

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

On Tuesday we celebrated Support Staff Day here at Waimate High School with a special morning tea. This was an opportunity for us to thank our support staff for all the great work they do to assist the teachers and the students. Support staff include our office staff, teacher aides, property officer and groundsman, cleaners, truancy officer, science and workshop technicians, sports and arts co-ordinators. We are most fortunate to have a great team of support staff working with us. They certainly contribute to making our jobs easier.

Last Saturday night we held our Senior Ball. This was a special occasion that was enjoyable and fun for all who attended. We were particularly impressed with the way in which our students conducted themselves and their responsible behaviour certainly contributed to the success and enjoyment of the evening. Well done to the Ball Committee, Mrs McLachlan and Miss O'Neill for their work in organising this event. A big thank you to the parents who assisted with security during the evening.

On Monday some of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students participated in peer mediation training. Thank you to these students who are willingly giving their time to take on this leadership opportunity. We plan to introduce peer mediation into our school during the next term. This is a national programme of structured mediation that we are implementing and we hope it will assist students in working out appropriate solutions to playground misdemeanours. More information will be available as the programme develops.

Congratulations to Scott Willoughby on his selection into the South Canterbury Primary 11-a-side Representative Team who compete in the Hatch Cup.

Congratulations also to Laura Thomas on her selection into the South Canterbury Under 17 Netball squad.

Janette Packman
Principal

Peer Mediation

On Monday 25 students spent the morning training in Peer Mediation, a programme which equips students to help other students sort out conflicts. The philosophy is that everyone (teachers and students alike) can be given the skills to

deal with conflicts effectively and that in a school environment, where conflict is inevitable, why not encourage students to have an important part to play in solving student disputes. Chrystal Witte from Christchurch was an enthusiastic tutor who took students through some foundational skills, such as active listening, as well as the actual process of what happens in a mediation. Then students were able to practise with one another. 5 brave students attended the staff meeting after school on Monday afternoon to demonstrate the process to staff.

The process of mediation is actually very formal, with mediation only taking place if both students in a dispute want mediation and are prepared to work towards a solution. Two mediators facilitate a mediation, allowing both sides to air their grievances and allow the parties to look for solutions. Basic ground rules are followed closely to keep everyone safe. The students who attended on Monday were attentive and seemed to enjoy taking their first steps in the process.

From here, students will continue to be trained in term 3 and hopefully mediators will start to be doing their thing from about the middle of the term 3. Keep an eye on newsletters next term to hear how things are progressing.

URGENT ! - HOMESTAY

The EF exchange student organisation urgently seek a homestay for 6 months or 1 year for a German student (male) starting next term.

If you are able to help please ring **Nicky Cowan 03 684 4933**. She would be delighted to hear from you.

Aoraki Maths Competition

Schools from the Aoraki Region are organising their teams now for the Aoraki Maths Competition. Waimate are also finding their teams. Teams consist of 4 students who work together to solve tricky problems, racing against similar teams from other schools. Teams from year 7 to year 10 are selected to take part. If your student is lucky enough to be a 'chosen one', you will receive

a permission letter from your student in the next week.

This is to take place on August 8 for years 7 and 8, and August 9 for years 9 and 10 at Timaru Girls High School in the evening. Any enquiries, contact Andrea Atkinson in the Maths Department.

Cricket

South Canterbury Cricket's Holiday Coaching Programme during the first week of the school holidays at the Graeme Blanchard Cricket Centre, Aorangi Park, Morgans Road, Timaru.

Coaching and games available from 9.00am – 12 noon, Monday 2 July until Friday 6 July with Richard Davidson Level 2 Coach. Open to year 6, 7, and 8 girls and boys. Cost \$40.00 per week. Please phone 686 3377 for an application form.

Keen skiers and snowboarders – we have a 2007 season pass to Mt Dobson to raffle for fundraising. Be in to save hundreds of dollars. The value for the month of June is Adult \$450, Youth \$300. Make contact with Mr Johnston or Mrs Geaney for ticket.

CALENDAR

Monday 25 June

STAR course 14434 – 2 Food

Tuesday 26 June

BOT Meeting 7.00 pm A6

Wednesday 27 June

McGlashan Exchange in Dunedin

Thursday 28 June

STAR Course – handtools

Friday 29 June

Junior reports issued

Last day of term 2

Monday 16 July

First day of term 3

Sunday 22 July

Japanese students arrive

Monday 23 July

Open Afternoon

Tuesday 24 July

Arts Alive

Wednesday 25 July

Yr 11 Geology trip

Australian Maths Competition