

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

We are all pleased about the positive ERO report Waimate High School has received from our recent review. It was gratifying to read of the large number of areas of good performance that the review team identified. I believe this report commends us on the impressive quality of teaching in our school. Over the past few years a big focus has been given to teacher professional development and the calibre of our staff has resulted in real improvements in student achievement. ERO said "Students achieved at or above the average level of students at schools of the same type and decile in NCEA."

The report identifies that our students and staff have good access to information and communication technologies and referred to our impressive number of computers, data projectors, digital cameras and interactive whiteboards. Our Board has been generous in their resourcing of ICT equipment and this has gone hand in hand with teacher professional development so ICT is used effectively to enhance and motivate learning. ERO

noted that "students use these technologies to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for their present and future learning needs."

The report also commends our Board on their governance of the school, indicating that Waimate High School is performing very well. Effective self review and consultation processes are being used to develop the school's objectives.

ERO always make recommendations in their reports. Our three recommendations are in areas that are already under development and their identification in the report is useful and will enable us to further improve the good practice that is already taking place.

A copy of the report summary is included in this newsletter. The full report can be seen on the ERO website www.ero.govt.nz. If you have any questions about the report or would like to discuss it please contact me.

Next week we welcome 22 Japanese students from Takudai-Ichiko school. They arrive on Sunday for their three weeks of intensive English immersion. My thanks to the host families, for opening up your homes to this group. I hope you all enjoy the opportunities that

such a visit presents by the exposure to another culture. Special thanks to Mr Young for his organisation of this visit.

Our Year 8 and 10 reports evening is on Tuesday 24 July for our parents. This meeting will again be in the hall. I hope you will take the opportunity to come and talk to your student's teachers. We as professionals really value the feedback that can be gained at such a meeting. For you as parents it sends a clear signal to your student that you value and are interested in their education.

We hope all prospective students and their families will be able to come along to our Open Afternoon at 1.30pm on Monday 23 July. We look forward to this opportunity to show you Waimate High School in action. We will start in the Perry Hall with information about our school, then there will be a tour of the school in small groups, followed by afternoon tea and a time to talk to staff and ask any questions that you may have. If this time is not suitable, please contact the school and we will be happy to make alternative arrangements.

A warm invitation is extended to our parents, students and community, to attend our Arts Alive Concert. The concert will be at 7.30pm, Monday 23 July in the Perry Hall. This is an opportunity to see the performance our students will be presenting on their Arts Tour later in the week. I know these students have been working hard towards this special activity.

Janette Packman
Principal

Arts Alive Concert

Monday 23 July Perry Hall 7.30pm

Drama and Music students who will be going on tour at the end of next week are

staging a concert in the Hall on Monday 23 July. This is to celebrate Arts Alive Week and to offer parents and pupils the opportunity to see and hear the efforts of the students before they go on tour. A range of drama, dance, music and mime will be offered. Don't miss this opportunity. Come and support these hardworking students in their endeavours at 7.30 pm on Monday 23 July. We look forward to seeing you there.

Miniball and Basketball Supporters

A Special Meeting is being held on Tuesday 24 July at 6pm in the basketball room at the Waimate Stadium to discuss the feasibility of the proposed multi-purpose facility.

All basketballers, miniballers, parents and supporters are invited.

We need your input.

MotoX

This Sunday the 22nd of July the SCMCC are holding their MotoX club day at Linton's property, Waimate side of the Cup and Saucer from 11.00 am onwards. Everyone welcome. Come and support your local riders.

Calendar

Sunday 22 July

Japanese students arrive

Monday 23 July

Open Afternoon 1.30 pm

Arts Alive Concert 7.30 pm

Tuesday 24 July

Yr 8/10 Report Evening

Wednesday 25 July

PTA Meeting 7.30 pm Somers Library

Thurs-Fri 26-27 July

Arts Tour

Tuesday 31 July

BOT Meeting 7.00 pm A6

Wednesday August 1

Bayfield arrive

Thursday August 2

Bayfield games here