

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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**CAK** Miss Atkinson

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**PWR** Mrs Warner

**PYG** Mr Young

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### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

**Welcome to term 4!**

### 21 Teaching days until NCEA!

All senior students should have in place their study schedule. Please let us know if you need assistance with this.

The school library is open Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. It would be great to see more students using this facility for reference and study purposes.

I would like to start the term with a series of reminders:

- Please ring in to school if your student is to be away for the day. The answer phone is on in the early hours and the phone will be answered after 8 am.
- Please write your student a note to show the staff if they are to be released during the day for urgent appointments. If appointments are not urgent please make them out of school time.
- Please organise a suitable time and place for quiet work at home for all our students. Reviewing the day's lessons, doing set homework and regular reading are important.
- Please help your student make sensible decisions about paid work commitments. We are very aware that some of our students have work commitments that are having a negative impact on their school (and NCEA) levels of achievement.
- Please ring us about your concerns. If we do not know we cannot do anything about it. I would much rather hear about your small

concerns well before they become big problems.

- Please let us know if your address, phone numbers or other contact details change so that our database is up to date.
- Please remember that many of our "extra" activities are run by volunteers. They put in the extra time because they choose to not because they have to. These people may be parents, teachers, support staff, senior students or community members. Please support them with what they do. Cultural activities, sports coaches and officials, discos, camps and other extras could well cease to exist without these volunteers. We must look after them.

At assembly on Monday I spoke to the students about the quality of their school work. We see our students trying hard on the sports field and in cultural activities, we also need them to exert this same effort and commitment to their academic work. This term our focus is on encouraging students to do their best work so that the school work they are doing is quality work.

Congratulations to the 8 students who competed in the 2007 Fish and Game North Island and Secondary School Championships in Hamilton during the holidays. The group were Henry Todd, Digby Haywood, Scott and Craig Wilson, Tim McKenzie, James Morgan, Simon Davis and Sam Thomas.

The competition was extremely tough with 330 students competing overall. Our students all performed very well at this national level. On the Saturday Sam shot his personal best only dropping 5 points for the day. Scott shot a possible in the single rise and went on to shoot off against 65 other competitors. On Sunday

James and Digby made the single rise shoot off with 66 other competitors with James gaining first place. Digby, James and Tim all shot possibles in the single barrel. Henry, Craig and Simon all improved their scores on the second day.

As well, Digby and James were selected to represent the Central South Island in a new event. Their team won the event out of 11 teams and from this individuals that shot a perfect score went on to a shoot off, with James winning overall.

Special thanks to their coaches Keith Batchelor and David Morgan, the teacher-in-charge Tiffany Ottley and to the huge support these students have received from our community. Congratulations to you all. We are all very proud of these fantastic achievements.

We have been informed that teachers will be attending a union meeting on the afternoon of 30 October. Students will be expected to go home at lunchtime on this day. However, some staff will be available at school if alternative arrangements are unable to be made. Buses will leave at usual times. If you wish to make other arrangements please notify the school.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### **Awards Night**

Friday 2nd November. 7.30pm Perry Hall.  
Guest speaker is ex-student Hayden Shaw.  
Tickets \$6.00 each or \$18.00 for an immediate family. Tickets on sale from Friday 12th and limited to 160. Ticket sales close on Thursday 1st Nov at 3pm.

### **Senior Prizegiving**

Tuesday 13th November 7.30pm Perry Hall.

### **Junior Prizegiving**

Thursday 13th December 1pm in Perry Hall.  
Please add these dates to your diaries.  
Clearance Day for all senior students, Thursday 6 December. The day will start with a full school assembly and this will be followed by clearance procedures. All seniors are expected to attend.

**Social Studies** teams performed well in the ODT EXTRA Aoraki current events quiz competitions held in Timaru last term and proved they were amongst the best students in the region.

45 teams entered the year 7&8 grade and the best placing was achieved by the team of Stafford

Dennison, Lachie Robertson and Nathan Williams, who with an impressive score of 91/100 achieved 8<sup>th</sup> place. The team of Daniel Botica, Sam Styles and Malcolm Elderton were not far behind with 88/100 while the third team of Grace Williams, Ben Richards and Ethan Cain finished on a credible 85/100.

All these teams excelled with their knowledge of New Zealand and International events, and also mapping and historical skills. The overall winners were large schools from Ashburton. The top team, Ashburton Intermediate, scored an impressive 98/100.

The Year 9&10 had 52 teams competing and proved a much harder test than the Year 7&8 quiz. The Year 9 team of Shane Rogers, Sam Mehrtens and Caleb Morton was the best performed in 10<sup>th</sup> equal place with 82/100. They were closely followed by the year 10 team of Josh Wilson, Simon Bertenshaw and Simon Davis with 79/100. The third team of Charlotte Kennedy-Nuttall, Kris Furer and Ella Patterson ended with 68/100. The winners in this grade were Roncalli 1 with 96/100 followed by 7 teams from Mid-Canterbury schools.

**Congratulations** to Lucy Adams on the outstanding achievement of being selected for the South Island Secondary Schoolgirls rugby team following the South Island tournament in the holidays. Lucy was the only Hanan Shields region (North Otago, South Canterbury, Mid Canterbury) player selected although Jenna Aikman had an excellent tournament and almost made the team, and Theresa Tomkinson and Rachel Pankhurst also did themselves proud. This is the second year in a row Lucy has achieved South Island Honours. This achievement seals another fine sporting year in many ways for Lucy; she also captained the A netball team to a creditable placing in the A Grade at South Island tournament, defeating Timaru Girls and Queens High School and drawing with Otago Girls along the way, all the while battling with injury. Her all-round contribution to the school cannot be overlooked as she is also an excellent role model as head girl.

**Congratulations** to Emma Porter who was a member of the South Canterbury Under 18 soccer team which finished a creditable 3rd out of 12 teams in the South Island tournament in the holidays. Emma scored 3 goals and started all 7 matches as the team went on to bat the very strong Canterbury team to claim 3rd place on the

last day. Emma looks set to have a fine footballing future and we wish her well.

**Congratulations** to Guy Linton and Jared Matthews who were a part of the successful South Canterbury under 16 rugby team who also came third at the South Island Tournament in the holidays. This was a top result for the side, finishing ahead of Southland and Canterbury which in itself is an excellent result. Well done boys!

**Congratulations** to Scott Willoughby for his selection as captain of the South Canterbury B Boys' Hockey Team. Scott's team competed in a tournament during the break and they won all of their games except the final. Well done!

### **Year 10 Camps 2007**

**There are 3 camps this year.** (All 3 days each)  
10Fh Wednesday 14 Nov – Friday 16 Nov  
10Fs Monday 19 Nov – Wednesday 21 Nov  
10Fw Wednesday the 21 Nov – Friday 23 Nov

### **Cost**

With increased petrol costs, new eco-accommodation at Peel Forest and increased expense for the Rafting and High and Low Ropes, the cost this year has increased to \$170 (this is still below 50% of what a commercial outfit would charge for the same activities).

### **Information**

Permission/Medical forms, gear list and programme have been handed out to all year 10 students. Payment and Permission/Medical forms need to be into the school office by the 2 November.

All students who will participate in this camp are required to supply additional food, transport or parental help. This all helps keep the overall cost at a low \$170.

### **Programme**

Students will participate in Orienteering, Tramping, Camping and Bush Craft, High and Low Ropes course, Rafting, Jump Rock and Adventure Based group activities.

### **Junior Y7-10 Activities**

**Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December.**

**Information about these activities will be out in the next few weeks.**

The junior school, year 7 – 10 students will be taking part in an activities programme held on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December. This is

an opportunity for students to take part in a wide range of activities that cannot normally be offered in the classroom situation.

There are a number of options offered to the students. Some of these activities have a cost that varies according to, entrant fees, special materials, transport and activities involved. Some activities have no cost to pupils.

Any activity can only be held if there are sufficient numbers wishing to participate. For some activities we will be seeking parent support to accompany groups to activities outside school.

**Any parents or adults who would like to organise / run an activity can contact Mr Rogers (school 6898920)**

**Luminous** - this group will be playing at Waimate High School on Thursday the 18 October at lunchtime and also again at 7pm at the Salvation Army Hall. Luminous has just got back from doing a tour in Central America and the USA.

**Free Family Movie:** The Waimate Combined Churches are putting on "Evan Almighty" at the Regent Theatre, on Wednesday 31st October at 5.30pm. Admittance Free.

### **Waimate Amateur Swimming Club**

Learn to Swim Lessons available for 5 years & over. 20 minute session between 4.30 - 5.30pm Monday and Thursday, 6 week block before Christmas, 4 week block in February. \$70.00 includes cap

Development & Competitive swimming. Must be able to swim lengths competently, from 5.30pm Mondays and Thursdays. \$100 includes cap. Coaches needed. Training available.

### **Register NOW**

By phoning Diane Cochrane 689 2861 or Jane Wilson 689 7670

Fees payable upon registration. Numbers limited. Registrations close 15 October.

### **Events coming up**

<b>22 Oct</b>	Labour Day holiday
<b>24 Oct</b>	Sports & Cultural photos
<b>2 Nov</b>	Awards Evening
<b>7 Nov</b>	Y7/8 Athletics
<b>13 Nov</b>	Senior Prizegiving evening Last day for seniors
<b>14-23 Nov</b>	Yr 10 Camps
<b>23 Nov</b>	PTA Meeting 7.30 pm Library
<b>19 Nov</b>	NCEA Exams begin
<b>6 Dec</b>	Senior Clearance Day