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## **CMESS Students Welcome Catherine Bell**

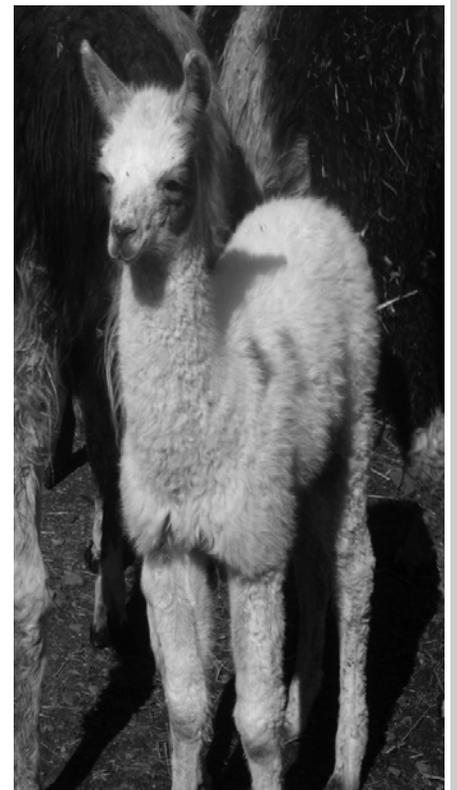
Students at Captain Meares Elementary and Secondary School played host to local M P Catherine Bell on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Ms. Bell arrived at

the school in time to talk with students in the Elementary and Secondary School about her job in Parliament, and take some questions from the audience. She left for a meeting, then came back to have

lunch, prepared by the Grade 7-9 Home Economics class. Ms. Bell was impressed by the warm welcome and the enthusiasm shown by CMESS. She toured the new murals being painted by the CMESS senior class, then needed to leave to catch her airplane ride.

## **New Baby Llama In Town**

Tahsis has a new arrival; and it's a male baby llama. Owner Corrinne Dahling admitted to being quite surprised when her female llama, Sheba, dropped the youngster in mid February. Apparently, there is no way to ascertain if a llama is expecting, but the Dahling family did notice that Sheba has gained weight since her arrival in town. After a grueling contest to name the baby, the moniker Jerome Scott Dahling was chosen, submitted by the postmistress, Jane, in honor of the giraffe puppet on the popular CBC TV show "The Friendly Giant." Mother and baby are doing well, and are looking towards being reunited with the father llama, Harry. The new family will be moving to the larger llama pen on Alpine when the weather gets a little dryer.



## Goodbye to Joyce Fincati

Mrs. Joyce Fincati passed away peacefully in Campbell River on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2007, after a prolonged illness. Her memorial service took place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St Joseph's Catholic Church. Over the last few years, Joyce was the recipient of an outpouring of support and affection by her medical and practical nursing team that touched her husband of 49 years, Chris Fincati. During a short speech, Chris acknowledged her many friends who came to the memorial. When her health permitted, Joyce would attend as many public functions as she could, but remained interested in the welfare of the town throughout her illness. After a service and Mass, her friends and relatives met over refreshments to share memories of Joyce.



## Environmental Movie Shown

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, concerned citizens were able to watch the Oscar winning documentary "The Inconvenient Truth", Vice President Al Gore's perspective on global warming. Seven adults and two children watched the hour and a half movie, hosted by high school teacher, Molly Eichar. Great debate and discussion were unleashed, with every viewer having an opinion. Seven dollars were collected as a Donation to the David Suzuki Foundation. Ms Eichar plans to present another topical documentary for viewing and debate in the near future.

## Cookshack Closes

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Cookshack, a Tahsis institution, closed its door for the last time. Owner Danny Stanyer reluctantly closed shop after 8 years of operation. citing leasing difficulties as the cause. The Cookshack was renown for great food at excellent prices, as well as the best cup of coffee in town. Danny maintained operation through the lean winter months so that local people would have some place to congregate and chat, a much appreciated public service.

## Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The Tahsis Chamber of Commerce met for their monthly meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The main focus for the meeting was relationship with the Village, and how both bodies could mutually support each other. The Chamber explored concerns about the Business Bylaw, and how it affects transport companies delivering goods to Tahsis. They also discussed signage and the business directory, which will be available in April. President Corinne Dahling requests that any late entries for the Business directory be submitted to the Chamber, ASAP.. Entries can be dropped off at Head Bay Station. during regular business. hours.

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