



Schools Newsletter Term 2 2009

Youth Leadership Camp:

Popular demand has been so great (40 places requested) that we are running two camps this year, on the 7th/8th May and on the 21st/22nd May. Participating schools will have received student packs to distribute at the beginning of term and as time frames are tight for the first camp the return date for these is the **Friday 1st May**.

GATE Enrichment days:

Toni Sims continues to do an excellent job Co-ordinating these. We had several successful VJ Computer Workshops with Mark Falloon and these will continue with the schools who signalled their interest through the Term 1 newsletter. It is not too late if you would like to register your school for one of these sessions. Greg O'Connell will run a cycle of performance poetry Workshops at Westland High School and one based at South Westland Area School. South Westland schools who would like to send students to the SWAS workshop should let me know through the attached fax back form.

Paul Maunder will begin a series of two day **Young Writers Workshops** in those schools which indicated they would like to participate through the Term 1 newsletter. Toni will be in touch to arrange days and venues. These will run through terms two and three and there are still places available if you have not registered already.

Important Dates to Remember

May 7th & 8th, 21st & 22nd

Year 7/8 Leadership Camps.

May 26th

Class Act Operatunity, The Magic Flute, Hokitika and Greymouth.

June 17th – 25th

El Gregoe

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Mozart's wonderful opera,

'The Magic Flute'

Operatunity:

Class Act Opera are bringing Mozart's **The Magic Flute** to the West Coast on the **26th May** with a performance at Westland High School hall at 10:05 in the morning and at The Civic Centre in Greymouth at 1:30 in the afternoon. The show comes with a cast and crew of 8 and with parts for four students and for the audience as a whole. The show runs for 45 minutes with a 15 minute question time at the end. The cost is \$1400 per performance. WestREAP is providing financial support so that the cost to participating schools is only \$3.50 a head. I will rely on participating schools letting me know their numbers and sending in the money with the evaluations.

To date Westland High School yr 7/8s, St Mary's and SWAS are registered for the Hokitika performance.

St Patrick's Senior students, Kumara and Karoro are registered for the Greymouth performance.

Education Resource packs have been included with this newsletter for those schools.

If you are not listed above and would like some or all of your students to participate please return the fax back form and I will send out a resource pack and get in touch for numbers etc. Limited transport may be available on request.

SongBong:

I have been approached by David Grace of Dunedin, who offers whole class or whole school drumming tuition, depending on school size, all equipment provided, at \$100 per session. He is interested in touring the West Coast in term 3 or early Term 4 and would need to do two sessions per day to make it worth while. While I cannot guarantee any financial support I have offered to provide some organizational input if there is sufficient interest. If you would like a session or two with David just tick the box on the fax back form. Drumming is apparently very therapeutic for kids!

Mural: If you are in Hokitika don't forget to drive round past St Mary's and have a look at the new mural. WestREAP provided half the funding and some organizational input to get this completed.

El Gregoe:

Greg Britt and Nickelby are touring the district from 17th to 25th June. WestREAP is providing a top up for the smaller schools to make it possible for their students to experience Greg's excellent magic show with its anti bullying message. There have been numerous changes to the itinerary as we try to accommodate late entries, teacher only days and various schools needs. Have a look below and if it doesn't work or I have overlooked you please get in touch:

El Gregoe West Coast Itinerary

Wednesday 17 th June	11am Blaketown
	1:30 Runanga
Thursday 18 th	9:00 Grey Main.
	1:30 Cobden
Friday 19 th	9:30am Whataroa
	1:30pm Franz/Fox and Jacob's River at Franz.
Monday 22 nd	9:15 South Westland Area School at Hari Hari
	1:45 Hokitika Primary
Tuesday 23 rd	9:15
	1:30 St Mary's Hokitika
Wednesday 24 th	9:15 Kaniere.
	1:30 Paroa
Thursday 25 th	9:30 Awahono School at Ahaura

Schools please pay on the day and invoice WestREAP where there is a shortfall between your take at \$3.50 per person and Greg's minimum rate of \$402.50+gst = \$453

Clay Workshops

These will be run in Paroa and Kaniere this term and in Franz Josef in term 3. We will be providing a 50/50 subsidy and depending on finance may be able to extend this to other schools. Get in touch if you are interested.



Class Reading Sets

I am in the process of purchasing thirty copies of "Old Drumble" by Jack Lazenby, a finalist in the NZ Post Children's book awards this year. Once processed these will be available one term at a time either as a part set, 15 books, or a whole set and are suitable for years 5 - 8 for class guided reading, class study or just to enjoy.

"Frog Whistle Mine" and "Dead Dan's Dee" are still available for class study though they are more suited to years 7-10 in difficulty and interest level.

Evaluation Forms

We know that you hate to fill these in! Over the past year we have tried to simplify our systems and get class based evaluations, rather than one from each child. However we do have to have them! Our funding from the Ministry of Education is dependant on our reporting processes, and these in turn are audited each year. We need to detail how many students are attending events/programmes and also whether the events we organise are of benefit to schools. It also helps me decide whether to use the performers/tutors again.

We are happy to receive evaluations by email, fax or in the post. If you have any suggestions on how to improve our system, or make it easier for you, please contact our Administrator, Kerry Adams (kerry@westreap.org.nz)

Extension Education

Applications for programme support from this fund for the 2009-10 financial year are now open. Please contact Kerry or myself for an Application Form. Criteria include remoteness, number of students and number of schools affected and educational merit of the programme in terms of government priorities for education. Applications close 31st May and no late entries will be considered.

If you had a grant approved last year, please remember to complete the Evaluation Form and submit your invoice for payment. We can only make payments in the correct financial year, so you need to claim your grant before the 30th June deadline.



HEHA currently has three 20L water coolers to promote water and milk as the drink of first choice.

These are available to borrow free of charge for your event, sports day or activity.

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