



# South Westland Area School

Mission Statement:

*To prepare students to meet the demands of life confidently*

***Term 4 Value: Honesty - Hakakore***

***For Wisdom We Strive***

Korero

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## ***Principal's Comment***

Kia ora koutou from SWAS - It's the last week of term and the seniors have finished their exams. The remaining students are eagerly looking forward to the end of term.

Owing to the weather events of last weekend, it would appear that the term has ended early for our South students, although teachers have been sending work home to enable them to keep up with their learning.

For those returning next year, I hope you all enjoy the extended break; for those who are leaving, the best of luck for your future endeavours. We have our Junior Prize Giving as the last event of the year and it will be great to see all the students receive rewards for their hard work. Thank you to Addie Keast and Karyn Mathieson for all their organisation that goes into this event.

The swimming pool is getting some great use, both at school and from the community; it is pleasing to see it being utilised and I am sure it will get much use over the summer holidays, especially if we get some hot and sunny days. With the new lights and sound system, I'm sure it will be even more of an attraction. We've also been making some major improvements to our school site with work on Room 13 and the Tech block now completed, preparing us for many years of learning ahead.

I would like to finish off the final Korero of the year by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who has helped the school during 2019. I look forward to January with great hope and anticipation for another successful and productive school year.

***Ngā mihi nui,  
Mark Caplen – Principal***



### **Upcoming Events:**

**13 Dec – Last Day of Term**

**30 Jan – Start of Term 1**

### **RELIEF CLEANER NEEDED**

Relief cleaner needed at SWAS.  
If you or someone you know is  
interested please contact the  
school office.

03 7533160 or

[office@swas.ac.nz](mailto:office@swas.ac.nz)

### **SWIMMING POOL**

If you are needing to  
purchase a key during the  
school holidays please email  
Karyn at [karyn@swas.ac.nz](mailto:karyn@swas.ac.nz)

*Family Key: \$140*

*Individual Key: \$80*

### **PFOTS CAFE SALE**

**Attention all local farmers.  
Parents and Friends of SWAS  
have 7 calves for sale.**

**If you or anyone you know are  
interested in purchasing these  
can you please contact Karyn  
on [karyn@swas.ac.nz](mailto:karyn@swas.ac.nz)**

**This is our annual fundraiser  
and all proceeds go back to the  
students at SWAS.**

Absentees to: [karyn@swas.ac.nz](mailto:karyn@swas.ac.nz)  
also please use the Skool Loop if  
possible.

Also check our Facebook page and  
Skool Loop app for updates and  
any cancellations  
[facebook.com/SouthWestlandAreaSchool](https://facebook.com/SouthWestlandAreaSchool)

## **JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING RESULTS 2019**

**Year 1:** Overall Effort - Ivan Hines

**Year 2:** Overall Effort - Stella Stewart

**Year 3:** Effort - Jacob Blackburn

**Year 3:** Merit - Indy Nolan

**Year 4:** Effort - Iyla Blackburn

**Year 4:** Merit - Olivia Monk/Ethan Lovett

**Year 5:** Effort - Micayla Van Dyk

**Year 5:** Merit - Keisha Grose/Ava Lovett

**Year 6:** Effort - Ollie Blackburn

**Year 6:** Merit - Laura Pinney

**Year 7:** Effort - Daisy Cooper

**Year 7:** Merit - Tana Alkorta

**Year 8:** Effort - Alyssa Sunderland

**Year 8:** Merit - Levi Dalzell

### **English**

Year 9: Effort - Abbey Rakete

Year 9: Merit - Maisy Glancy

Year 10: Effort - Mackenzie Priest-Johnson

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Drama**

Year 9: Effort - Abbey Rakete

Year 9: Merit - Maisy Glancy

Year 10: Effort - Zanira Begum

Year 10: Merit - Ruby Arnold

### **P.E**

Year 9: Effort - Charles Dela Cruz

Year 9: Merit - Jorja Manera

Year 10: Effort - Mackenzie Priest-Johnson

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Digital Technology**

Year 9: Effort - Callum Fulton

Year 9: Merit - Jorja Manera

Year 10: Effort - William Intemann

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Science**

Year 9: Effort - Callum Fulton/Jorja Manera

Year 9: Merit - Maisy Glancy

Year 10: Effort - Ruby Arnold

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Maths**

Year 9: Effort - Jorja Manera

Year 9: Merit - Maisy Glancy

Year 10: Effort - William Intemann

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Social Studies**

Year 9: Effort - Charles Dela Cruz

Year 9: Merit - Abbey Rakete

Year 10: Effort - Shania Apiata

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Hard Technology**

Year 9: Effort - Abbey Rakete

Year 9: Merit - Eliah O'Donoghue

Year 10: Effort - Paige Sunderland

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Home Economics**

Year 9: Effort - Austin Linklater

Year 9: Merit - Abbey Rakete

Year 10: Effort - Riley Manera

Year 10: Merit - Paige Sunderland

### **Health**

Year 9: Effort - Maisy Glancy

Year 9: Merit - Abbey Rakete

Year 10: Effort - Shania Apiata

Year 10: Merit - Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Art**

Year 9: Effort - Jorja Manera

Year 9: Merit - Abbey Rakete

Year 10: Effort - Ben Malone

Year 10: Merit - Shania Apiata

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Junior Cross Country (Stacey Thomson Memorial)**

Jorja Manera

### **Mathletics**

Lachie Gibson

### **Musician of the Year**

Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Most Improved Swimmer**

Alex Wyatt

### **Performing Arts**

Abbey Rakete/Ruby Arnold

### **Public Speaking**

Brooklyn Priest-Johnson

### **Athletics (McKenzie Cup)**

Boy: Charles Dela Cruz Girl: Anna Nyland

### **Mana Award**

Jorja Manera

### **Junior Principal's Award**

Ollie Nyland & William Intemann – for Roving Reporter

### **West Coast Athletics**

Ella Wilson, Anna Nyland & Jahna Mathieson

### **SPEC**

Pixie Manera-Maguire & Carlos Schouten

## **CHRISTCHURCH ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to Ella Wilson, Anna Nyland and Jahna Mathieson for getting selected to represent the West Coast in Athletics. The girls traveled to Christchurch on Tuesday 3 December to participate on Wednesday 4 December in the South Island Athletics.

This was an amazing effort for our girls to be selected and we are very proud of them. It was a very daunting experience as it was a bigger event than they are used to. There were many schools from all over the South Island, the day ran very smoothly and the girls gave it their all.

The girls did not make the top six but they tried very hard and did their best. I am sure next time the girls will know what to expect and will be a lot more confident. We look forward to seeing how they do next year. Well done.

***By Karyn Mathieson (Parent)***



## **MEMORIES – Term 4 Creative Writing Challenge**

A huge thank you to the contributors of this term's creative writing challenge about memories. It was especially nice to get two adult contributions, one from former Room 1 teacher Vicky Guilfoyle and one from Biddy Manera. Enjoy reading their beautiful pieces, along with our student writers: Carlos Schouten, Indy Nolan, Holly Manera, Paige Sunderland, and Pixie Manera-Maguire. In 2020, I hope to get more of you involved each term, so if you have great topic ideas, email them to [carrie@swas.ac.nz](mailto:carrie@swas.ac.nz).

### **My memories of the brig Maria Asumpta - and her legacy**

It was early 1995 and I was about to turn 21. I was in my third year at college studying Equine Science when a beautiful tall ship, the brig Maria Asumpta, came into Gloucester Docks in England for filming and repairs. My sister had sailed in her and I ended up working onboard at weekends and in the evenings, climbing high up in the rigging, painting, repairing, preparing food and socialising with the crew. It was a fantastic winter and spring getting to know the crew and how to work on a tall ship. In late May she sailed down the Sharpness Canal to the Bristol Channel. Over the next few days she sailed to Swansea in South Wales and then on towards Padstow in Cornwall.

Three days later, on 30 May 1995, I was watching the news on TV and saw the horrendous footage of Maria Asumpta hitting rocks off North Cornwall and breaking up – a shipwreck! This was before the time of the internet and mass mobile phone ownership and at that stage I did not even know if my sister was onboard. Luckily she was not.

The ship was going into Padstow and was under sail with her engines off. She was close to a headland called The Rumps and was set onto the rocks by a strong current. Two of my friends, John and Jamie, went down to start the engines but they would not work. As she hit the rocks they were still down below but managed to get up on deck. Crew members were jumping onto the rocks, getting into liferafts and desperately trying to help others.

The ship broke in half. Anne was sucked down into the ship and her body was recovered later that day. Emily had been ill and John tried to help her. Emily and John were washed away and not recovered for three weeks when they were found washed up together on a beach. Three friends drowned in one day – the worst day of my life!

Following the sinking, there was a memorial service on The Rumps overlooking the site of the shipwreck. There were still pieces of wood and other wreckage around the shoreline. There were a few hundred people there and, as I sat on the grass in the sun, I thought about my friends and what I had achieved in my life.

Anne was fifty-four and had done a lot in her life; working, travelling and had had her family. John was thirty-three and from Townsville, Australia. He had been travelling, taught martial arts and was heaps of fun. Emily was my sister's best friend and was only nineteen years old. They all loved sailing in Maria Asumpta, their lives revolved around being at sea and taking on the adventures and challenges life at sea in a tall ship offered.

I was twenty-one and realised I had not done very much in my life: school, music, Pony Club and agricultural college. It seemed like I had done very little. I decided, while sitting on that headland, that I would take all opportunities that were offered to me as long as they were not illegal or too dangerous. This decision led me to my next ship, the sailing galleon Golden Hinde, to a career in the Royal Navy as a commissioned officer, to university to start my teaching degree, to Christchurch New Zealand, to SWAS in Hari Hari for three and a half years and now onto my new career with St John Ambulance in Greymouth. I suppose the moral of this is that life is for living and, as Anne, Emily and John did, we should grab opportunities in both hands and get out there and experience life. There is a whole world out there which can provide adventures beyond your wildest dreams – you just need to go for it!!

***By Vicky Guilfoyle***

## MEMORIES OF THE 'RES' ON MOOREHOUSE STREET

Thru the small wrought iron gate  
White letterbox on the post  
Rhododendron and camellia flowering pink  
Pathway lined with primrose and sprayxia  
Front verandah with stained glass windows

Walking up the hallway  
The smell of shortbread and apple shortcake  
The coal range crackling away  
Kettle singing its song  
Teaspoon of tea leaves per person, and one for the pot

Gran, wearing her apron  
Clasp in her wavy grey hair, sitting in her chair near the fire  
The sound of the wringer washing machine  
Crank handled box phone on the wall  
Jeanette ironing at the end of the table  
Bill rolling a cigarette, Joe splitting wood

Glass painted mirror of Mary and Child  
Crucifix on Gran's bedroom wall, above the bed  
China cabinet in the sitting room  
Large wooden mantle surrounding the open fireplace  
Coronation Street in black and white

Back porch-way stacked with firewood  
Lemon tree, laden out back, next to it a white rambling rose  
The chook run, vegie garden, clothesline framing the back lawn  
Hydrangeas along the driveway  
Arum lilies and daffodils in the paddock

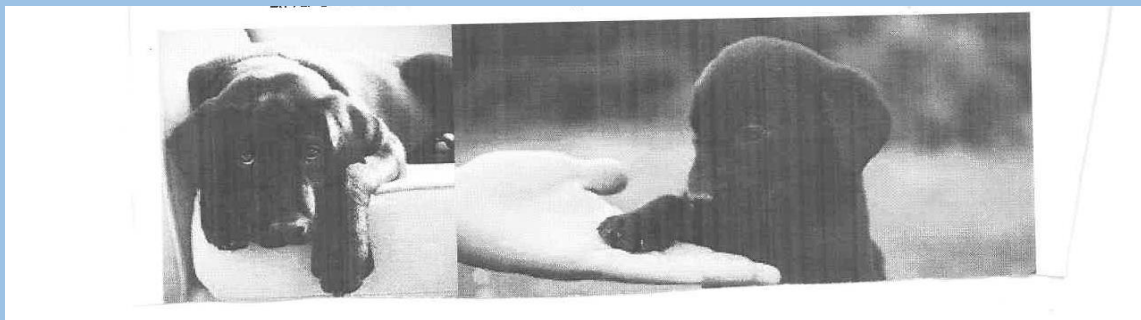
Some treasured memories of 'The Res'  
Nestled at the foothills, below the Greenland Mount  
Views down Moorehouse St, to the Tasman Sea  
Lined with Cherry Blossom Trees  
Memories to cherish

*by Biddy Manera*

## Memories of Jackson

I remember taking Jackson for walks and feeding and giving him lots of water. Also I remember letting Jackson on the couch and giving him a little bit of tea and giving him a little bit of pudding. I remember taking Jackson down to the beach and watching him play in the water and we would all get wet in the waves. Another thing I remember is giving Jackson a lot of pats and hugs and letting him in the house. He would jump on the couch and mine and Logan's beds. I remember when we looked after Jackson for 3 years and taking him out for walks to the beach. Another think I remember is when we used to play with Jackson and we had tug of wars with him in our backyard. I remember when Dad fed him logs of dog biscuits. I remember when Jackson would let out rotten farts whenever we would give him something to eat at breakfast, lunch and dinner and we would always give him a little bit of dessert.

*by Carlos Schouten*





### Memories of Grandad

This is about Grandad.  
Imagine an old farmer who always wanted to farm.  
When he went to hospital every day  
He hated it.  
Ok now I am crying reading about this memory.  
Whenever we went to Kakapotahi  
I always went on the farm with Grandad  
Whether it was to watch him shoe a horse  
Or setting up a break

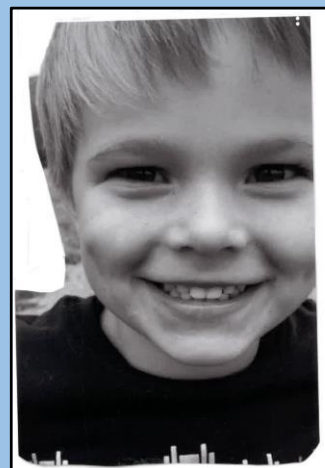
When Christmas was at the farm house  
I would have my Christmas shirt on and some tights  
Because we would play around.  
Nannie would do the cooking and the designs.  
We would sit down and eat in the patio.  
It wasn't quiet.  
After we would go on a motorbike ride if we wanted  
Of course I would sit on the metal bars and when  
Dad and Grandad would drive over potholes  
It would hurt.  
*by Holly Manera*

### REUBEN AND INDY

Rugby was one of your favourite things to watch.  
Exciting times.  
Up in the sky. I wish you could come down to the ground but  
Be happy up there.  
Enjoy fixing boats with Ob.  
No, why did you leave us?

And I will never forget you.  
No one will forget you.  
Did you want to come to school?

I love you so much.  
No one will forget your good sport.  
Do not get taller please.  
You are a little rascal.  
*by Indy Nolan*



### Memories of...

I'm not going to write about  
something that you would usually do on memory.  
I'm still doing it on people just specific people.  
These people have a big part in this school.

I'm talking about your friends or your siblings  
I'm talking about the role models of this school.

This is the story of our Year 13s, the leavers of this school.  
Let's talk about all of them and what they mean to us.

They are the people who bring SWAS to life.  
These leadership people have an individual spot  
and all of it will come to good when they leave school.

Let's start with Taylor. He is a great guy.  
It's been good to have someone around the school like him.  
He has a loud voice, is helpful and creative.

Jen is a great friend, a loyal person  
and a person who never gives up.

Daneil is an awesome person,  
the person that takes the lead when needed.

Pixie is a nice, polite person that is  
cheerful, honest, humorous and kind.

These people are all school role models.  
When they go, we hope we have some more brave leaders.

*by Paige Sunderland*

## **My Memories about My Awesome Grandad Tommy Manera**

My grandad Tommy Manera was a really awesome grandad because he appreciated his family, like my mum and I appreciated him. He was a really nice man and Grandad.

My most favourite memory of Grandad is when Mum and I went out to the farm at the Totara Valley where he lived as a little boy until he was 94, which is pretty cool.

Another memory is when Mum and I and my nephew Braithe from Australia had to take Grandad to the hearing place called Bay Audiology in Greymouth. When we were going there, my nephew and I were very quiet and he said to us, "Are you both still in the car?" He was only joking. It was our joke.

From the age of 6 to 16, Grandad always asked me if I got into the dog box lately. The dog box was at my old school, St Mary's Primary School in Hokitika, and if you did something wrong, you would get your name put into the dog box. Every time Mum and I went to the farm, he would ask me about the dog box. I would just laugh and say, "No!"

He was so considerate, and he would let his grandchildren ride the farm quad bike around the paddock near the house which was really fun to do. Grandad would never give up anything, and he loved his farming and his farm. He let us go to the swings across the other paddock.

Every time we went to the farm, Mum gave Grandad a haircut, and Mum would say to me, "Does he look like Prince Charming?" after she finished doing his hair. I always smile at him and I would say, "Yes, he does!"

He often would go into his money stash in his room and give me and Mum a payment of money. Grandad Tom was the best man to have in our lives. He would go with me and dig some potatoes in the garden for Mum and me.

Grandad and I used to sometimes get the washing in from the washing line which is out in the paddock near the farmhouse. He always wore a hat that looks like Paddington Bear. Mum and I used to call him our little Paddington Bear just because of that hat.

When Mum and I left the farm, he would say, "Oh, are you off?"

He was such a great and awesome Grandad. I miss him dearly.

*by Pixie Manera-Maguire*

## **WEST COAST JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL**

On Tuesday 3 December Mr Kelyneck and I took Jorja Manera, Maisy Glancy, Abbey Rakete, Ruby Arnold, Brooklyn Priest-Johnson, Mackenzie Priest-Johnson, Jaime Clarke, Paige Sunderland, Shania Apiata, Charles Dela Cruz, Cullum Fulton, George O'Brien, Austin Linklater and Eli O'Donoghue to Greymouth for the West Coast Junior Volleyball Competition.

Both teams played very well with the girls winning the Girls' grade. The girls then went on to play JP11 boys team for overall winner. The game was a close game with JP11 winning 2 sets to 1. The boys also had some very close games and came away with 1 win for the day. Well done everyone. It was a great effort for our little school.

*By Debra Manera*



## **SPEC Day Out**

On Wednesday this week, Heather Abel and her SPEC crew, along with Biddy Manera, celebrated a fantastic year of learning and growth by heading to Hokitika for a fun day. The morning was spent swimming, followed by a lunch and Secret Santa gift exchange at Stumpers. Then everyone visited Westland District Library followed by enjoying the movie *The Adams Family* before heading home. When asked how the day went, Pixie Manera-Maguire commented, "It was a good day. We had the pool mostly to ourselves and the movie was good. Brent, the manager of the theatre, gave us free popcorn. It was just good to spend time with everyone." All of the SPEC students would like to thank Heather for being such an awesome teacher!





### Asian Destination

Over the past week Room 4 has been working hard to create a variety of experiences related to some interesting Asian countries. Students made souvenirs, currencies, traditions, tourist experiences and decorated stalls ready for our cultural experience on Wednesday morning. Tables were decorated in a variety of flags, signs, and decorations. The Kyrgyzstan stall had some interesting music thanks to DJ Tyler. North Korea had a variety of souvenirs for sale and a popular water park. The Philippines' stall was decorated with some lanterns that provided light for their fishing competition. Kazakhstan had some beautiful pottery and a cow on show. Mongolia was busy with horse races, a Mongolian wrestling arena, and some decorative ceramics. Thanks to Room 1 and 2 for flying to a variety of countries and exploring the different cultural activities.

Thanks to all the Room 4 students for their hard work and creative activities! Have a Merry Christmas and see you all in 2020.

**Mr. Hannagan**





## **HARI HARI TOUCH**

Hari Hari Rugby Grounds

Juniors 6pm, Intermediate 6.30pm, Seniors/Adults 7pm

Enquires to Karyn: 7533376 or [karyn@swas.ac.nz](mailto:karyn@swas.ac.nz)



## **SWIMMING LESSONS AVAILABLE**

Swimming lessons are available to the public on

Wednesday afternoons.

For more information please contact Linda on 7533142



## **COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOURS**

At present, the Community Library hours are 10am – 11am Tuesdays and Thursdays. Do these hours suit the public or would you prefer different hours.

Please forward your comments on to Heather at [heather@swas.ac.nz](mailto:heather@swas.ac.nz)



## **COMMUNITY PARK/PLAYGROUND PROJECT** **ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

As most of you will be aware we have a really fantastic park/playground in our community, with three new pieces of play equipment arriving before Christmas: a slide, roundabout and a climbing fort.

At the moment our park is not completely safe for our or any children. Our main road is getting busier by the day and cars fly through our town at extreme speeds. I have approached the Community Association along with a few locals in the township and it has been approved I can get a 1200mm fence erected around the front of the park and half way down the side of the park by the public toilets.

The quoted price to complete this project is \$5000. A local member of the community has already offered \$1000 towards the cost and I will be fundraising and applying for a grant.

Our community is growing with young children and it would be very sad if anything should happen to them because we could not make our park a safe place for our children and grandchildren to be.

**If you or anyone you know would like to make a donation or help fundraise for this project it would be much appreciated. Every little bit of assistance helps. You can contact me via email at [grundzandkazza@gmail.com](mailto:grundzandkazza@gmail.com) or 7533376.**

Regards

Karyn Mathieson – Hari Hari Community Member



## **HARI HARI COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sponsored by McKenzie Contracting, Westland Produce and the  
Hari Hari Community Association**

**Friday 20 December, 6 pm to 10 pm, Community Hall, Main Road**

**BYO drink, sausage sizzle and nibbles supplied**

**Bring a gift for your child/children and put it under the tree for Santa to hand out**

**Lollie scramble, music and an evening of fun**

**See you all there**

**Any queries please contact Karyn on 7533376**





# Westland District Library Summer Reading Challenge

Dec 2019-Jan 2020

**Pick one or more Reading Challenges!**

- 1: Set your own challenge
- 2: Read three books
- 3: Read for 30 days

Collect your entry form from the Library or download  
from our website [www.westlib.co.nz](http://www.westlib.co.nz)

Visit our Facebook page or website for competitions and  
events over the summer holidays.

**Entries are due back on the 7th February 2020**

**Every entry receives a new book.**

# Get Caught Reading

Get caught reading in the library during the summer holidays or share your photo of what you are reading and where you like to read, and go in the draw to win an instax camera.

Entries must be in by 31st January 2020  
Send your entry to [library@westlib.co.nz](mailto:library@westlib.co.nz) or drop it into the library.



Images maybe shared on our social media pages and website.

# What's on at the Library

Looking for something to do these summer school holidays.  
Check out all the fun events and competitions happening at the library.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Dec 2019 - Jan 2020

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Collect your entry form from the library or download from [www.westlib.co.nz](http://www.westlib.co.nz)

## Activity Week

13th - 17th January 2020

10.30am - 11.30am or 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Registrations essential

## The Great Library Bake Off!

31st January 2020

Drop off baking and your recipe from 9.30am

Celebration / prize giving, afternoon tea 3.30pm

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## WESTLAND DISTRICT LIBRARY ADDS FILM STREAMING SERVICE, KANOPY

With Kanopy, Library Patrons Will Have Access to more than 30,000 Films, For Free

The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is available through your Library – just in time for the holiday period. Kanopy has more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favourites, indie and classic films, and world cinema. The Kanopy collection includes New Zealand titles like [Boy](#) and [Waru](#), indie hits like [Hunt For the Wilderpeople](#) and award-winning documentaries like [That Sugar Film](#). If you are looking to learn something new, there are hundreds of Great Courses on subjects like Ancient Egypt, Beginners French, Gardening, Screenwriting and Parenting. [Kanopy Kids](#) offers films, series, Story Time and documentaries for children.

Library members can access Kanopy for free (up to five films a month), just sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting <http://westlibnz.kanopy.com>. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV or Chromecast. If you have any questions or would like some help using Kanopy, library staff are ready to help you. If you would like to join the library in order to access Kanopy, you can join on-line as a Digital Only member. Kanopy web site is [www.kanopy.com](http://www.kanopy.com)

## Community Christmas Celebration

19 December at 10.30am

Put it in your diary now!