

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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### Useful contacts:

**BOT Chairperson:**

Mr Ken Buckingham

**NCEA / NZQA:**

Mr Robertson

**Year Co-ordinators:**

**13** Mrs McLachlan/Mr Bates

**Special needs Co-ordinator:** Mrs Geaney

**11 & 12** Mr Robertson

**Pastoral managers:**

**9 / 10** Mrs Foster

**7 / 8** Mr Marquet

**Guidance Counsellor:**

Mr Bates

**Careers Counsellor:**

Mrs McLachlan / Mr Briggs

**Sports Co-ordinator:**

Mr Albrey

**Arts Co-ordinator:**

Mrs Meynell

**Uniform Co-ordinator:**

Janice Mehrrens

**Bus Controller:**

Mr Robertson

**Group Teachers:**

**CAK** Miss Atkinson

**CQU** Miss Queree

**CCD** Mr Caird

**GUH** Miss Uhland

**GTA** Mr Taylor

**GWT** Mr Watts

**LAN** Ms Anderson

**LDN** Miss Dollan

**LON** Miss O'Neill

**PMN** Miss Morrison

**PWR** Mrs Warner

**PYG** Mr Young

### 1 June Newsletter:07:2:6

#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Well done to students who participated so enthusiastically in our school cross country on Wednesday. The results are listed below.

At assembly on Monday I spoke to the students about their singing of our National Anthem on this school occasion each week. As a New Zealander who is proud of my country I enjoy demonstrating this pride by singing our anthem. At Waimate High School we sing both the Maori and English versions because this reflects the heritage of our country. Given out to students, if they wanted one, was a printed card with the words on it. If any students did not receive one of these but would like one they should see me. I encourage students to refer to the words on this card if they are unfamiliar with them, to keep the card in their pocket and refer to it in assembly so they can participate in singing our National Anthem with pride.

You will have seen on the news during the week the Government's announcement about some changes to NCEA. We believe these new developments will be positive and that

they will address many of the concerns that have been raised over the past few years regarding NCEA. This includes the need to challenge students to a greater extent, and the concerns of employers around difficulties in understanding and interpreting NCEA results. The introduction of 'excellence' and 'merit' to NCEA and to subject areas from 2008 will all contribute to a more balanced and credible national certificate. Credibility will also be enhanced by the extension of the moderation to 10 per cent, which should give greater confidence in the consistency of internal assessments. Attached to this newsletter you will find information detailing the proposed improvements. Please contact the school if you would like to talk to someone about these changes.

Janette Packman  
Principal

#### Somers Library Book of the Week

The Transformation of Minna Hargreaves  
By Fleur Beale

Minna is a typical fourteen-year-old. She's urban, technologically savvy and has a strong peer group. She has a boyfriend who is the school hunk. Home is pretty much a non-event. Her mother seems distracted, her father breezes in and out

but isn't really present, her brother is a stoner. Her life is turned upside down when Dad announces that he wants them to live on an off-shore island for a year and work to make it into a conservation island. Minna is horrified at the idea, as is her mother. All the more so when they discover that the whole venture is to be made into a reality TV series. To her utter dismay, Minna finds herself on an island, with only her family for company. There's no phone or email contact with the outside world.

**Canteen** - Adult Volunteer assistance required for Monday and Tuesday 10 - 12.30 pm.

The person must be reliable, well presented, hygienic in their work practices. If you have a Certificate in Food Handling it would be an advantage.

**Contact:** Catherine Buckingham or Sharon Anderson. Messages can be left at the school office on 03 689 8920.

### **Cross Country results**



#### **Senior Girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Batchelor

2<sup>nd</sup> Jenna Aikman

3<sup>rd</sup> Laura Thomas

#### **Senior Boys:**

1<sup>st</sup> Jonathan Begg

2<sup>nd</sup> Gus Patterson

3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Wigley

#### **Intermediate Girls**

1<sup>st</sup> Chloe Gardner

2<sup>nd</sup> Elise Blundell

3<sup>rd</sup> Meg Cornick

#### **Intermediate Boys**

1<sup>st</sup> Nick Smit

2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Messer

3<sup>rd</sup> Adam Morgan

#### **Junior Girls**

1<sup>st</sup> Grace Williams

2<sup>nd</sup> Cassie Stephenson

3<sup>rd</sup> Samantha Workman

#### **Junior Boys**

1<sup>st</sup> Dylan Kennett

2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Willoughby

3<sup>rd</sup> Todd King

#### **House Points**

1<sup>st</sup> Pitcaithly

2<sup>nd</sup> Leadbetter

3<sup>rd</sup> Chisholm

4<sup>th</sup> Grant

### **Manure Drive Fundraiser for Trapshooting Team**

Pig manure & Saw dust mix (ex Claytons)

Excellent garden mulch

\$5 per bag delivered

\$25 per trailer (supply own trailer)

\$35 per trailer (delivered to Waimate)

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M Haywood 689 6368

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Monday 4 June**

Queens Birthday Holiday

SS Equestrian Event Orari Racecourse

#### **Wednesday 6 June**

STAR 168 Food Safety

#### **Thursday 7 June**

STAR - Fencing & Animal Handling

STAR – Early Childhood

#### **Wednesday 13 June**

Primary Cross Country

#### **Thursday 14 June**

STAR – Engineering/Carpentry

#### **Saturday 16 June**

School Ball