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Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

We welcome back Yr 5-8 from their two day ski trip. Thanks to Ms Burton, Mr Costello, Mrs Cornish, Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Perrin for making this trip happen.

We have also held a Gate (Gifted & Talented Programme) for some Yr 7/8 students last Friday. We had a Science Adviser helping and they did an 'archaeological dig' for the day. Thanks to WestReap for supporting this. Also six Yr 5/6 students will be attending a two day course on video jockeying.

Our Yr 11-13 students have been building a 'long drop' for the Saltwater Hut. We have entered it into a nationwide school competition on a 'non-consent' building. They have gained Unit Standards in the process.

The Yr 11-13 students who take Correspondence School classes will have their internal exams in the first week of September (this does not include Food & Nutrition).

School photos are being held on 26 August. Ordering of these along with envelopes were attached to the last Korero.

On 31 August the Yr 0-8 Arts Festival is being held at Franz Josef. All of our Yr 0-8 students will be attending. They have been practising their songs and actions this term. Parents are welcome to attend.

31 August is the last day for acceptance of financial assistance for NZQA.

Angela Sloane - Principal



ARTS FESTIVAL 2010

Franz Josef School are once again hosting the Arts Festival for South Westland Primary Schools and all SWAS students from Year 1-8 will be attending. It is being held on Tuesday August 30th and begins at 10am. The festival will be at a new venue this year in the Scenic Circle Hotel - Mueller Wing, just past the school on the way into Franz. To save on paper this is your notification slip for our trip and unless I hear from you I will take it that your child/children can attend. Please note the following points: We will be travelling to Franz by bus leaving school at 8:45am and returning at about 4pm. The only pick-up on the way south will be at Te Taho but there will be drop offs on the way home for those students living on the bus route in Te Taho and the Poerua Valley. The school buses will not be waiting for us and we will try to get everyone home but if you can help with transport home from school at about 4pm please let us know at school. (Meg Cornish

and the Shaw children will be taken to the Waitaha Valley).

Children should bring a good lunch and a drink or the money to purchase their lunch, their raincoat and a sunhat plus they will be wearing their school tracksuits.

Parents are most welcome to attend the festival and the display section will begin after lunch at 12.45pm.

Many thanks

Jim Costello, Junior School



THE DOUGHBOY PETRELS

Recent seasons have seen the Petrels or Sooty Shearwaters which nest on the Doughboy hit pretty hard by predators, mainly rats and stoats and the colony has come to a standstill as no new chicks are being born. DoC have decided to strengthen the defences for the birds by placing more traps on the Doughboy in addition to the trapline that already runs from the old carpark to the beach and along the beach to the south. They hope to place these traps on the Doughboy in the near future. They have offered to take our senior students on their regular trips to the Doughboy to set up and check this special trapline. Recently Kayla Howard and Leila Timoteo spent time in the field down at the Doughboy and this opportunity will be offered to other students as the programme rolls out over the next few months. Kayla has already worked a lot with DoC in Franz and in the Okarito Forest under our Gateways programme. The work at the Doughboy is under the direction of the Biodiversity Ranger at Franz, Mr Ieuan Davies and he can be contacted at Franz if anyone wants further details. The original trapline of 25 traps along the track and beach will remain and will still be serviced by the local community with help from DoC when they are in the area checking the traps on the Doughboy. Even through the winter the trapline has been catching a regular number of rats and stoats although numbers have dropped recently. If anyone is keen to help on the community roster checking the traps or would just like to go along for a walk please contact Tom Clarkson (7533039) or Marg Costello (7533150).



MATHS SOFTWARE

A computer software company (Edalive) that specializes in software for learners has offered us some of their software on the condition that we distribute some leaflets to our school community. The software is quite useful so please find attached a copy of the leaflet giving details of their products. If interested please fill out the order form and return to school with your cheque before Friday 3 September.



Coming Events:

- 26 Aug - School Photos - **Orders/money to be in by 20 Aug**
- **31 August: NZQA fees due** to be paid to school
- 22 Sept - HPV round 3



SCHOOL CANTEEN

The canteen will be open every Wednesday lunchtime, helping fundraise for the Yr9/10 trip to Wellington. Remember if you are ordering soup to bring your own mug!

CANTEEN MENU

PotatoTop Pie	\$2.50
Volcanos	\$2.50
Hawaiian Pizza	\$2.50
Soup & Roll	\$3.00
Choc Milk	\$2.50
Aqa	\$2.50
Hot Cheese Rolls	\$1.00
Moosies	\$2.00



Annette Lawn

LIBRARY NEWS

Last Tuesday we were privileged to have Mr Bob Docherty, a Reading and Literacy Consultant come and promote reading and literacy in our school. Bob gave passionate reviews of a range of books to students. He also past on words of wisdom such as:

- * Reading teaches focus
- * Reading gives knowledge and experience
- * Reading enhances language (communication in written and verbal forms)

A new batch of Westland District Library books are on the shelf. WDL have also passed on a large quantity of videos.

Library Week at SWAS is scheduled for the 13th-17th September. Back by popular demand is dress up as a favourite book character day. Other planned events are storytelling, Speed date with a book, Picture book artwork and making book marks.

Jenny Derks



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