

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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**Sports Co-ordinator:**

Mr Albrey

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Mrs Meynell

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Janice Mehrrens

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Mr Robertson

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**CAK** Miss Atkinson

**CQU** Miss Queree

**CCD** Mr Caird

**GUH** Miss Uhland

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**GWT** Mr Watts

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### 14 September Newsletter:07:3:9

#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Our thought for this week is "treat others as you would like to be treated". I think the world would be a better place if we all did this.

The Year 9's had a fantastic day skiing on Tuesday. I have received positive feedback about the success of the day. In particular, for first time skiers, it is great to hear how focussed and determined they were in learning the new skills.

Thank you to parents who attended our information evening about the Year 9 and 10 options for next year. Please contact us if you would like to discuss the options further or if you were unable to attend and would like more information. Booklets should now have been received by all students and the forms are due in by Tuesday 18 September.

Congratulations to Tim Caird on his selection for the South Canterbury Under 48kgs Rugby Team and to the following students on their selection to the Under 65kgs: Jacob Lightfoot, Glen Drake, Luke Williams, Dylan Kennett and Henry Bryce. Well done.

Senior reports will be sent home at the end of this week and I hope these will become a topic for discussion at home. All senior students should have a study plan for the

holidays to fit in with their other plans for rest and recreation. Now is a good time to be thinking about cutting down on paid work commitments until after NCEA. The short term loss of money will pay dividends if it brings results which will last a lifetime.

I am increasingly concerned about unjustified absence from school. Waimate High School teachers are responsible for raising the achievement of our students. How can they do this for a small number of students who are regularly absent without good reason but with their parent's consent? By allowing this type of absence, parents are indicating to their children that they do not value what happens at school. I ask that you carefully consider before allowing your child to miss all or even part of a school day for an avoidable reason.

Janette Packman  
Principal

#### Annual Waimate High School House Quiz

Tuesday 18 September 7 pm Perry Hall

Parents and supporters of the school are very welcome.

This will be the funniest night of the year!

Come along and join in the fun.

#### Year 9 Ski Trip

On Tuesday 11 September 34 Year 9 students from Waimate High School, along with staff and parents, travelled to Mount Dobson near Fairlie for a day of skiing and

snowboarding. Students took part in ski or snowboard lessons in the morning and were allowed to try out their new skills on the mountain in the afternoon. The weather was fantastic, and the students were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour. A big thanks to the parents that took time out to assist with supervising the students for the day. **By Mr Caird**

No matter how many times everyone fell over, I bet most, if not all Y9 students had a great day at Mt Dobson ski field. We were lucky enough to have the sun shining and a new dump of 27cm snow the week before (good planning Mr Rogers), great and helpful parents and staff to help make the most of our adventure. The day ran smoothly and all according to plan, we had hours of fun skiing and snowboarding. This was a school trip I'll always remember, it was a great opportunity and all future Y9 students should definitely look forward to it. **By Melanie Richards**

On Tuesday 11 September, we spent the day at Mt Dobson for the annual Y9 ski trip. It was a great sunny day and no chains were needed on the bus. The snow was awesome on all the trails. The lessons started at 11am and went for an hour. After lunch everyone could move on to different parts of the mountain to practice what they had learnt. Mr Bates gave us a very valuable lesson on what not to do over a ski jump. We appreciate the bruised bottom, sore abs and slight concussion you suffered during this demonstration. We are all glad you are ok. Everyone came home tired but happy after a really awesome day in the snow. Thanks to the parents and teachers who helped make this a great day for everyone. **By Elise Blundell**

Many thanks to Diane Heinz, Kaye Blundell, Gill Dyer, Marcus Wilson and Geoff Sutton for their time and support on the Y9 ski trip. Your help was fantastic and made our day so stress free, thanks from Grant Rogers, Sue Geaney, Bryce Caird and Nick Bates.

### **Uniform**

Any second hand uniform to be sold on behalf of you, must be in a clean and tidy condition. Kilts and summer skirts must be dry-cleaned or they will not be accepted.

### **Career Information**

#### **Lifelong Learning**

Changing patterns of work mean that workers are required to continually update their skills and knowledge to stay current. A commitment to

lifelong learning is necessary to retain the stimulating careers your children are seeking. Formal education is only one aspect of learning.

If you help your children develop a love for learning in school and through other life activities, then they will be more likely to pursue the various paths of self-development and professional development that are available.

### **Talking about your own experiences**

Your own career satisfaction affects your children about your own work and careers choices. When discussing careers with your children, it is helpful to keep the following issues in mind.

- Share your own careers dreams and history with your children but don't make them feel pressured to follow your career path.
- The world of work has dramatically changed in the last 20 years. You may need to discard beliefs about the work place which are no longer valid.
- Young people need to be responsible for their own career choices and follow the oaths that are right for them.

### **REMINDER P.T.A. Fundraiser**

Books, Cards, Diaries, Calendars etc.

Have you placed your order yet? Pass the brochure around, and see if others may be interested.

Payments to the school office by the 21 September.

### **Tee-Ball/Tee-Softball/Softball**

Registrations are due now for teams wishing to enter in the 2007-2008 Tee-ball/Tee-Softball/Softball Season. Due the popularity, we urge you to get your registration in as soon as possible. We have limited spaces due to ground space.

Please get your registration form from your school office and/or email [andrew@sportsouthcanterbury](mailto:andrew@sportsouthcanterbury) for a registration form. This year's season will follow the previously successful format. Lets play Ball!!

### **Events Coming up**

<b>18 Sept</b>	Quiz Night 7 pm
<b>19 Sept</b>	Social Studies Quiz
<b>20 Sept</b>	Speech Finals
<b>21 Sept</b>	End of term - 5 Aside
<b>8 Oct</b>	Term 4 begins
<b>22 Oct</b>	Labour Day holiday
<b>24 Oct</b>	Sports & Cultural photos
<b>2 Nov</b>	Awards Evening