



Rural Education Activities Programme **Schools Newsletter Term 1 2011**

Hello, I'm back! A very brief retirement, but only until a permanent appointment is made, so if you know any semi retired principals give them a nudge. I will also be working under contract to organize this years round of Young Leaders Camps with a view to handing the whole operation over to Nicole Pieper for 2012. Nicole has successfully completed the Tai Poutini Outdoor Recreation qualification and assisted with transport, supervision and running the activities at Lake Mahinapua in 09-2010. She will pick up on the organizational requirements this year to ensure continuity is maintained.

Congratulations and welcome back to John Doonan as he takes up the Principal position at Hokitika. Farewell to Mary Clare Murphy on her well earned retirement, also to Jo Newton who has moved on from Lake Brunner and Jill Cogger-Mathieson who has left Haast.

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Important Dates to Remember

3rd Feb. Ukulele Workshop Hokitika.

21st – 25th Feb. Travelling Tuataras in Hokitika.

15th – 18th March Julian Raphael, World Music, Choral singing.

4 – 8 April or 11 – 15 April. Depending on which dates suit schools best.

16th – 20th May, El Gregoe, WestREAP will top up or pay travel.

25th – 27th May Adrian Kirk at Grey Main, St Mary's and SWAS.

21st – 24th June NZ The Great Rugby Robbery.

12- 16th Sept. Rhythm Interactive.

Major Shows:

The Travelling Tuataras:

Sarah Thompson, at Hokitika Library, and I have managed to get funding from The Lion Foundation to bring this group to Hokitika for public and school performances in the week 21st - 25th February. There will be no cost to schools. As they like to work with groups of less than 100 I have suggested they schedule two performances, one for the juniors and one for the seniors at Hokitika Primary, St Mary's and Kanieri. If there is time and you want them they should be able to fit in a separate performance at Kokatahi-Kowhitirangi. If Ross, Kumara or any South Westland Schools would like to attend a performance they will need to travel up, make a day of it, go to the pool and museum and attend a performance!

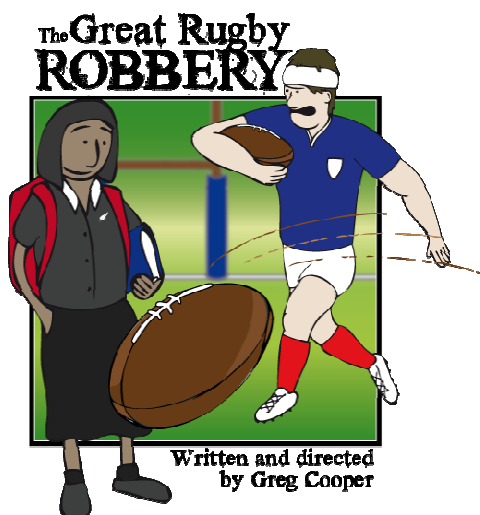
Sarah will be organizing their itinerary so schools should contact her for bookings:

03 755 6208 or email: sarah.thompson@westlib.co.nz.



El Gregoe:

16th -20th May, Greg has organized his own itinerary but WestREAP will provide a top up where there are under 120 participating at \$4 pp to meet his minimum rate of \$483. Small schools please combine for performances, we will pay the travel as we don't have a bottomless barrel for performance top ups.



New Zealand Playhouse touring "The Great Rugby Robbery", in the week 21st - 24th June. Their minimum rate per performance is around \$600. WestREAP top up to the minimum where required.

Julian Raphael:

Julian will work in four schools from 15th -18th March. Julian is an inspirational teacher of world music and this is an unparalleled opportunity for our students to experience choral singing. If possible it would be desirable to draw together interested year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students from a number of schools for each session. I have drawn up a tentative itinerary as follows. If this does not suit let me know. Limited transport assistance may be available:

Tuesday 15th Paparoa Range, Runanga, Blaketown, Awahono and Lake Brunner at Paparoa Range.

Wednesday 16th Greymouth High School.

Thursday 17th Paroa, Karoro, Grey Main and St Patrick's at Paroa or Grey Main.

Friday 18th Westland High School.

WestREAP are covering half the fee of each session as well as Julian's travel and accommodation. The cost to you for one day is \$345. Where three schools take part this works out at \$115 each, 4 = \$86 each etc.

WestREAP is bringing Julian Raphael to the Coast:

Singing Festival- Music from the World's Cultures.

Tuesday 15th March - Friday 18th March 2011 9am - 3pm

4 days available 1 day per school or group of schools.

Cost to participating schools: \$345inc.

Where schools combine this cost can be shared.

This event is being offered as an opportunity for students who love to sing. These students may be part of an existing school choir, or simply attending a school where singing is a regular part of the school day or week. The students will learn songs from around the world to a performance level.

Conductor:- Julian Raphael

In the five years that Julian Raphael has been in New Zealand, he has made a remarkable impact in both school and community education circles. Julian hails from the UK and has many years experience as a teacher and musician. He is a leading exponent and teacher of world music and a passionate advocate of music for all. Julian is the founding director of the Wellington Community Choir and he runs Community Music Junction, an organisation committed to the promotion of intercultural, participatory music activity. Julian is the part-time music co-ordinator at the Rudolph Steiner School in Lower Hutt. He was recently appointed by Chamber Music New Zealand as education facilitator for their *Ensembles in Schools* project.

Rhythm Interactive:

Are booked for the week 12 - 16th September with the possibility of running over into the next week if the demand is there. Their minimum rate is \$634.50inc. gst, but they can take 250 at a time and equip each child with an African style drum. Again we budget to top up as needed.



Adrian The Juggler:

Grey Main has indicated that a visit on May 25th would suit them. St Mary's and South Westland Area School have also asked for performances. I have committed to paying half Adrian's \$300 fee and am waiting to hear from Adrian regarding this date. If possible we will schedule visits to St Mary's and SWAS on the 26th and 27th May.

Young Leaders Camps:

With the changes in the school year to accommodate the Rugby World Cup the best weeks to run these camps would be either 4th -8th April or 11th - 15th April. At this stage I would like an indication of which week suits you best.



Please use the fax back form to let me know and we will proceed accordingly. Also let me know the number of places you would like so I can know how many we are catering for.

Kapa Haka Tutor:

Chloe has indicated that she is eager to continue her good work in schools. I



have budgeted to provide 50/50 support for this work which means she comes to you at \$10 per hour plus half her preparation and travel expenses. Use the fax back form to book her.

We may be able to fit in a fun Kapa Haka day so that the kids can work towards a performance objective if there is sufficient interest. I will let my successor organize this! Again use the fax back form to indicate your interest.

Ukulele Workshops:

"C-Change", Clare McCormack and Caro Zeeman are offering beginner and intermediate workshops for Uke teachers and players on 3rd February in Hokitika. To register go to

www.c-change.co.nz.



GATE Enrichment and PD:

There has been a good response to the Paul Maunder's young writers workshops but with the amount going on in term one we will leave organizing these for the second and third terms.

At the end of last term we ran two very successful field trips to Goldsborough. If schools who missed out wish we will run another round of these this term. Use the Fax Back form to register interest.

Extension Education Funding:

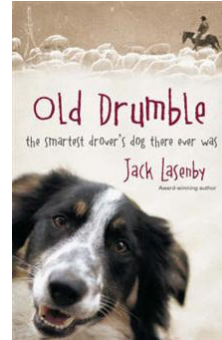
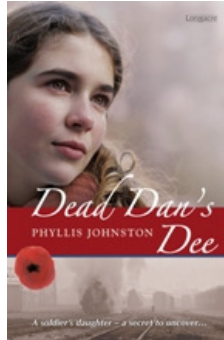
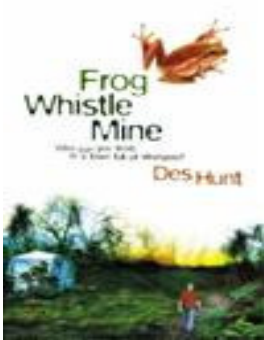
The continuing pressure on our funding has seen this programme support fund cut to \$2800. As a result a number of applicants will have been disappointed at the outcome. MOE have never been happy with WestREAP passing money straight on to schools for obvious reasons so using our funding to target gaps in provision continues to be WestREAP's priority.

Reminder:

The resources formerly constituting the West Coast Resource Library are now held and are available for issue by Tai Poutini Polytechnic Library. These include over 300 big books, numerous sets of instructional readers, art, music and science kit resources. Contact Daphne (769 9407 or 0800 411411) at the TPP library for more information on how to access these resources. They have been gathering dust for too long now.

Class Reading Sets:

30 copies of



available for class reading on request. Use the fax back form to order.

School's Profile Form

Yes – it's that time again. Please complete and fax back the School's Profile Form so that we can update our records.

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