

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

15 teaching days until NCEA!

We hear a lot about the importance of parental engagement. Research has shown that parental involvement in schooling can lead to real academic benefits for their children and I would certainly agree with this. Researchers have identified four types of parental engagement at home that consistently associated with school performance:

- Actively organising and monitoring their child's time and checking regularly to check whether they are following routines.
- Helping with homework and taking an interest. Making sure that homework is completed, discussing the specifics of assignments, explaining assignments, checking accuracy and actively helping children complete them.
- Discussing school matters with the child. It is helpful for parents to talk about difficulties as well as successes and play a supportive role, encouraging persistence when school work or relationships at school are problematic.
- For younger children particularly, reading to them and being read to

by their children is particularly important so parents and children share in the literacy experience.

The exact form that any of these takes may differ from one family to another, but research shows that each is important.

Janette Packman
Principal

Tuesday 30 October

The teachers will be attending a union meeting in the afternoon. Therefore students will be able to go home at lunchtime. Buses will be running at the usual times. Some staff will be at school to supervise students for whom alternative arrangements can not be made.

This newsletter is sent home weekly to 300 school families. The cost to sponsor for the entire year is \$199+GST. This is a great opportunity to support your school. PLEASE PHONE BARRYS NEWSLETTER SERVICES LTD ON 0508 733 733.

Clearance Day for ALL SENIOR students, Thursday 6 December. The day will start with a full school assembly and this will be followed by clearance procedures. All seniors are expected to attend.

Senior Play only 2 weeks away

The Senior Play for this year will be performed in the Hall on the 9 and 10 November at 7-30 p.m. The play is called 'MURDERED TO DEATH', a comedy you don't want to miss. Loads of laughs, and plenty of twists and turns make this play lots of fun to be part of, and great entertainment for an audience. Support the senior students in their last extra-curricular drama performance for 2007. Tickets can be bought from students or from the School Office for a gold coin donation.

More Opportunities for Qualifications

Thursday 11 October – 10 students and 2 staff members completed their Agriculture Chemical Handling Certificate run by Agribusiness Training and 5 senior pupils completed their Class 3 Wheels, Trucks and Rollers qualifications run by Pro-Driver Training with the help of Nathan Fletcher and Kinsman Transport. Thank you to these people for their support.

These are useful qualifications for future employment and the school is fortunate they can be funded by the Gateway and STAR resources. Waimate High is one of the first schools in New Zealand to offer these qualifications to senior students.

Health

Letters have been sent home for the following students:

9Fs – Relationships

7Mh – Keep ourselves Safe

Uniforms

Girls requiring summer skirts for 2008 need to get these sorted now.

Uniform Room is open Wednesday between 12noon & 1pm. Other times by appointment.

Any uniform to be sold needs to be clean and tidy (no mends, no missing buttons etc.). Summer skirts and the Kilts MUST BE DRYCLEANED.

Summer dresses must also have no buttons missing and have no mends.

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Important events coming up

- Senior Prizegiving

Tuesday 13 November 7.30pm Perry Hall.

- Junior Prizegiving

Thursday 13 December 1pm in Perry Hall.

Awards Night Friday 2 November

A reminder that tickets are available from the office for this great evening. \$6 per person or \$18 for immediate family. Be in quick tickets are selling fast.

Year 10 Camps 2007

There are 3 camps this year

(All 3 days each)

10Fh Wed 14 Nov – Fri 16 Nov

10Fs Mon 19 Nov – Wed 21 Nov

10Fw Wed 21 Nov – Fri 23 Nov

Permission form and money by **2 Nov**

Free Family Movie

The Waimate Combined Churches are putting on a free screening of the family movie "Evan Almighty" at the Regent Theatre on Wednesday 31st October at 5.30pm. There is no charge.

The film is very funny with a great message, an ideal family film.

Events Coming Up

2 Nov Awards Evening

7 Nov Y7/8 Athletics

13 Nov Senior Prizegiving 7.30pm

14-23 Nov Year 10 camps

19 Nov NCEA exams begin

6 Dec Senior Clearance Day

11-12 Dec Junior Activities

13 Dec Junior Prizegiving