

...From the principal continued

Sabbatical Leave: I have been granted a term's sabbatical leave, one of up to 50 which are granted to Secondary School Principals each year, and will be away from the school throughout the coming term. In my absence, Stuart Machin will be Acting-Principal and the Senior Management Team will be joined by Mrs. Patty Towl. Patty has extensive experience in senior school management and was formerly Principal of Kaikoura High School. Between Stuart, Patty and Derek Compton, I will be leaving the school in very capable hands. My sabbatical research project is two pronged: I will be looking at senior school programmes, especially at Years 12 and 13, in other Year 7-13 schools around the South Island; I will also be researching models of teacher learning and development. The report I develop will primarily be for our Board and school to use, but a condition of the sabbatical is that I will publish it on the Ministry's Educational Leadership website. Towards the end of the term, Judi and I will be travelling to Britain and Europe, arriving back in New Zealand the day before the World Cup final! I wish the whole school community well during my absence.

School Ball: In these days of a lot of negative publicity around school balls, it was very gratifying for us to experience a great evening and a very well organised ball. My congratulations to Year 13 form teacher/dean Gareth Batten and the students on the ball committee, as it was their hard work that made the evening such a success.

World on a Plate: This was a delightful evening in spite of the atrocious weather, providing not only impetus to our fundraising but also proving to be a wonderful community event. My thanks to all of those both within the school community and in the wider community who worked so hard to make it happen. Special thanks though to Paddy Brennan who had the vision and then the skill and energy to pull the whole thing together. Paddy was well supported by our Home and School Association. At the time of writing this, I am unsure as to how much was raised for the school.

To all students and staff and their families: I hope you have a very happy, safe and well deserved holiday.

Roger File



LipSync
is
coming...



For those students who are interested in participating in LipSync this year, now is the time to start planning your acts. More details next Term.

School Ball 2011



Photos available on CD for only \$10 - order from Mr Batten

First concert of the newly formed High School Band

'A VIOLIN!' That's what the members of the High School Band heard 160 kids yell in unison when asked what instrument was held high in the air during a performance held last Wednesday at the Takaka Primary School Hall. Blessed with wonderful weather the band – Alfred, Chloe, Erica, Fletcher, Gabe, Helena, Izzy, Jesse, Kynan, Piper and Quinn along with their mentors Judy, Patsy and Jochen, made their way across the sports field to play at the Primary School's assembly.

For their first performance in public the young band played two pieces they had been working on over the last few weeks during their Wednesday lunch time rehearsals, Alfred (flute), Helena (clarinet), Izzy and Jesse (both violin) also played

pieces on their own. "Scary, but also fun" one of the soloists commented afterwards. The band was rewarded with roaring applause by the children, (who seemed to have liked the 'Mickey Mouse Rock' best) parents, friends and teachers. Many of the teachers recognised some of their former students in the role of confident musicians on stage.

The little concert was great on it's own - but the event was topped off by Chloe who produced cupcakes that she had baked exclusively for the band the previous night... very well deserved and well done everyone!



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