

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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## 21 September Newsletter:07:3:10

### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

In assembly this week I read a short story from the book *Silver Linings by Chris Dodds*. I share this with you all here because there is an important message for us all.

"One day a man found a cocoon. He watched for several hours as the butterfly struggled to force its body through the little hole at the end. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it could go no further.

The man decided to help the butterfly, and took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily but it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings.

The man continued to watch because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were nature's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If we go through life without any obstacles it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been and we could never fly."

I believe the effort and struggle that we experience at school are an important part of making us the person we become. It is what makes us a stronger person who goes on to achieve success in our lives.

On Friday 12 October three National Members of Parliament will be visiting the school. They are Jackie Deans, Katherine Rich and Jo Goodhew. They will meet with community youth leaders prior to a special assembly for Years 11, 12 & 13. After school the visitors will meet with staff. It is not often our school receives such visits so it is hoped that our senior students will enjoy the occasion and may also have the opportunity to ask questions of our Parliamentarians.

**Well done** to the Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the Aoraki Social Studies Quiz. Our three teams did very well in finishing in the top 18 out of a total of 45 teams. Our top team of Stafford Dennison, Lachie Robertson and Nathan Williams were placed 8<sup>th</sup> with an impressive score of 91%.

**Congratulations** to Kurt Rooney on his selection to play in the South Island Tournament for the S.C. Under 18 Rugby team at Lincoln during the school holidays. Well done Kurt and best wishes!

**Congratulations** to our Hockey team who won the Primary Division 2 trophy. Well done to Cameron Smith, Oliver Wilson, Ruby Cochrane, Reuben Storr, Scott Willoughby, Karl McFadden, Ray Turner, Malcolm Elderton, Pandora Lea, Renee Robinson, Charlotte Worthington and Cherie Peck-Wederell. **Congratulations** also to Scott Willoughby who played for the South Canterbury B team in the Hockey Tournament in Christchurch last weekend. His team won all three games!

Best wishes to the 8 Trap Shooting students who are travelling to Hamilton to compete in the Nationals during the holidays. Thank you to the parents who will be accompanying them: Dave and Nick Morgan, Mark Haywood and Keith Batchelor. Special thanks to Mrs Ottley also.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### **Australian Mathematics Competition Results for the Westpac Awards 2007**

Waimate High School entered 18 students in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition, which was held on Wednesday 25 July. The Competition consists of intriguing problems which students can enjoy solving.

Around 50% of participants qualify to receive a certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or credit. All other students receive a certificate of participation and every entrant is provided with an individual performance report.

Waimate High School had two Distinction awards: Nathan Williams from Year 7 and Naomi Begg from Year 11. Four Credits were awarded to Mary Engelbrecht (Y7), Kristy Thomas (Y9), Caleb Morton (Y9) and Betina Fleming (Y13). Well done to these students

### **Senior School Play – Murdered to Death**

Senior students are to present a hilarious play next term as the School Play Production for 2007. This is probably the funniest play the students have ever done and will be a real challenge. They would love to see large numbers at the play, and hope that you will ring either the 9 or 10 of November on your calendar to come and see it. There will be a gold coin donation at the door. There is nothing serious about this play, it is total laughter from beginning to end, well worth seeing. Those starring in it are Ruth Foster, Betina Fleming, Lucy Mehrstens, Jessica Cochrane, Samantha Stace, Rachel Butler, Daniel Garland, Ethan Henshaw, Josh Horsnell, Michael Ching and Namwahn. Don't miss this, as it is British comedy at its best.

### **Year 10 Peel Forest Camp**

Begins week 5, term 4. More information will be sent home week 1, term 4.

### **Driver Training**

The school STAR programme has been running several driving courses through Pro-Driver

Training in Timaru, using local assessor Selwyn Meadows.

Last week several students completed Forklift-OSH Training and several gained their licence endorsement. The students were: Craig Wilson, Scott Wilson, Tim McKenzie, Mark Tangney, Digby Haywood, Brendon Buckingham and Hunter Mercer.

Also a Class 2 Truck licence course was held earlier where Henry Todd and Brendon Buckingham passed this.

Next course is Class 3 Wheels, Tracks and Rollers.

**Congratulations** to Guy Linton, Jared Mathews and Jade Halkett who made the Under 16 South Canterbury Rugby Representative team. They have already played Canterbury, Canterbury Country, Southland and Otago winning 2 out of 4 games. The boys are heading to Invercargill next week for a South Island Tournament. Unfortunately due to injury Jade has had to withdraw. Good luck down south boys.

### **S.C. Primary Schools Winter Tournament**

A successful and enjoyable day for all Waimate teams on Tuesday as they travelled up to Timaru. Yr 7 & 8 Rugby, Netball and Basketball teams played really well and enjoyed competing against different schools. Fun and participation was the theme for the tournament and as a bonus winning a few games too.

### **Basketball Teams perform well at Primary Schools winter tournament.**

Two Waimate High School Y7&8 Basketballers played with much success in the Primary Schools Winter tournament held at the SBS Stadium in the last week of term 2. The players enjoyed their games, were highly competitive and displayed excellent sportsmanship on and off the court.

The Year 8 team, consisting of William Rooney, Wiremu Tangiora, Glen Drake, Steph Drake, Ashley Culling, Jessica Fahey and Graeme Oughton, finished with a 4 win 1 loss record. The Year 7 team, consisting of Lachie Robertson, Ruby Cochrane, Ben Richards, Jayden Butcher, Nykita Landon-Lane, Bradley McGirr and Malcolm Elderton, played in the same grade and finished with 3 wins, 1 (unlucky) draw and 1 loss.

### **Aoraki Ski and Snowboard Champs**

Due to injuries and other commitments we had only 2 competitors this year. Well done to Elise and Matthew – clear runs. A big thank you to John Blundell for his support.

### Waimate Basketball Competition

We had three teams playing in this competition. Some great games have been played and all teams showed a huge improvement over the season. The senior boys finally beat the Rams (by one point) for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Congratulations to the following players who won awards – Ruby Cochrane, Jessica Cochrane, Hayden Russell, TJ Blundell and Tim Geaney.

#### A big thanks:

To our coaches Marty Cochrane/Chris Thomas – girls, Dave Morgan – senior boys, Nathan Sheppard – junior boys.

The boy's teams have played twice a week over the season. A huge commitment.

### Waimate Amateur Swimming Club

**Learn to Swim Lessons** available for 5 years & over 20 minute session between 4.30-5.30pm Mondays and Thursdays , 6 week block before Christmas, 4 week block February \$70.00 includes cap.

### Development & Competitive swimming

Must be able to swim lengths competently from 5.30pm Mondays and Thursdays \$100 includes cap. Coaches needed Training available.

#### Register NOW

By phoning Diane Cochrane 6892861 or Jane Wilson 6897670. Fees payable upon registration, number's limited. Registrations close 15 October.

### Uniform

Any uniform enquiries over the holiday period please phone Mrs Mehrtens 689 1089.

### Quiz Night



Mr Taylor Quiz Master and Master of Ceremonies



Daniel Garland as a hunchback in Leadbetter house's student fairy tale drama



Danny Larsen-Guyton – champion of the YES-NO quiz

### Events Coming up

<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
<b>7 Nov</b>	Y7/8 Athletics
<b>13 Nov</b>	Senior Prizegiving evening
	Last day for seniors
<b>14-23 Nov</b>	Yr 10 Camps
<b>19 Nov</b>	NCEA Exams begin
<b>6 Dec</b>	Senior Clearance Day
<b>11-12 Dec</b>	Activities Day
<b>13 Dec</b>	Junior Prizegiving (pm)
<b>14 Dec</b>	Last day of Term 4