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Area School

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Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

Welcome back to Term 2. The term runs from Monday 2 May to Friday 15 July. Over Queens Birthday weekend the school will be holding our 125th Reunion. Already over 260 people have enrolled with quite a large contingent from overseas.

We welcome 5 new pupils and their families to SWAS this term; Cameron Mathieson, Lacey Haronga, Rochelle Hill, Damon Johnston and Nikola McKenzie. We also welcome Ms Karyn MacRae, Ms Sharnelle Gilchrist and Mrs Teresa Wilson on to our staff.

During the last week of Term 1 twenty students along with Ms Burton, Mr Glancy, Tom Clarkson, Emma Cornish and Michelle deKoster went to Karamea for the Senior Tournament. A great time was had by all and SWAS came 4th in the rankings overall which was a very fine effort. Six students were selected to attend Tapawera Area School over this coming weekend to see if they can be selected in the Top of the South team for the National event in Taupo from 16-20 July.

Sonja deKoster and Gabrielle Schmetz attended a Youth Leadership Forum (Sir Peter Blake Trust) in Auckland in the first week of the holidays. They reported back at assembly and told us all of the great things they did and issues they talked about - highlights were snorkelling and visiting the zoo at night along with hearing and discussing environmental issues. It will be great to see these two put some of their ideas into our school.

On Anzac Day Zara Wyatt and Mahmah Timoteo both spoke at the service in Hari Hari and did a splendid job representing themselves and the school. Well done.

Please note 6 July in your diary for our school production - all classes are working on their 'Fairy Tale' themes this term.

Thank you to the parents who attended the National Standards meeting held at school during the last week of term. I hope you are now having a better understanding on how the school will report to you on your child's progress in Yr 0-6.

School photos have been booked for Thursday 19 May. Attached is a flyer, please note there is no payment needed before photos are taken and all students will have a sitting with Des in the morning. Family/group/preschool portraits will be taken from 12.30pm onwards. If you have

any questions please contact Ruth at the office.

Thank you to the Country Women's Institute for their very kind donation which has gone towards purchasing a couple of our junior tracksuits.

The BoT will be undertaking two lots of training this month on National Standards and the School Charter.

I was really pleased to give out 22 Vouchers at the end of Term 1 for 100% attendance. Well done!

Angela Sloane, Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

The computer files tell me that some great reading happened over the holiday break. Good Work! It is important to have borrowing records as we can see and meet the needs of borrowers.

Check out our new batch of Westland District Library books!

Jenny Derks



EL GREGOE

"You've got the Power Show"

Tuesday 17 May 9 -10 am SWAS Library

This is a spectacular learning experience using magic to teach values to children. We have the show on a 2 yearly basis as it is professionally presented and promotes the values that are promoted in the New Zealand Curriculum. All welcome. The cost is \$3 per child or \$5 per family.

UP & COMING

Please mark these days on your calendar.

Adrian the Juggler: Thursday 26 May time to be advised. All welcome. The cost will be \$3 per child or \$5 per family.

Whataroa Kiwi Sports Day Tuesday June 31 with postponement day 2 July.

RUGBY NOTICES

The rugby notices were missed last term and I apologise for any inconvenience. If the draw comes in by lunchtime on Wednesday then I will have them distributed that afternoon.

Alternatively you can send an email to Barb O'Neill at nolan.farm@xtra.co.nz and she will add you to the distribution list.

Bev Muir



EX PUPILS Remember if you haven't done so please book yourself into the School Reunion.

<http://ketewestcoast.peoplesnetworknz.info/site/topics/show/40-reunion-south-westland-area-school-2011> has information and an online registration form available.

Coming Events:

- 8/9 May - Senior Trials Tapawera
- 10 - 14 May - Yr 13 Geog Study Trip Queenstown
- 10 May - Arts Road Show
- 17 May - El Gregoe Performance
- 19 May - School Photos
- 26 May - Juggler
- 6 July - School Production

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

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THANK YOU

A huge thank you must go out to Callie & James Gibson for the loan of Kelly Rooney and a tractor & trailer to aid the digging out of our front gardens. Kelly did a fantastic job and was ever so helpful.

Thank you all so much for your help with this it made a very laborious job almost easy!

Jenny Adamson



NATIONAL REAL ARTS ROADSHOW

The National Real Arts Roadshow is a travelling exhibition of original work by more than 60 leading and emerging NZ artists. It will arrive in a huge truck, which unfolds to form an 80sqm art gallery.

Students will be able to encounter, engage with, and enjoy artworks up close and be able to get a feel for the true scale, texture and colour of real art.

The National Real Arts Show is provided by a charitable trust that was formed to bring the joy of art to schools. We would appreciate a gold coin donation per student please.

The Roadshow will be here on Tuesday 10 May (we are expecting them to arrive in the morning). Everyone is welcome to come and view the art work.

Julia Lavers



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