

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Last week's newsletter was posted to you with the interim reports. These reports are intended to give an indication of how well your son or daughter has settled into school for the year. We hope you have taken the time to discuss this report at home. It was pleasing to note the number of students who received mostly ones on these reports. If you would like to discuss these reports further please contact the school and talk to your child's Group Teacher in the first instance.

Congratulations to our students who competed in the South Island Athletics Champs last weekend in Dunedin. Nicole Batchelor was placed 2nd in the senior 800m and 5th in the senior 400m. Jared Matthews was 5th in the U16 triple-jump. Ruth Foster was 5th in the senior girls' high jump and Hayden Matthews was a finalist in the senior 200m. This is a commendable effort at this highly competitive and prestigious level. Well done!

Accompanying this newsletter is a list of co-curricular activities that are available for students to participate in. I urge all students to seriously consider participating in a range of activities and experiences as these contribute important learning opportunities for their wider education.

We wish Ruth Foster all the best for the adventure of a lifetime at Devonport Naval Base during the first week of the holidays. Ruth is one of 40 students chosen Nationwide from over 300 applicants - well done Ruth. The Navy flies her to Auckland where she will participate in sea survival, inflatable boat, leadership, officer training overview, simulators, helicopter demonstration and a raft of other activities. She will be living on the naval base, living and breathing (and eating) Navy for a week.

We look forward to hearing about the experience when Ruth returns.

Janette Packman
Principal

NATHAN BLACKLER

8.3.73 - 23.3.07

The school was saddened by the death of ex-pupil (1985-1990) Sgt Nathan Blackler after a long battle with cancer.

Senior students may remember Nathan speaking at a school assembly when he had just completed a trek in full military kit from Auckland to Burnham while in remission from his illness. During this trek Nathan raised some \$65,000 for cancer research.

As a physical training instructor in the NZ Army Nathan proved to be an inspirational leader. How highly he was thought of was shown by the large military presence at his funeral on Wednesday and by the tributes paid to him by his army friends and commanders. The school extends its deepest sympathy to all members of the Blackler whanau.

Cricket

Well done to the A Grade cricket team who showed their parents whose boss in the weekend in a match organised by Neil Willoughby between the boys and their parents. Brad King and Finley Keen starred with the bat, scoring 32 and 34 respectively. The 35 wides by the parents helped the students to record 169 for 9! In reply the parents finished 154 for 16 (yes, 16 wickets), with Neil Willoughby scoring almost half of those, finishing 60 not out. Thanks to Neil for a great way to end the season.

Unfortunately the first XI couldn't replicate the A graders good form with a 130 run loss to Geraldine on Tuesday. Geraldine scored 201 from their 40 overs with Gus Patterson taking three wickets and Brad King two. In reply Waimate started well, putting on 30 for the first wicket. But when Hayden Russell was run out for 23 the collapse followed and the team was all out for 68. Sherrick took 6 for 9 for the visitors.

Uniform

Winter Kilts will be here during the holidays. Mrs Mehrstens will be at school Thursday 19 April from 10am to 1pm for people to collect these. If this time does not suit you please ring me 689 1089 and make an appointment.

Mufti Day – Wednesday 4 April Gold Coin Donation

Bursting with excitement about Balloon Day

The Asthma and Respiratory Foundation is looking for people to help with our Balloon Day campaign for kids with asthma - either by raising awareness about the campaign or helping out on Balloon Day itself on Saturday 5 May 2007.

The purpose of Balloon Day is to remind New Zealanders that asthma needs to be taken seriously. One in four Kiwi kids has asthma, and the Foundation is raising money for child asthma research by selling asthma balloons for gold coin donations.

In South Canterbury we are looking at a promotion at Mitre 10 and would love to get people involved.

Please contact Deborah Mahan, Clinical Nurse Specialist - Community Respiratory, Ph (03) 684 7352

CALENDAR

Sun-Tues 1-3 April

Yr 13 History to Arrowtown

Mon-Tues 2-3 April

Yr 7 Camp

Wednesday 4 April

Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation

Thursday 5 April

End of Term 1

Monday 23 April

Beginning of Term 2