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## Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

Yesterday I received an email from Mrs Sloane Who is visiting her daughter in the UK. She has just returned from a weeks holiday in Ireland and is enjoying the HOT English weather and Wimbledon. She is looking forward to getting back to work in Term 3, but not the cold weather.

The following is an extract from 'Making Tracks' newsletter (Franz Josef D.o.C.)

'Students from South Westland Area School are working with DoC to help the Blue Penguin Trust to look after the blue penguin population in this area. In the Franz Josef area there are small colonies south of Okarito, and near the Wanganui River mouth. Students from SWAS are helping with the penguin census and till be helping to maintain the stoat and rat traps at the Wanganui mouth.

These colonies have existed for a long time, but the survival rate for chicks has been very low when predator levels are high. Now that there is predator control near these colonies, we need to find out how its working and if we need to make any changes.'

Blue Penguin Facts:

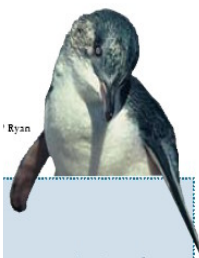
The blue penguin is the smallest penguin in the world, standing just 25cms tall and weighing a little over 1kg.

Blue penguins only come ashore under the cover of darkness and live underground in burrows, natural holes or under human structures and buildings. They remain around their colony all

year, although they may make long foraging trip of more than 70km during the non-breeding period.

The population and range of the little blue penguin has been declining in areas not protected from predators. Where predator control is in place, population have been stable or increasing.  
[www.bluepenguin.org.nz](http://www.bluepenguin.org.nz)

We are very pleased that Wayne Jones has joined the staff as our new Sports Co-ordinator. Wayne has a wide interest in all sports especially personal fitness. Wayne started the C.A.C.T.U.S FIT programme a few years ago in Hokitika which has seen a huge amount of success. Wayne is very keen to run the programme here at SWAS



for our students, this will start in Term 3.

SWAS students, like many of us, have got Soccer World Cup fever. You can tell the ones really passionate about the games as they have large bags under their eyes from watching the All Whites in the wee hours of the morning. As you will know New Zealand have a massive game this Friday against Paraguay, a win and we are through to the next round - GO THE ALL WHITES!

We are running our own Soccer World Cup here at school (House vs House) - the grand finale will be played on the last day of term, Friday 2 July. Kick off at 12.30, please come along to cheer them on!

I would like to say a big thank you to our fundraising machine (Mrs Lawn) for the tremendous amount of time and effort she has put into raising money for the Yr 9/10 camp to Wellington at the end of this year. Well over \$3000 has been raised so far!

Ms Burton has planned a number of day trips to Porters Heights for all those who enjoy whizzing down the slopes - the first one is this Sunday. It is being organised on a first come - first served basis. To find out more please contact Ms Burton.

A reminder to all those taking part on this years Ski Trip to Wanaka, final payment is due by the last day of term.

On a personal note, I've had a great time over the past term, I would like ot thank Ian Harrison for looking after the Technology Dept so well and I am looking forward to working with Mrs Sloane once again.

*Nick Glancy - Acting Principal*



## LIBRARY NEWS

Its that time of the year again when the winter school holidays are almost upon us! Literacy statics have proven that reading levels of student decline over periods of non reading activities so make this holiday break a warm, informed and restful one.

A reminder that the South Westland Area School Library is a Community Library and is supported by the Westland District Council by a grant and loans of books from the District library. The Library is open duty school hours and school term time. Jenny Derks is in the library from 11.45 to 12.30pm to give assistance.

The Westland District Library shelf has kindly been restocked - BIG THANK YOU to Anna and Jan for their transporting services.

*Jenny Derks*



## Mana Award

*Jean Garland  
For exemplifying  
school sporting*



## Coming Events:

- 24 June - Badminton Tournament
- 2 July 12.30pm - World Cup Soccer Play Offs
- 2 July - Last day of Term 2
- 19 July - First day of Term 3



## KEA/CUB NOTICE

A quick update on Kea/Cubs developments; fantastic turnout (11 cubs and 8 Keas so far!) well done to all who came to the first two sessions (remember meeting time is 3.10 - 4.15pm) where games were played and gliders and slits were made.

It was great to see so many there, it does mean that we need another parents willing to train as a leader for Keas to help Donelle. Anyone interested call me or Donelle for more information.

There is a leaders training day in Hokitika on 24 July which we will all attend so if you are keen let me know asap.

I am hoping to run a working bee on 5th July (first Monday in the school holidays) to reorganise/tidy/make an inventory of the cub shed behind the gym - any helpers/organisers welcome., again call me if you can help out even for a short time (10am - 2pm approx).

Thank you and remember it's for the kids!

*Jane Glancy*





### SCHOOL CANTEEN

Canteen will be held every Wednesday lunchtime, helping fundraise for Yr 9/10 trip to Wellington. Lists are posted around the school and all orders will need to be handed in at the office **before the first bell** rings for roll call. Orders should be in an envelope with the correct money. Remember if you are ordering soup to bring your own mug!

Thank you to Heather Schmetz for organising this, if anyone can help out in the canteen or by baking some muffins, cake, savouries or soup etc please contact Heather on 753 3026.

Annette Lawn

### CANTEEN MENU

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| Potato Top Pie     | \$2.50 |
| Volcanos           | \$2.50 |
| Hawaiian Pizza     | \$2.50 |
| Soup & Cheese Roll | \$3.00 |
| Choc Milk          | \$2.50 |
| Aqa                | \$2.50 |

### HELP US SAVE THE YELLOW EYED PENGUIN

At present students are participating in a project to help save the endangered yellow eyed penguin. If you would like to contribute, please save bar codes from any 'Mainland' dairy products and drop them off at the school office.

Thank you for helping us help the yellow eyed penguin. We appreciate your support.

Zoe Schmetz

### LOST PROPERTY

A reminder for all students/parents to check the lost property before the end of term (lost property box is in the sick bay, in the office block). Any clothing left will be washed and donated to the local Op Shop. Please remind your son/daughter to check if they are missing anything.

Jenny Adamson

### LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN

It was great having Harold Giraffe here last month with Carmen the Life Educator from Hokitika. They had a busy three days with all classes from Year 1-8 visiting the caravan at least twice for lessons in Life Skills from Harold and Carmen. Much of the cost of the caravan is borne by various sponsors. The children who took part were recently given one savings graph and a promotional message for each

family by one of the programmes sponsors. I hope they brought it home. I have some sets of colouring pencils as well to give to those who show me this article on Friday. Many thanks.

Jim Costello

Health Co-ordinator

### SPONSORED DICTIONARIES

The Hokitika Rotary Club have once again provided a superb personal dictionary for all the students in Room 4. This book belongs to the students and gives them a great incentive to start collecting their own personal library of favourite books. Many thanks to the Rotary Club and to Mr Brockbank who presented the books on behalf of the Rotarians. A special prize on Friday to any of last years class if they can show me the copy they were given last year.

J Costello

### HARI HARI COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

The above committee will be meeting at school tomorrow, Friday at 12.30 pm, in the Principal's office unless I get a huge surprise and legions turn up, in which case it will be held in Room 4. We need a great turn out to decide where we are going with the Community Centre. All most welcome.

Jim Costello

Secretary

### WEST COAST PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all who took part in the above champs at the Kumara Racetrack last week and especially Logan Shaw and Zara Wyatt who gained excellent placings. Thanks to the parents who came along to help with transport and to support the team. The team was: Jesse and Scott Perrin, Meg Cornish, Sheyanne Clarkson, Zara Wyatt and Logan and Tamara Shaw. Thanks everyone and well done. Special congratulations also to the runners from Whataroa School who ran really well and gained some great placings in a tough competition.

Wayne and Jim

Sports Dept

### BUS NOTES

Thanks to those who have sent in notes for regular bus absences. However there are many students that haven't brought along notes for their absences and this has caused several problems

with buses. Please send in notes for events such as sports practices, cubs/keas. We would appreciate absence notes in before end of term so we can have this sorted for Term 3. Many thanks.

Marg Costello

### OLD MCDONALD

On Wednesday the Playhouse Theatre came to our school. The Characters were: The pussy cat - Minx, the sheepdogs - Gyp and sabre, Old McDonald, Bionic Bunny, T.V weather people, Farmer Jane, Charlie chicken and other characters. My Favourite character was Minx the pussy cat. My favourite music was the Milk Shake song. Farmer Jane was trying to buy the farm off Old McDonald. She wasn't going to let it rain on his farm. When the Hari Hari sheep trials were on, Minx entered Gyp into it. When it happened Sabre won. But later that day the news came on and it said that Sabre was cheating with a Bionic Bunny. Gyp and Old McDonald got a lot of money. I liked the part where Gyp sat on Ms Levett's knee. It was fun.



### BRUNNER MINE DISASTER

Yesterday two Authors came to talk to us about the Brunner Mine disaster. They read us a bit of the book and after that they asked if we had any questions. Only about 4 or 5 people asked questions. They said that only one person in the story was not real but all the others were. The only person who was not real was the boy.

When the ladies were reading Britney and I yawned at the same time. When the ladies were still reading Shinae grabbed Britney's leg and tickled it and Britney started laughing really loud and she made me laugh too.

Zara Wyatt



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