

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

I watched with interest as the issue of violence in schools was played out in the media during the week and thought it would be appropriate to add my own comments. Yes there is a rising incidence of violence in our society that is unacceptable. This is being modelled to our students in many forms – TV, videos, video games etc. Schools are now being expected to fix this gross behaviour of society even though it is not actually the fault of the school.

Any violence or bullying at school is unacceptable and we are doing all we can to ensure the safety of our students. To do this we have to set higher standards than are the norm outside school.

As one of the people interviewed on Close Up said "school can only do as much as their community will support them to do". We cannot do this alone. We ask that our parents support us in the message that violence and bullying is not okay.

We do not hide the problem. We want to deal with offenders. All students should be aware that if there is an issue they need to tell us and this is the climate we are working hard to establish. Bullying complaints forms are available for all students outside the office. This needs to be filled in and given to

any staff member so we know about an incident. The complaint is then dealt with thoroughly. We do not hide the problem. We want to deal with it openly. Through this we hope to build conditions that will enable positive relations among students and between students and staff, and in doing so make this a school where bullying and violence is not okay.

Congratulations to Tansy Wigley who achieved a scholarship in Economics.

Our Sports Prefect for 2007 is Tim Geaney and our Arts Prefect is Ruth Foster. We wish them well in these leadership roles which will include keeping students informed in assembly about activities and achievements in their respective areas.

This year's winner of the Swimming Club trophy is Jordyn Brunnenkreef from Year 7. The Waimate Swimming Club trophy is presented to a student who is not a swimming club member and who shows enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards competing and supporting their house. Jordyn participated in every event she could as well as taking part in novelty relays. She was also helpful and co-operative towards her house leaders. Well done Jordyn.

Speeches for the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees will be held in school assembly on Monday morning and voting by

students in Years 9 to 13 will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Athletics Sports on Thursday and Friday. It was great to see people supporting each other and participating for house points.

A reminder that we have an information evening for parents of Year 8 and 10 students at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 March in the Somers Library. This is an opportunity for you to meet teachers who will be working with your son or daughter this year. We hope to see you there.

Janette Packman

Board of Trustee Elections

Nomination forms for the Board elections have been posted to eligible voters. Nominations close on Thursday 15 March 2007.

John McGlashan Sports Exchange Wednesday 7 March

Cricket – 11 am

Tennis – 11 am

Yr 9 & 10 Touch – 1 pm

Country School Athletic Sports Thursday 8 March in Geraldine

Team details and information will be announced on Monday after the results from today's athletic sports are collated.

40 HOUR FAMINE

Year 13's aim for biggest ever famine effort. Over 100 students have already signed up for the World Vision 40 Hour Famine (in only 2 days!). Well done you lot. Sam obviously inspired the school with his speech in Monday's assembly! All those not yet registered we encourage you to do the famine this year - register at the Year 13 common room. And to all you mums and dads - why not turn this into a family thing and do the famine with your son/daughter.

Famine Organisers – 2007 are:

Sam Mulqueen, Tim Geaney, Amy Kerr, Jonathon Begg.

Uniform Room

The uniform room will now be open on Wednesdays at lunchtime from next week onwards. Other times by appointment.

Junior Soccer

Waimate Junior Soccer are looking for 14th & 15th Grade players (14 & 15yrs this year), to form a 15th Grade team to play in the South Canterbury Saturday Competition this season.

Dion Walker is willing to coach this group. If you are interested meet on **Thursday 8th March** at the Waimate High School Grounds on William St at 3.30pm.

Enquiries to Trish Davis 689 7983.

Country School Swimming Sports

These were held last night in Temuka. Waimate High School had the largest contingent at the sports. We had 34 finalists, 4-1sts, 10-2nds and 10-3rds.

Our first finalists were:

Yr 11-13 Boys 1 length Backstroke

Daniel Rich

Yr 9 & 10 Boys 100m Freestyle

Kris Furer

Yr 9 & 10 Boys 100m Backstroke

Kris Furer

Yr 7 & 8 Boys 100m Backstroke

Andrew Gardner

CALENDAR

Mon/Tues 5-6 March

Year 9 Aquatics programme

Tuesday 6 March

Year 8 & 10 Parent meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 7 March

McGlashan Exchange – Waimate

Thursday 8 March

Country Athletics - Geraldine

Friday 9 March

School Photos

Mon-Thurs 12-15 March

80t Camp to Huxley

Monday 12 March

Yr 11 Science Geology Day Trip

Yr 12 First Aid (am)

Wednesday 14 March

Aoraki Athletics

Primary Swimming