

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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### Useful contacts:

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**13** Mrs McLachlan/Mr Bates

**Special needs Co-ordinator:** Mrs Geaney

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**Pastoral managers:**

**9 / 10** Mrs Foster

**7 / 8** Mr Marquet

**Guidance Counsellor:**

Mr Bates

**Careers Counsellor:**

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**Sports Co-ordinator:**

Mr Albrey

**Arts Co-ordinator:**

Mrs Meynell

**Uniform Co-ordinator:**

Janice Mehrtens

**Bus Controller:**

Mr Robertson

**Group Teachers:**

**CAK** Miss Atkinson

**CQU** Miss Queree

**CCD** Mr Caird

**GUH** Miss Uhland

**GTA** Mr Taylor

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**PWR** Mrs Warner

**PYG** Mr Young

### 3 August Newsletter:07:33

#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

This week we held our annual exchange with Bayfield High School. Congratulations to our students for their great sportsmanship. The rugby game in particular, was a closely played battle and was both entertaining and nerve wracking for supporters. Well done! Many thanks to the families who hosted Bayfield students. I heard stories of appreciation from students who had assisted with feeding out to cattle and others who had been hunting. Thank you for the hospitality and unique experiences you provided.

In assembly this week I spoke to the students about looking after and respecting our environment. During the holidays work was completed on renovations of the B6/7 Computing Room. This is now a fantastic learning environment that will soon have a total of 40 computers in it for classes to book. We are very fortunate to have these excellent facilities and therefore it is important that we appreciate and respect what we have.

We have received information about 'Work It Out'. This is a government strategy that assists school leavers in making a positive transition to the world of work. In particular, it is a career-mentoring programme that involves following up school leavers who may be at risk of making a poor transition and

referring them to appropriate opportunities and services. 'Work It Out' aims to assist all of our young people in achieving success. If you would like to find out more about this programme please contact Mr Bates.

On Monday we found it necessary to send the buses home at 1.30pm because we were concerned about the flooding and safety issues that may have been incurred if the buses had run at the usual time. This was a carefully considered decision based on information from a number of sources. I would appreciate feedback from parents about the procedures used in ensuring students could get home safely.

Janette Packman  
Principal

#### Music and Drama Tour ABSOLUTELY AWESOME!

Wow! What an awesome tour 26 music and drama students experienced from last Thursday 26 July to Saturday the 28 July. So many experiences, performances, range of schools, cultural challenges, educational opportunities etc, all rolled into two action-packed and rewarding days. Fantastic food, great musicals, a marae visit, spontaneous reactions from students watching and listening etc made for an unforgettable experience.

All the schools visited were impressed with the standard of performance from all those involved. Over the two days our students

performed to over 500 students from five schools. The talent of Waimate High School cultural students was greatly valued and appreciated. WELL DONE to a wonderful group of students, staff and parents. To quote a line from one of our musical items 'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS'.



Mrs Foster and Mrs Meynell



### **NCEA Entries and Fees**

NCEA candidates should be regularly checking their entries on the NZQA website. [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

If there are any issues they should contact Mr Robertson, the Assessment Manager, as soon as possible to make the necessary adjustments.

NCEA fees are due by Friday 31 August to the school office. Please make cheques out to Waimate High School. Financial assistance can still be applied for. Application forms are available at the school office or from Mr Robertson. Unless financial assistance has been approved the fees will be \$75.00 per

candidate. Those candidates who applied for financial assistance should check on the website to ascertain if it has been approved by NZQA.

Fees not received on time will be subject to an extra late payment of \$50.00.

### **Bayfield Exchange**

The Bayfield sports exchange took place this week beginning with the billets arriving on Wednesday afternoon. A big thank you to all the hosting families. We have had lots of positive feedback from Bayfield about their billeting experience. The results were dominated by Bayfield winning the girls and boys basketball, netball development and senior A games and the girls soccer but Waimate came out on top in the rugby winning 8-7. Great effort boys! Thank you to all the coaches, managers, umpires and organisers of a successful day.

### **Cromwell Exchange - Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 August**

Please make sure your child hands in their permission slip and billet form to school by Monday morning. The seniors will leave for Cromwell on Tuesday morning while the junior teams stay here to play Cromwell on Wednesday.

Wednesday playing times at Waimate:

9:30 Junior boys basketball  
10:45 Junior boys rugby  
11:00 Junior girls netball

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

A reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the Somers Library next week. Parents and caregivers are welcome to visit the Library to see the great selection of books that Scholastic have sent us. You are able to purchase books for your child or their class. They are also a great (early) idea for Christmas presents as books are very reasonably priced. The Library is open from 8.45 am until 4pm. We look forward to your visit.