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Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

I would like to welcome three new students: Laura Heward, Zak Kharoub, Jonelle Shilling and their families who have recently enrolled in the school.

I would like to thank Mr Glancy for keeping the school running perfectly while I have been away. It is great to be back and hear all of the great things that have happened over the last two weeks. I believe the futsal competition we hosted was a great success.

Next Tuesday all Yr 11-13 students are travelling to Greymouth to attend the Careers Expo - This is a great opportunity for students to talk with different tertiary institutes and find out what early requirements are needed for their courses. We encourage parents to meet us there and walk around with their son/daughter. More specific information has been given to Yr 11-13 students and parents.

Next Wednesday we will be holding our biennial school production. This year the theme is fairy tales. A matinee session is being held at 1pm and the evening performance is at 7pm. A gold coin donation is asked for and a plate for supper. Tea/coffee provided. Students will need to be at school no later than 6.40pm on the night. No evening buses will be running.

I have sadly accepted the resignation of Ms Julia Lavers. I would like to congratulate her on winning a senior position at Oxford Area School. They are very lucky to have such an experienced teacher and will no doubt enjoy all of her talents as we have done over the past 8 years. All the best. Ms Karyn McRae will be taking over her position in the Yr 7/8 classroom. Karyn has been with us in Term 2 of this year and previously been teaching in this area at Whataroa School. Ms Gilchrist will pick up some of the Arts teaching.

I have also appointed Mrs Kathy Boswell into the Senior Science/Maths position. She takes this up in Term 3. Her main senior area of strength is Biology. Mr Hewson will continue with Yr 9/10 Maths classes and pick up some of Ms Rogers/Mrs McRae's classes. With these changes it also means a change to our timetable. This will hopefully be completed this week.

Angela Sloane
Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

'All other obstacles in the way of learner readers can be overcome if they have the help and example of a trusted, experienced adult reader.' [Aidan Chambers](#) (1992) *The Reading Environment : how adults help children enjoy books*

POSSUM BUSTERS

With the support from the Air New Zealand Environmental Charitable Trust, Kids Restore New Zealand have donated SWAS funding for 20 possum traps and I have supplied a further 10 traps. These have been loaned to interested students.

Jim Livingstone from DoC, spoke to these students and issued the school (and the students) with Possum Trapping permits which covers DOC administered lands. The idea is for the students to trap possums in their area and collect the fur for sale.

The initial cost per five traps is \$90, so they can use the proceeds from the fur to purchase their loan traps. The money is then used to purchase more loan traps for other students. Any extra money collected from the fur sales is the student's to keep. Currently at \$135 per kilo, this is a good opportunity to make some money, keep fur and get rid of possums in an environmentally friendly way.

Paul Hewson



RED SOX WEEK 2011

From the 4 - 8 July we are selling Red Socks to support the Sir Peter Blake Trust. We will be selling them for \$3 a pair and would appreciate your support.

Student Leadership Committee



Rural Education Activities Programme

OSCAR Holiday Programme

For 5 - 13 year olds.

Hokitika * Paroa * Fox Glacier

18 - 22 July 2011

This week will have a MONSTER theme - cooking, crafts and a hunt!

Lots of fun and exciting activities

Subsidies available

The programme is available from WestREAP

Ph 03 755 8700 or 0800 WC REAP

or www.westreap.org.nz

Coming Events:

- 6 July - **School Production**
Matinee session 1pm
Evening session 7pm
- 15 July - Last day of Term 2
- 1 Aug - Start of Term 3

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

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QUIZ NIGHT

Fri 7pm

8th July

Hari Hari Motor Inn

\$20 per team (max 5 people)

Cake Auction, Raffles and quiz prizes. All welcome.

Proceeds to support the South Westland Netball Association.



SOCIAL SCIENCES TRIPS

As part of the Yr 11-13 curriculum Yr 11 & Yr 12/13 have been on some field trips. Yr 11 have been to Greymouth to study MacDonald's as a producer for an internal achievement standard and Yr 12/13 went on a field trip for five days to Dunedin for part of their Urban and South Island High Country studies, on this trip they also visited the Clyde Dam to witness how man has altered the landscape.

Ross Brockbank





LA FONTAINE TREE PLANTING

Yesterday at 10 o'clock until 1.30 we went to the La Fontaine river. We planted 150 plants. Lots of them were native trees.

DOC and some locals came to help us. We dug holes to put the plants in. It was hard work. Some people went to the other side to plant some trees. The plants help to keep the water clean so we can swim in it safely.

I had an enjoyable day and I wish we could go back again.

Tamara Shaw



SWAS Yr 5/6 planted an amazing 150 plants at the La Fontaine Bridge as part of the La Fontaine River Enhancement scheme.

The planting happens every year so that the river bank doesn't collapse. It also helps the environment to have clean water.

The Department of Conservation workers were there along with Tom Clarkson and Andy Harris, who delivered a variety of native plants on his motorbike.

The students got stuck into their work and I bet they will sleep well tonight.

Ebony Russell-Stewart



South Westland Area School Yr 5/6 students planted lots of baby trees to help with the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme. Over 150 native trees were planted in three hours.

Cornelia, a Department of Conservation worker, went with some students to the other side of the river to plant flaxes and trees.

The students had a tree planting race and the teacher, Mrs Lawn and student, Ronan, won by six plants.

Everyone finished planting all of the trees with a positive attitude and some people were exhausted.

Taylor Priest - Johnson

SWAS Yr 5/6's went to the La Fontaine River to plant 150 different sorts of native trees and plants as part of the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme.

Trees and plants are planted so the water can keep clean and the bank doesn't collapse into the water.

Some people went to the other side of the riverbank to plant a few plants with Department of Conservation worker, Cornelia. She was very impressed with the way the students worked.

Tayla Hodges



S.W.A.S Yr 5/6 students planted an amazing 150 plants at the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme.

Trees and grasses were planted to help the riverbank stay up and to make the environment look beautiful.

The students and locals came along with the Department of Conservation team to help out.

It was a beautiful day for planting trees and everyone had an enjoyable day.

Beaudeane O'Rourke



S.W.A.S students planted an amazing 150 plants at the La Fontaine bridge as part of the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme.

Locals, Tom Clarkson and Andy Harris were surprised with how many plants have been planted. The kind of plants they have planted were the Wineberry and many more different native plants.

Everyone had a successful and exciting day.

Ronan Shilling



Room 4 at S.W.A.S got their shovels and were straight into digging holes and planting trees and plants for the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme.

Every year they plant plants and trees at the La Fontaine River so cow poo doesn't get washed into the river. The plants filter the cow poo so it doesn't kill the trout and other living creatures.

Jaime Garland



Yesterday, S.W.A.S Yr 5/6 planted an amazing 150 plants, at the La Fontaine bridge as part of the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme.

Department of Conservation workers and locals, Tom Clarkson and Andy Harris came to help.

There was a variety of plants to pick from in Andy Harris' trailer. They were mostly native trees that grow well on the river banks.

Jordan Schwarz



Year 5/6 at S.W.A.S went to plant plants and trees as part of the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme.

We planted about 150 plants, mostly natives. We planted them for the riverside so it doesn't collapse and the river doesn't get polluted.

We are planning to plant as far as the Main Road in the next 10 years with help from S.W.A.S, the Department of Conservation workers and some Hari Hari locals.

Logan Shaw



S.W.A.S Yr 5/6 planted an amazing 150 plants at the La Fontaine bridge as part of the La Fontaine River Enhancement Scheme.

The plants are good for the environment and animals on the river bank and in the river.

Cameron Mathieson



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