

There are all different pets/animals, dogs, cats, fish, claws, lambs and more for everyone to see.

We should have pet day because it's fun for the pets, adults and children and its a cool day out for the family.

Ebony Russell - Stewart



ROOM 1 - PET DAY STORIES

On Thursday there were games and food. I liked the lambs and I played golf. I went in the sack race.

Joshua Gibson



On Pet Day I played Splat-The Rat. My Nana came to see the piglets.

Kaleb Hodges



On Pet Day we played some games and my favourite was the chariot race. I had some candyfloss. Jorja and I did the three-legged race. I liked the ducklings.

Maisy Glancy



On Thursday it was Pet Day. I liked eating the candyfloss and I liked patting the dogs. I got two certificates.

Ben Malone



Ben and I patted the dogs. I lost Ben then I ran into Seth, then I saw Bede and he gave me some money. I bought a sausage in bread.

Mitchell Fitzpatrick



On Pet Day I saw the dogs and cats. I played the games. My favourite was the sack race. I had fun. I liked Jorja's horse.

Taylor Schwarz



At Pet Day we had to bring pets but some people did not bring pets. At Pet Day we played games. My favourite was the sack race – it was fun. My favourite pet was a horse. The dogs had to do some tricks.

Jasmine Paneda



On Thursday I had Pet Day and it was fun. There was candyfloss and the dogs did the obstacle course

Riley Manera



At Pet Day I played some games and it was fun. There were lots of pets and candyfloss and face-paint and I was a vampire.

Callum Anderson



On Thursday I got second on my model farm and I had the biggest one. I broke my model farm in the weekend.

Clyde White



After we saddled my horse I went around Kelly and I trotted and I got a Red Ribbon for the best horse. I liked doing the piggy-back race.

Jorja Manera



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