

## **27 April Newsletter:07:2:1**

### **The Principal's word**

Kia ora koutou

The term is off to a busy start. Our Head Prefects represented our school at the Waimate ANZAC Service on Wednesday and also laid a wreath at the war memorial. This is an important day when all New Zealanders remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in war.

On Thursday the Honourable David Benson-Pope spoke to the senior students. David is presently Minister of Social Development and Employment, and Minister of Environment and he spoke about issues relating to these areas. In particular he talked about the responsibility we all need to take in looking after our own environment. David is also a trustee of the Norman Kirk Memorial Trust which offers a substantial scholarship that our school leavers can apply for. This provides financial assistance for students who will benefit most from this support. The scholarship of \$3,500 is payable for up to three years of tertiary education and applications will be open later in term 3.

Norman Kirk was committed to the welfare of New Zealand people. Throughout his life he strove to ensure

that everyone had the opportunity to take steps towards self improvement and a better way of living so they could realise their full potential. This is very much in line with the philosophy of Waimate High School and the hopes we have for all of our students.

**Congratulations** to Michael Pankhurst, Guy Linton and James Morgan who competed at the 2007 KTM New Zealand Junior Motocross Championships in

Mosgiel over the holidays. All three boys competed against competitors from NZ and Australia with over 80 riders in most grades. Michael, Guy and James returned home with trophies and medals for their achievements.

A reminder that I welcome parents and others in our community to contact me about queries or concerns that you may have. I would much rather be talking to you about small concerns well before they become big problems.

Pestbusters Dunedin have informed us that there is going to be poison laid in the Hunter Hills area between the 1 May and 31 May 2007. This area includes the White Horse area and walking track.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### **Health Term 2**

7 Ku - Keeping Ourselves Safe

7 Mq - Kai Kaha

Year 8 - DARE

9FW - Smoking & Alcohol / Relationships.

A letter will be sent home regarding the Relationship unit of work. Parents are most welcome to come and see what we cover.

Year 10 - Change, Loss and Grief.

This includes a visit to the local Funeral Home. A letter will be sent home before this visit occurs.

If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see us.

### **LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES**

Lunch time activities are starting again. They run Term 2 and 3 one lunch time per week. Activities are run by students, teachers and very importantly our local community members giving up their time to enhance our student's growth.

If students have 6 or more people interested in an activity we endure to organise it.

If any group in our community is interested in being involved please contact Ms S Anderson via the school office.

### **Garage Sale**

Saturday 5 May

Waimate Toy Library

9.30 a.m. till 12 p.m.

Venue is Senior Citizen Centre

Corner Shearman and Glasgow St

### **Financial Assistance for NCEA**

Attached to this newsletter (for senior students) is an information sheet regarding financial assistance for NCEA. Any questions please contact Mr L Robertson.



4 of our students in the Waimate Pipe Band at the ANZAC Parade: Naomi White, Rachel Butler, Daniel Rich and Jonathan Begg.



Waimate High School Head Prefects Lucy Adams and TJ Blundell placing a wreath at the ANZAC Memorial in Waimate.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Monday 30 April**

STAR – Fencing and Animal Handling

#### **Tues-Wed 1-2 May**

Year 8 Girls Self Defence and Boys Day

#### **Friday 4 May**

STAR – Maori Culture

#### **Monday 7 May**

STAR – Food

Dunedin Tertiary Info Day – Yr 12/13

#### **Tuesday 8 May**

STAR – Nursing

#### **Wednesday 9 May**

STAR – Fencing and Animal Handling

STAR – Hairdressing

#### **Monday 4 June Queens Birthday**