

# South Westland Area School

Mission Statement:

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

**Term Value: Honesty—Harakore**

*For Wisdom We Strive*

**Korero**

**Issue 4**

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## Principal's Comment

**Kia ora Koutou from SWAS** - The end of term is fast approaching. **The last day is Thursday, 14 April.**

School has been a busy place over the last few weeks. Students have been working hard and there has been plenty of extra curricular activities taking place. One event was a first for SWAS students. Last year REAP (Rural Education Activities Programme) purchased 2 Waka, and our Year 9/10 students have enjoyed two fun-filled activity days on Lake Kaniere, learning how to handle and race these amazing boats. A big thank you to Ms Vermaat for organizing this.

We have been working on our Annual Plan for this year and have identified a wide variety of goals. We have four specific targets which are as follows:

- 1 Years 5-8 boys writing
- 2 Monitor and track student achievement at NCEA
- 3 Develop our Learning Support provision
- 4 Manage major building works scheduled for this year

We are also working on the school Strategic Plan. This is reviewed every three years. If you have any ideas/thoughts about what should be included, that would be fantastic. You can either phone me at school on 03 7533160 or email me on [nick@swas.ac.nz](mailto:nick@swas.ac.nz)

**Nga mihi nui,**  
**Nick Glancy - Acting Principal**

### SOME GREAT ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT SWAS



Helicopter Visit



Franz Wild Life Visit



Climate change  
Otago Uni



Waka Ama Visit



### Mana Award

Senior: Ollie Blackburn - Honesty  
Noah Treanor - great start to school  
Junior: Valerie Benthon - Honesty

### Upcoming Events

5 April - Ki O Rahi, SWAS  
11 April - WC Athletics, Jnr  
**14 April - Last Day Of Term**  
**16 April - CACTUS Triathlon**  
**2 May - Start Of Term 2**

### Absentees to:

[karyn@swas.ac.nz](mailto:karyn@swas.ac.nz) also please use the skool loop app or text the school on 0277533160 if possible

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page and skool loop along with checking your emails for any cancellation or updates here at SWAS.

### FOUND WATCH



If this belongs to you please contact the school office.

## Room 13's (Year 7/8) input to the Korero

Dear Mr Glancy

Noah and I have gone around the school with a survey asking years 1-9

- *If they think the horse arena gets used?*
- *Do they want a bike track?*

91% of people think the horse arena doesn't get used and 88% of students want a bike track. At lunchtime, the courts are always getting used and they are too small! The benefit that the bike track will bring is teaching little kids to swerve in and out of the cones; this will teach them to swerve away from other people or objects. We will build it with the dirt and gravel that's in the horse arena and we'll use shovels and pickaxes. It will take up about half the horse arena. We don't know what to do with supervision, but Mr Hanagan said he could do one day for a start to see if the track gets used.

Rules:

Only seven people on the track at a time

Only ride in one direction

**From Joel and Noah**

### Taika Waititi

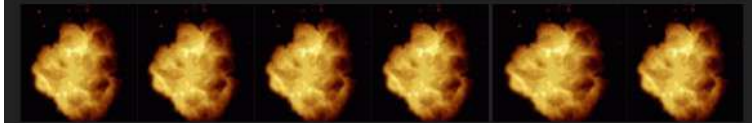
Taika Waititi started directing in 2007. He wrote and directed an episode of the TV show Flight of the Conchords. He has directed 23 movies. Taika Waititi was forced to be a filmmaker by his Dad. Taika Waititi speaks Maori. His real name is Taika David Cohen and he was born on 16 August, 1975. He was born in Raukokore in the Bay of Plenty. Which is a region of New Zealand's North Island and grew up on both the East Coast and the Aro Valley of Wellington. His father was an artist of Te Whanau of Apuani descent, whilst his mother Robin Cohen is a school teacher. Waititi stated that his mother's family were Russian Jews mixed with a bit of Irish. and other European ancestry while his father's side was Maori and a little French Canadian.



**BY LUCAS**

## **Our trip to the amethyst hydro-electric station**

**WITH DYLAN AND ETHAN**



**Some history of it and how they work :**

The original amethyst hydroelectric power scheme was made in 1954 and closed down in 1991 because of leaking pipes and the intake constantly getting blocked by silt and logs. before 1954 there were no power lines, so no power except for what people created with noisy diesel generators. the first scheme was thought of by the local garage owner alf wall because he was sick of the constant thump of diesel generators., the locals were excited to put their money into the Hari Hari Hydro Company.

The new scheme was successfully comishind by west power in 2013 . it releases 7.6 MW of power which is enough to run around 4000 homes. For the new power scheme, Westpower spent over a year just to build the road to get to the point where they started drilling. They drilled a 1.1km long tunnel through the hill to get to the intake at the Amethyst creek . The tunnel is three meters wide for the penstock or pipes to go in and a four wheeler to drive through.