

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Nominations are open for our new student representative on the Board of Trustees. This is an important leadership opportunity for students, usually from Year 11 or 12, to participate in the governance of our school. As a trustee the student would attend our monthly board meetings and represent the views of students. Nomination forms are available from the school office and anyone wishing to discuss this important role further is most welcome to come and see me. Nominations close at 3.10pm on 24 August and candidates will speak in assembly on Tuesday 4 September. Voting by students in Years 9 to 13 will take place on 5, 6 and 7 September. I urge senior students to consider this as an important leadership opportunity.

A reminder about permission slips for school trips. It is essential that these forms are handed in and payments made by the due date. Students cannot go on a school trip unless we have received permission and payment. Having to chase up students who have not done this adds unnecessary stress and work for our staff. If payment is a problem we are happy to discuss options with you but this must happen before the trip takes place.

Our senior students have their exams next week. During this time students are on study leave and attend school for their exams only. I urge students to take these exams seriously and put in the necessary preparation. Parents, you can assist your son or daughter by insisting on a regular routine of study for at least 2 hours each night. Success in exams is never a matter of luck – it is the culmination of hard work and a conscientious programme of study. Teachers are very happy to assist students if they would like guidance about how to study.

Congratulations to Emily Drake being the winner of this month's Newspaper search in Extra.

Janette Packman
Principal

Dempsey Scholarship is being offered again this year for students past and present **Firstly:** endeavours in the broad sense of Agriculture i.e Agriculture Course (including degrees), Horticulture, Turf Culture, Farm Training schemes etc and Study at University of Otago in the fields of Home Economics, Food Technology, Textile Study or Research, Theology, Dentistry, Medicine or Music.

Secondly: any other field of Tertiary education at the total discretion of the Trustees.

Application forms are available from the school office from the beginning of September.

Norman Kirk Scholarship is also being offered again this year for students moving onto tertiary study in 2008. For further information contact Mrs Bailey in the office. Applications for this scholarship will be available from the office at the end of August.

Defensive Driving - A course will be running in the near future. Any students who have had restricted licence for at least 6 months should seriously consider taking the course to reduce time to get their full licence and learn useful skills. Cost is \$150, but we have access to funds to subsidise fulltime students. See Mr Bates on Monday for last chance to enrol on the next course.

Girls Soccer

The girl's soccer team are sitting in 3rd place of 8 in the South Canterbury Women's Division 2 competition thanks to a strong finish to the season with wins over Mountainview 6-1 and 4-0 and Craighead B 1-0 in recent weeks, bouncing back from a loss to Bayfield in the school exchange. The positive attitude of the players and the spirit with which they have played has been exceptional, and coaches Rob Schofield and Alan Porter have been instrumental in developing this. All the best for the girls in their last game for the season, a 'friendly' against competition heavyweights Roncalli.

NEWSFLASH - Congratulations to Emma Porter on her recent selection in the South Canterbury Under 18 Soccer Rep team. They play their first game in Dunedin against Central Otago this week. Emma has forced her way into a strong squad as one of only two newcomers this year; the other 15 were in the team in 2006. So well done Emma: well-earned reward, having scored more than 20 goals to be the top scorer in South Canterbury Women's Division 2.

Nigel Latta Coming Soon ... Attached to the newsletter you will find an advertisement for Nigel Latta, Psychologist and Author who will be presenting his 'Politically incorrect Parents big night out' at Waimate High School on Sunday night, September 2nd at 7.00pm. Nigel guarantees an entertaining evening; he uses 'colourful' language to get his message across, but is down to earth and real in communicating with parents. Nigel will be doing a workshop with High School staff on the Monday, and the High School is covering the costs of both workshops.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY - the first 80 parents to ring the school office are guaranteed places.



Year 7 Maths Team holding the trophy that they won in the recent Maths Competition held in Timaru.

The team of Mary Engelbrecht, Daniel van Hoof, Nathan Williams, Grace Williams were 1st with 6 minutes to spare. Only team to answer all 20 questions.

JAB Rugby Closing Day will be held on Sunday 19 August at 1 pm.

Events coming up:

20 – 23 Aug	NEMP testing for some Yr 8
20 – 24 Aug	Senior Exams
27 Aug	Senior course booklet issued
3 Sept	Teacher Only Day
6 Sept	Geraldine Exchange
11 Sept	Year 9 Ski trip
12 Sept	Year 9 and 10 Parent evening
14 Sept	Senior reports issued
21 Sept	End of term