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Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

Thank you for all your wonderful support of our annual Pet Day. Mrs Muir did a great job getting it all organised and it was a pleasure to walk around and see all of the animals outside and displays/work in classrooms. Project books were a highlight again this year and there has been a lot of work by students at home. The Year 9/10 stalls/raffles were well run along with the BBQ. Mrs Muir is doing a review of the day. Students have had the opportunity to suggest different ideas for 2012. If you have any suggestions please contact Mrs Muir.

The Education Review Office were in the school last week. They enjoyed meeting with the Board, teachers, students and parents. Their verbal report was very positive. A written report will be sent to the Board of Trustees before the end of term for approval/changes etc. The public copy will be available next year.

Overall school testing will be undertaken before 17 November - all Yr 4 - 10 students will be involved. From this data and overall teacher judgements, reports will be formulated.

Good luck to our senior students who start their exams shortly. They should all be doing at least 2 hours of study per night. Yr 12/13 have their last day on Wednesday 9 November and Yr 11 on Friday the 11 November.

School will be closed on **18 November** for a **Teacher Only Day**. This is the second of two days given to us by the Ministry of Education for NCEA development. Our NCEA teachers will be meeting with other teachers in their subject areas on the West Coast. Our Junior class teachers will be working with an advisor from Auckland University.

The Yr 7/8 students will be going to the Saltwater Hut on 29 Nov - 1 Dec. At the beginning of the year the trip had to be postponed due to the weather. The Yr 9/10 students will be walking up to the Copland Hut on 21-23 November. Junior Tournament will be on 24/25 November.

Thank you to Westland Milk Products for their kind donation of \$600 towards extension tutorials for our students. This will be well used in 2012.

Angela Sloane - Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

Have you heard about **Overdrive**? Overdrive is a new service offered by Westland District Library. On loan you can download e-books to your computer, laptop or e-reader.

Want to know more? Come along to a meeting at the Hari Hari Community Library @ 7.30pm Wednesday 30 November. Supper will be provided. Please register your interest by November 28th as the evening will depend on numbers. Please contact Francina Glass on 7533128 or myself on 7533075

Jenny Derks



NETSAFE

Do you know what your children are posting on Facebook? Do you know about cyber bullying? We have two DVD's available on loan for parents to view. Please contact me if you would like to borrow these.

We have reviewed our internet use policy and next year all students/parents will be required to acknowledge and sign the new policy before students will be granted internet access. A few students have signed it this year as a result of misuse.

We hope to have the new high speed broadband for schools activated shortly. This will make access to online activities like Athletics extremely fast to load and more interactive for students. All the wiring and hardware has been installed by the contractors and the local exchange has been upgraded to provide the service.

Mr Hewson



PET DAY

Thank you to all the judges, parents and grandparents for helping to make our annual Pet Day a very enjoyable event. It was wonderful to see so many cared for pets and the learning for students that takes place by being responsible for looking after an animal every day. The project books were also outstanding and impressed the judges.

Well done everybody!

Mrs Muir

(on behalf of the Pet Day Committee)



Coming Events:

- 9 Nov - Yr 12/13's last day
- 11 Nov - Yr 11's last day
- 18 Nov - 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

The pool is undergoing some renovations at the moment, having a new handrail and ladder installed. This should be completed by the end of the week. To do the renovation we have had to empty the pool. The water will take some time to warm back up but we should have the pool open in approx three weeks. Let's hope for some warmer weather!

Jenny Adamson



TRACKSUIT REMINDER

There are still quite a few tracksuits that haven't been returned. **All Yr 11 - 13 Students** need to return theirs before they finish school next week for exams. Please return these to Ms Burton.





The Three Little Eels



Written by Cameron Mathieson



Once upon a time there was a mum eel and three little eels. One day their mum died and got washed out to sea. So the three sad little eels set off on their own to make themselves a new home.

The first little eel made his house out of bendy sticks and dry grass. Then the second little eel made his house out of sticky and goey mud. The third little eel made his house out of small rocks and some pebbles.

‘Oh no’ shouted the first little eel. ‘A white heron!’ and he slithered quickly into his house and shut the door.

But the white heron knocked on the door and said ‘Let me in, let me in!’

‘No no no! Not by the slime of my skinny skin skin!’

‘Then I’ll munch and I’ll crunch my way in!’ said the white heron.

So he munched and he crunched his way in and kicked the first eel into a hole.

The second eel saw the white heron coming too so he swam into his house and slammed the door but the white heron knocked on the door and said ‘Little eel, little eel let me come in!’

‘No no no! Not by the slime of my skinny skin skin!’

‘Then I’ll munch and I’ll crunch my way in!’ said the white heron.

So he munched and he crunched his way in and chucked the second little eel into a hole.

The third little eel saw the white heron coming and slithered quickly into his house and slammed the door. The white heron knocked on the door and said ‘Little eel, little eel let me come in!’

‘No no no! Not by the slime of my skinny skin skin!’

‘Then I’ll munch and I’ll crunch my way in!’ said the white heron.

The heron tried and he tired but he couldn’t get in. He banged with his beak and he scratched with his claws but the house was still standing.

The white heron flew away frustrated that all his efforts still didn’t get him into the little eel’s house.

Little eel quickly rang pest control to catch the white heron. ‘The white heron has a black beak and very long legs. Can you catch him because he has taken my brothers and even tried to take me!’

Pest control told little eel they would do their best to capture the white heron.

The next day the third little eel went out to try and find his brothers. This wasn’t going to be an easy task. He searched high and low for his brothers. He searched all up and down their creek and still had no luck. It looked like he was going to have to slither over the hills and far away.

Little eel set off over the hill searching and searching for his brothers until eventually he saw a big dry hole with a large fence around it. As he got closer he could see his poor brothers stranded in it. The third little eel didn’t know how on earth he would be able to get his brothers out. He swam around and around the fence and then he saw it. A gap! There was a tiny gap he was sure he could squeeze through. He yelled to his brothers ‘I’m coming, I’m coming, just hold on!’

The little eel tried his hardest to get through the tiny hole to his brothers.

The third little eel did indeed squeeze through the gap in the white herons fence and even saved his brothers. The mean old white heron was never seen by the three little eels ever again and they all lived happily ever after in their house made of rocks.



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