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## Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

Yr 11 - 13 students were given their fee structure letter for NCEA last week. Financial assistance forms should be in by 26 August and all payments by September 2. There is an actual NCEA Level 1 Algebra exam on 21 September for some Yr 11/12 students. Correspondence exams will be held on 5 September (9.30 - 12.30). Other practice exams will be held in the week of 27 - 30 September and in the first two weeks of November. All students should be setting aside at least half an hour per night for study. This does not include regular homework.

The Ministry of Education has given all schools (Secondary and Area) two days for NCEA training and other Professional Development. Our school will hold their first one on 26 September. This means school will be closed for students on this day. Buses will not be running. Please use this day for appointments/haircuts etc on town if possible. Seniors can use the time wisely for study.

Our Yr 0-8 students gave the school a recital of their items for the music festival in September in Franz Josef. They sound really good. There has been a hiccup with a performer who was to attend the Franz Josef Arts Festival. The new Date is **28 September**.

The Yr 7/8 students who went on the ski trip on Monday had a fantastic day. Our senior students leave for Wanaka on Sunday for their trip.

The second day of the Yr 7-10 writers workshop is being held on 29 August. Paul Maunder will again deliver this.

Harold will be at our school on 19/20/21 September. The students all enjoy going to the caravan of learning.

We are trialling a new attendance system where a text message will be sent to parents who have not contacted the school regarding their child's absence. Can you please ensure that the school has your correct cell phone number.

Your current cellphone number on our records is:

Angela Sloane  
Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Westland District Library has been restocked with a great selection of Senior Fiction/Non Fiction and Young Teen reads.

Anne-Maree from the Westland District Library has asked me to gauge the interest of LARGE PRINT books. Have we got a need? If you would like any books in large print then please let me know or leave a message at the office.

Jenny Derks



## YEAR 7 & 8 SKI TRIP

Early Monday morning a small but keen group of Year 7/8s headed off to Porters Ski Field for our annual Year 7/8 ski day. The weather was fantastic which set us all up for a primo day of skiing and boarding.

All the students that attended did really well and by the end of the day there was a noticeable improvement to everyone's ability.

Some highlights of the day were - Redmond combining Snowboarding and Gymnastics to produce a forward roll while riding down the mountain, Bailey managing to split his ski pants open (thankfully he was wearing long johns underneath!), Joe, Megan, Sheyanne, Shayden and Bailey riding the T-bar for the first time, the race down the slopes with Britney, Danielle, Jack, Callum and myself and the run through knee deep snow at the end of the day followed by a massive snow fight.

A big thank you goes to Jane Glancy and Vicki Smith for coming along to help out, especially with assisting students up the T-bar. And an even BIGGER thank you to the students who came along - you guys were model students making the most of the opportunities we offer and showing everyone on the slopes just what great students we have here at SWAS.

Ms Burton



## PET DAY TROPHIES

Could those students who received a trophy at last year's Pet Day please return theirs to the office.

Pet Day is approaching fast and we would like to have them engraved and cleaned up before sending them out again.

Bey Muir - Pet Day Co-ordinator



## Coming Events:

- 26 Aug - Financial Assistance NCEA forms due
- 28 Aug - 1 Sept - Senior Ski Trip 
- 2 Sept - All NCEA payments due 
- 19-21 Sept - Life Education Visit 
- 21 Sept - NCEA L1 Algebra exam 
- 27 Oct - Pet Day

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

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## C.W.I. DAFFIDOL DAY CAKE STALL

**Friday 26 August** starting at 9am. There will be a selection of cakes, pickles, jams etc. Instant raffle - drawn on the day provided by the Hokitika Cancer Society.

Come along and support Daffodil Day.

Anne Simpson - CWI President

## FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps provide qualified Early Childhood Education teachers to regularly visit your child and chosen caregiver at home, offering 1 on 1 support to enrich learning and development. A fun idea to keep them occupied this winter:

### Lemon Fairy Cakes

- 4 oz Butter
- 4 oz Self Raising Flour
- Juice & Zest 1/2 Lemon
- 4 oz Caster Sugar
- 2 Eggs



Preheat oven to 180C. In mixing bowl place eggs, butter and sugar. Beat on high for 3 mins with electric mixer. Fold in flour until combined. Add lemon juice and zest, stir in. Fill cups/patty tins 3/4 full and bake for approx 15 mins.

For more information about our fully funded programme go to [www.footsteps.co.nz](http://www.footsteps.co.nz) or call us on 0800footsteps.

# THE THREE FAT KIWIS



Written by *Ebony Russell - Stewart*



Once upon a time in a dark dark forest there lived three fat kiwis. One stormy rainy night a conservation officer came to take their grandparents. The kiwis were trembling with fear but thought they would come back. Their grandparents never did come back so in the morning the three kiwis said their goodbyes to each other and went off on their separate ways.

The first fat kiwi came across an old man selling Christmas trees. The kiwi said 'Hey there, can I have a couple trees for my whare?' 'Sure' replied the old man. So the kiwi set off and built a nice little whare in the sand dunes.

A wicked old possum came over to the fat kiwi's house and said very sweetly 'Fat kiwi, fat kiwi let me in' and the kiwi said 'Not by the whisker of my beaky beak beak!'

'Then I'll hiss and scratch and blow your house down!' and he did just that and then hung the fat kiwi up by his underpants on the clothes line.

The next fat kiwi came across a man who worked at Mitre 10 and said 'Hey mate can I have some netting for my whare?'

'Yes' replied the big strong man. So the fat kiwi set off and built his nice house on top of the green hill, but it did not last long. That old possum came over and said 'Fat kiwi, fat kiwi let me in' and the kiwi squeaked 'Not by the whisker of my beaky beak beak!'

'Then I'll hiss and scratch and blow your house down!' and he did just as he said and hung fat kiwi on the clothes line, the same as he had done with his brother.

The third fat kiwi came across a road working man 'Hi, can I please have some cement and stones to build a whare?'

'Yes you may' replied the man. So he set off with his rocks and cement and built himself a house at the top of the valley. And that old mischievous possum was trying to hiss and scratch but he was not going to get in. He came to the door and said 'Fat kiwi, fat kiwi let me in'

'Not by the whisker of my beaky beak beak!' The possum got mad and said 'Then I'll hiss and scratch and blow your house down!' but it did not work. The kiwi kept making himself a chocolate

cake. Later that night the kiwi could still hear the possum hissing and scratching at the door.

Not willing to give up the possum said 'Fat kiwi, fat kiwi I know where you can get the saltiest fish 'n' chips, down at the Pukeko Tearooms. Be ready at 12 o'clock and I will come by for you.'

The fat kiwi wasn't silly so got up and headed off at 11 o'clock and was back home eating his salty fish 'n' chips by the time the possum came by at 12 o'clock. The possum said 'Sorry I missed out on going with you'. To make up for it he added 'Come to the orchard down the road and pick some kiwifruit for our lunch'.

'Sure' said fat kiwi.

'Be ready at 9 o'clock and I'll come by for you.'

Fat kiwi was again up early and went to the orchard at 8 o'clock, picked some kiwifruit and was heading home when who do you think gave him a big fright? Old possum himself! Fat kiwi ran as fast as his little legs would carry him. He got home and padlocked the door and locked old possum out!

Fat kiwi needed to come up with a plan to get rid of the mean old possum. He thought on it for days and then he came up with a very tricky idea! The fat kiwi invited the possum over for a pavlova afternoon tea. The possum said 'Yes, but I have to be home by 3.30pm'

'Sure' said the kiwi. So the kiwi made a pavlova and once that old possum had a bite something went SNAP! It was a possum trap! 'HA HA I have fooled you, now you can't eat any more kiwis!' Fat kiwi went and got his brothers and they had a huge party and that old possum never bothered any animals again.

*The End*



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