



# Westland High School Newsletter

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## Runanga Taura Update

On the 27th of May we held a 20 hour famine in the hall to raise money for starving children in third world countries, which proved to be quite a success. There was a lot of effort put into building slums, and some groups won prizes for their building efforts.

Thank you to the people who signed up for the challenge and raised money for this good cause, and thanks to the people who cooked our breakfast the next morning. We also held a mufti day on Friday the 27th of May raising money for DARE West Coast and Firefighters.

We celebrated Youth Week by holding a social for the year 7-13 students. It was carnival themed and we had a popcorn machine and candyfloss machine lent to us by Dr Anna.

*Vice Chairperson,*  
**Cassie Robertson**



Students were treated to freshly spun candyfloss



Students in carnival theme at the school social

## From the Performing Arts

A quiet time at the moment in the performing arts world but before the term is out we have Rockquest and the senior drama performance to look forward to. There will be several performances of “The Children of the Poor” in July. The cast is busy rehearsing now and full details can be found on the advertisement below.

‘Onyx and the Liars’ aka Tessa, Danny and Lucas, are busy preparing for the annual Rockquest in Greymouth so mark this on your calendar for a night out on the 18th of June to support our band in this competition.

On the visual arts scene we have had a recent visit from the Real Art show truck and many classes had the opportunity of seeing some varied and interesting art work on site. The senior art students are off to the Top Art exhibition this week - a great opportunity to get inspiration and motivation for their own art work!

If any students have great performing experiences to share with us please let Mr Meissel – our new HoD Arts, know and we can let your star shine in the newsletter.

WESTLAND HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS  
**CHILDREN OF THE POOR**

BY MEUVYN THOMPSON

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY JOHN A LEE

**SHOW DATES**  
 FRIDAY JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
 SATURDAY JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
 MONDAY JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 TUESDAY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
 WEDNESDAY JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
**SHOWS BEGIN 7PM**

CONTENT MAY OFFEND.  
 NOT SUITABLE FOR  
 YOUNGER AUDIENCES.

**TICKET PRICES**  
 STUDENTS \$8  
 ADULTS \$12

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE  
 SCHOOL OFFICE AND AT THE DOOR

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## Information Evening - Hosting Teen Parties

The PTA are hosting a parent information evening on June 29th to discuss “Hosting Teenage Parties”. There will be representatives from the NZ Police and West Coast DARE to provide information and answer any of your questions. Learn how to avoid the pitfalls of hosting a teenage party, and your legal responsibilities. Understand the effects of alcohol and drugs on the developing teenage brain and how to help your teenager make responsible choices. The session will start at 7pm in the school library.

## Ready to take the challenge

Congratulations to Year 13 student James Eagle for being selected for The 2011 Air Force Challenge in the July school holidays. The challenge gives students the opportunity to be included in NZAF training exercises, sporting activities and gives them the opportunity to talk with airmen and airwomen about what a career in the Air Force may hold.

If you are interested in a career with the armed forces or would like to discuss any of your career goals see our careers co-ordinators Ms. Simpson and Ms. Weepu.

## Greymouth Careers Expo

A Careers Expo will be held at Greymouth High School Hall on Tuesday 5th July from 5 - 7 pm. All parents and students are welcome.

## ICAS Examinations 2011

The following external ICAS examinations are once more offered by the school in 2011.

### For Years 7-13

English                      Closure for entries: 21st June  
Sitting Exam: 2nd August

Mathematics                Closure for entries: 21st June  
Sitting Exam: 16th August

**Costs:** For each exam the cost is \$7.50, therefore for two the cost is \$15 and for three, the cost is \$22.50.

It is very important that the payment/entry closure dates are strictly adhered to, as the entries and paperwork must be sent off to Australia and then the appropriate examination papers are sent to us, arriving at least a week before the sitting date. Your student's entry will not be accepted after these posted closure dates.

There are other examinations offered by the ICAS, but please consult with the appropriate Head of Department concerning these examinations before putting your student's name forward. Further Information on the ICAS exams can be found at: <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/>

The teacher co-ordinating the ICAS is Iain Mitchell. He can be contacted via the school; on 755 6226; or [iainmitchell@westlandhigh.school.nz](mailto:iainmitchell@westlandhigh.school.nz)

## Help wanted!

The school still is seeking donations of native plants to help beautify the gardens around our new buildings. We are after plants of all shapes and sizes from native grasses to trees. If you have plants you would like to donate please contact the school office.

There are currently 200 library books on loan that are overdue by at least three weeks. The librarians ask that students and parents have a quick look around the house and please bring back any overdue books to be returned or renewed.

## Westland High School goes digital

Have you seen our new-look school website? Over the coming months it will become the main source for school news and announcements (*print versions will still be available*).

The address is <http://www.westlandhigh.school.nz>

We are also using e-mail more often to contact parents and caregivers with important news, announcements and reminders. If you would like to be added to our e-mail distribution list please send an e-mail to [webmaster@westlandhigh.school.nz](mailto:webmaster@westlandhigh.school.nz) with your name, e-mail and child's name.

## Math and English Tutor

Qualified teacher offering tuition in Mathematics and English.

Monday to Thursday 4 - 8.30pm

### **Competitive Rates**

\$35 per session

Discounts for siblings

**Free** consultation and assessment

Contact Sharnelle on 0226 966 215 or 03 755 6396

[sharnelleilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:sharnelleilchrist@gmail.com)

# Calendar

## June

Wednesday 8th	First XV Rugby vs Greymouth
Saturday 18th	SmokeFreeRockQuest Greymouth
Tuesday 21st	ICAS exam applications close
Wednesday 29th	<i>Hosting Teenage Parties</i> info evening

## July

Tuesday 5th	Careers Expo (Greymouth High Hall)
8th, 9th, 11th-13th	Senior Drama Production
Monday 11th	Australian Netball Trip begins
Friday 15th	Last day of Term 2 Senior Ball

## Looking towards the end of 2011

Please note the following dates in your diaries:

## November

Tuesday 8th	Final day for seniors (Year 11-13)
Monday 28th	Westland Anniversary Day holiday
Wednesday 30th	Graduation Dinner for Year 12 & 13

## December

Friday 2nd	Year 11 Prizegiving - 9:30am
Friday 9th	Year 9/10 Prizegiving - 9:30am Year 7/8 Prizegiving - 11:00am