

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Tuesday night was the last Board of Trustees meeting for three of our trustees. Mark Brown has served on the board for 7 years. During that time Mark held the property portfolio. Paul Geaney has served 5 years, holding the finance portfolio and John McCartney has represented the staff for the past 3 years. We are most fortunate to have received the expertise and commitment of these people in the governance of Waimate High School. We thank them for all their support and work for us.

Last week I was privileged to hear 3 of our students speaking to the Waimate Rotary group. Betina Fleming and Michael Ching attended the Hands On Science Summer School at the University of Otago where they participated in a marine biology project. Lucy Adams spoke about her adventurous 10 days on the Spirit of New Zealand. Some photos of Lucy's experiences are on display in the admin foyer. All 3 of these students are to be commended on having the confidence to put themselves forward to take up these challenges. Our sincere thanks to the Waimate Rotary for assisting these students financially and making it possible for them to take up these opportunities.

On Monday the 6 prefects and I attended the Young Leaders Day in Dunedin. This was a busy day of inspirational speakers, activities and multimedia presentations. Our prefects will

be applying this learning to the Student Council that will be starting up in the next week.

Regarding the article in the Timaru Herald earlier this week, any questions or concerns should be directed to our Board of Trustees Chair, Ken Buckingham. Phone 689 8284.

Janette Packman
Principal

PTA Meeting 7.30pm in the Library
Thursday 29th March

Sports Uniform Amnesty

We are missing a number of our school sports uniforms. If you know where any are we would appreciate them being delivered to the school office. No questions asked.

Jump / Jam Concert

Great Afternoon family entertainment
Come and watch Oamaru Children aged 5-14 years compete in a hip hop/ modern dance off. Tickets on sale at the Waitaki District council in Oamaru \$10 adult \$5 child. 2 hour concert. Food and drink available
24th March Waitaki Boys Auditorium
Start 1pm-3pm. Fun for the whole family

Girls Soccer

We have a girls' soccer team ready to go. We just require a manager who will organise the team every Sunday. If you could help with this, please contact Nick Bates at the school as soon as possible. The season starts April 24th. The team will play in the South Canterbury women's division 2.

80T photos from Huxley camp last week



Somers Library Book of the Week Gatty's Tale by Kevin Crossley-Holland

It is the year of Our Lord 1203. Nine pilgrims set forth from their home on the Welsh borders on a journey to Jerusalem. One of them is Gatty, a village-girl with a singing voice so beautiful it would make your soul ache. Her dream is to follow her childhood friend, Arthur, to the Promised Land. Lady Gwyneth is the kind, gentle pilgrim with a burden to confess. Snout is the cook whose desperate hope is that a miracle in Jerusalem will release him from his disfigurement. Nakin is the crafty merchant, Austin is the devout priest and man of letters, Everard is the cathedral choir master. Emrys is the blacksmith and Tilda, who can't be left behind, is his complaining wife. Nest is the precocious lady's maid. One of them won't make it back.

Congratulations to the A Grade Cricket team on their excellent win over Waihi on Saturday. The team saved their best till last to score 185 for 4 in their 30 overs, with Adam McKenzie scoring 52 not out, Finley Keen 49 and Hayden Russell 38 retired. Todd King snaffled three wickets as Waihi

crumbled in their response. It was an excellent win considering Waihi's top 5 batsmen were all Sth Cnty reps. A big thanks to James and Matt Devlin for taking the practices and Neil Willoughby for coaching/managing the side in the weekends.

National Trapshooting Competition

Congratulations to Year 8 student William Rooney who recently became the youngest ever winner of the New Zealand Trapshooting title Handicap by Distance. This is a competition where the competitors' distance from the target depends on their grading which evens out the chances.

William had travelled to Hamilton to compete against 132 other shooters in this event so it is a great accomplishment to come away with a trophy, winner's medal and sash.



BOT Parent Representative Elections

There are 7 candidates standing, voting closes noon Thursday 29th March 2007. Voting papers have been sent by post to parents and caregivers eligible to vote, if you have not received one please contact the Returning Officer Marie Johns at the school office.

CALENDAR

Sat-Sun 24-25 March

S I Athletics

Mon-Thurs 26-29 March

8Yg Camp

Tuesday 27 March

Geraldine Exchange

Thursday 29 March

PTA Meeting 7.30 pm Library

Sun-Tues 1-3 April

Yr 13 History to Arrowtown

Thursday 5 April

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