

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

We had the pleasure of hosting three National MPs last Friday. Jackie Deans, Katherine Rich and Jo Goodhew visited our school during the afternoon. They met with students on the Community Youth Council and spoke to a special assembly for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Jo commented that she was impressed with the demeanour and willingness of our student leaders to chat openly with the MPs and that the students showed real pride in their school.

The Prefects led our assembly on Monday. James Gibson presented a slide show about the proposed new recreation facility. Students had the opportunity to complete a feedback survey about this proposal the following day. We encourage our students to have their say and put forward their ideas as they are the people who will be using this facility in the future.

We also welcomed author Fleur Beale into the school. We were very pleased that she was able to spend time talking to all Year 7 to 10 English classes about her writing. Fleur writes books that are

enjoyed by boys in particular. Her books like "Ambush" and "Slide the Corner" are popular with students. She spoke about her books, she gave students ideas to help their creative writing skills and she promoted reading as an enjoyable leisure activity.

At lunchtime on Thursday our students were most fortunate to be entertained by the band Luminous. The band also spent some time with music classes sharing some of their expertise and their enjoyment of music.

Our Awards Evening is planned for Friday 2 November. This is an opportunity to celebrate the cultural and sporting achievements of our students. We are immensely proud of all of our students, however, competition and the elite nature of these awards requires that there are only some 'winners'. I can assure you that the process involved in determining the colour awards is highly rigorous and fair. Decisions are made by panels for both the cultural and sports awards. The panels include a representative for the board, the principal and the sports or arts co-ordinator.

Janette Packman
Principal

Health Update

There are several different cases of "vomiting and diarrhoea" type bugs going through the school at present. It is important to encourage regular hand washing to reduce the risk of it spreading, especially before eating and after going to the toilet. Please encourage your child to follow this simple hygiene rule.

AORAKI SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The annual Aoraki sports awards dinner will be held at Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru at 6pm on Friday 26 October. We are pleased to announce that the following students are finalists for the following individual sports:

Sam Keenan - Gymnastics, Michael Pankhurst - Motor Cross, Kurt Rooney - Rugby, Tim Geaney - Tennis, James Morgan - Trapshooting, Nicole Batchelor - Athletics and Cross Country and Lucy Adams - Rugby.

We congratulate you on your achievements this year and wish you all the best of luck for the awards evening!

Tuesday 30 October The teachers will be attending a union meeting in the afternoon. Therefore students will be able to go home at lunchtime. Buses will be running at the usual times. Some staff will be at school to supervise students for whom alternative arrangements can not be made.

Cricket

A Grade team played Old Boys team on 13 October. Old Boys proved too strong for Waimate in the opening game of the season. New rules meant that wides and no balls counted as 2 runs and byes 1, meaning 61 runs were given to the Old Boys team. Old Boys faired better but still gave 41 runs to the Waimo's. End score all out for 161 for the Old Boys team and Waimate scoring 89 in reply. Top scorer for Waimate was Scott Willoughby with a score of 25 runs. Ben Richards had the best figures bowling 4 balls of the last over and claiming 2 wickets for 2 runs.

AFS Students requiring Host Families



Tsun Jeck Lim is from Tawau Malaysia. He is an active member of St Johns and is a school prefect. He plays basketball and likes break-dancing. Tsun Jeck is an easy going and confident person.

He would like to study forensic sciences at university when he returns to Malaysia. He is 17 years old. (1 year programme)



Bernadita Higuera Ruz is 17 years old and is from San Felipe, Chile. Both her older siblings have been on AFS exchanges and her family hosted a boy from the USA. She describes herself as a simple, sensible and helpful person. She has recently started horse-riding and is really enjoying it. (1 year programme)



Dagny Sandvik is 17 years old and from Tromso in Norway. Dagny is a positive and active person who likes to smile 'for no special reason'. Dagny says she is 'a girl of extremes' and likes to be really active and really lazy! She

likes to play soccer and tennis and also practices yoga and dancing. Dagny comes from a musical family and she sings, plays the guitar and writes songs. For the other extreme she loves watching movies from the couch. (1 year programme).

A Block Alterations are now in full swing below is a photo of Mr McCartney's room.



Events coming up

22 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
23 Oct	PTA Meeting 7.30 pm Library
24 Oct	Sports and Cultural photos
2 Nov	Awards Evening
7 Nov	Y7/8 Athletics
13 Nov	Senior Prize-giving 7.30pm
14-23 Nov	Year 10 camps
19 Nov	NCEA exams begin
6 Dec	Senior Clearance Day
11-12 Dec	Junior Activities
13 Dec	Junior Prize-giving