

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Thank you very much to parents who came to our Year 7 and 9 Parents Evening last Tuesday. This week we have an Information evening for parents of Year 11, 12 and 13 students. This will be an opportunity for us to inform you about the NCEA systems and we will go over some ways in which you can help your son or daughter be successful in NCEA in 2007.

I am pleased to announce our senior leaders for 2007. Our Head Prefects are Lucy Adams and TJ Blundell and our Deputy Prefects are Nicole Batchelor and Ethan Henshaw.

Head Prefects 2007



Nicole, Ethan, TJ and Lucy in their Prefect blazers.

Well done to all the students who put themselves forward for these positions. I was particularly impressed with the very high standard of applications and the high calibre of our students. Ten students were short listed and interviewed by a panel of 4 students chosen by their houses and by 5 teachers. The applicants met with the

interview panel and answered set questions. The panel then had the difficult task of selecting the prefects. My role as Principal was to ensure the process was fair and correctly followed. I had no voting rights on the interview panel but could have the casting vote if that was needed. I believe the process used was both fair and rigorous.

Next week we will be able to announce our Arts and Sports Captains. Their selection follows the same process.

Nominations are now open for the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. Nominations close on Wednesday 28 February. The applicants will speak in assembly on Monday 5 February. Students from Year 9 up will be able to vote the following Tuesday and Wednesday. The process for selecting out Student Rep. on the Board is stipulated by the School Trustees Association. This position has become available because our previous student trustee has left school to take up employment. I urge senior students to seriously consider this important leadership role.

Next week our Year 7 students will participate in a programme with the Life Education Trust. The Life Education programme involves students participating in activities that aim to raise awareness about negative influences that may impact on our young people and to assist them in developing the knowledge and skills to enable them to be positive and healthy. On Thursday 1 March 7.30 to 8.30pm the Life Education Trust is having an Open Night of its upgraded truck at our school. Parents are invited to have a look through the truck and at the programmes that are offered. Thank you to Waimate Lions for subsidising part of the costs for students.

On Thursday afternoon and all day Friday students will be competing in our Athletics Sports. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to come along to watch and support the students.

Janette Packman
Principal

Senior Uniform

The newly introduced senior girls' uniform has been designed to be worn at the waist and the length to be just above the knee. The peaked blouse will then cover the waist band of the skirt. Please ensure your daughter wears her skirt in this manner.

Senior boys who choose to wear a long sleeved shirt with the sleeves rolled up are required to roll the sleeves to above the elbows and the shirts must be tucked in.



Library refurbishment

The new improved Somers Library is a pleasure to spend time in. The new carpet looks great, students are taking advantage of the 6 additional computers and the lovely red pin boards give the place a great new look and we are looking forward to having lots more student work on display.

Mrs Bailey is very happy in her new office. She has carpet instead of lino and lots more cupboard space. She is also totally glassed in so her office becomes soundproof which is a relief to most classes because she is unable to disrupt them anymore!

Canteen News

The New Zealand Kidney Foundation are holding a National Drink Water Week on the 5th to 10th March. The canteen will be supporting this by only having water for sale instead of milk and juice. This is only for 1 week so please support this campaign and drink water.

Athletics Sports

These will be held on Thursday 1st March starting at 12.30 and all day Friday 2nd March. This means that on Thursday we will have a shortened lunchtime from 12.00 – 12.30. We have attached a programme for your interest and look forward to seeing any parents who would like to support their children at the sports.

Last year we trialled the use of face paint. There was a considerable mess left around the school so the decision has been made not to allow the use of face paint in 2007.

If any parents are interested in helping with the running of the sports by acting as an official please get in contact with Stuart Albrey at school.

Swimming Champions 2007

Junior Boys

Champion – Andrew Gardner
Runner Up – Scott Willoughby

Junior Girls

Champion – Ruby Cochrane
Runner Up – Annaliese Wilson

Intermediate Boys

Champion – Kris Furer
Runner Up – Josh Wilson

Intermediate Girls

Champion – Chloe Gardner
Runner Up – Anna Cummings

Senior Boys

Champion – Daniel Rich
Runner Up – Tim Geaney

Senior Girls

Champion – Jessica Cochrane
Runner Up – Kimberley Weir

Apologies for the Swimming Results being omitted from last week's newsletter.

Good Performances in Aoraki Tennis

The Waimate High School Tennis team lost to Roncalli College 5-1, defeated Geraldine by 4-2. This year the team consisted of Tim Geaney, Mark Tangney, Lucy Adams and Nicole Batchelor. Overall it was an enjoyable day's tennis.

Waitaki Chapter AFS

Open meeting **Sunday 25 February at 2.30 pm** in the Somers Library.

Calendar

Monday 26 February

Life Education Programme – Year 7

Tuesday 27 February

Life Education Programme – Year 7
Year 11, 12 and 13 NCEA Information Evening

Wednesday 28 February

Life Education Programme – Year 7