

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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**13** Mrs McLachlan/Mr Bates

**11 & 12** Mr Robertson

**Pastoral managers:**

**9 / 10** Mrs Foster

**7 / 8** Mr Marquet

**Guidance Counsellor:**

Mr Bates

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**Sports Co-ordinator:**

Mr Albrey

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Mrs Meynell

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Janice Mehrtens

**Bus Controller:**

Mr Robertson

**Group Teachers:**

**CAK** Miss Atkinson

**CQU** Miss Queree

**CCD** Mr Caird

**GUH** Miss Uhland

**GTA** Mr Taylor

**GWT** Mr Watts

**LAN** Ms Anderson

**LDN** Miss Dollan

**LON** Miss O'Neill

**PMN** Miss Morrison

**PWR** Mrs Warner

**PYG** Mr Young

### 31 August Newsletter:07:3:7

#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Our new student representative on the Board of Trustees is Emma Porter. As Emma was the only student nominated we will not need to have the usual voting procedure. Congratulations Emma and thank you for taking on this important responsibility.

Course counselling for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 is now underway. Mr Bates and Mrs McLachlan will be holding interviews with all students at these levels about their subject choices for next year.

In assembly this week I spoke to the students about ensuring they are doing the best they can here at school and I encouraged them not to allow their achievement for this year be 'what might have been'. In order to ensure they are working to their potential students need to be focusing on their work in class and participating fully in the lessons. They need to be doing their homework each night so they develop good understanding. When students study it is essential that they actively engage in the material they wish to learn. Reading over their notes is not an effective way to study and learn. Teachers are presently focusing on effective ways of studying with senior students and are very happy to assist students in this area if they want further assistance and advice.

A reminder that on Monday 3 September we have a Teacher Only Day. Students will not come to school as the staff will be working with Nigel Latta on a programme of professional development for the day.

Parents you can hear Nigel Latta speak on Sunday 2 September at 7pm. This is a great opportunity for you to hear this engaging and entertaining speaker presenting *The Politically Incorrect Parenting Show*.

An information evening is to be held on Wednesday 12 September for parents and students of Year 8 and 9. This is to give you the Option Booklet for 2008 and explain the courses available. We would appreciate your attendance.

Well done to our Netball Tournament Team who have been competing in the South Island Secondary Schools' Tournament in Nelson this week. They have played in A Grade for the first time this year having won the B Grade competition last year. Their final placing of 26 is a fantastic effort.

Janette Packman  
Principal

#### 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.

If NCEA fees are unpaid they are now overdue. Please make cheques out to Waimate High School. 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.

### **Congratulations to Arthur Dyer, Moto-x , Farm Bike Section Champion.**

South Island Secondary Schools Moto-x Champs were held on the 25 August at Tapanui. The Waimate High School team competed in the Farm Bike competition (open to all ages) where Arthur Dyer gained two first places and a second in the open races. He easily gained first place in his 11 - 13 year age group. Rory Wilton was placed second, and Brodie Wilton sixth after a cable failure which caused him to miss one race. This was a highly successful outing for these students who have not previously competed at this level. James Morgan competed in the 15 - 16 Moto-x event where he gained a creditable 13th place.



Thanks to the parents and Mrs Warner who accompanied the riders to this enjoyable event.

### **Junior Boys Basketball**



Congratulations to the Junior Boys Basketball team who made it to the finals of the B Grade competition last Friday at SBS. The boys played a hard and fast game but were unable to hold off Roncalli. Our dedicated team have played extremely well throughout the season in all of

their games, showing commitment to training and turning up for the games in Timaru. A special thanks to Nathan Sheppard for coaching the boys and to Jane Wilson for her organisation of the transport. Special thanks also to the parents for their support and help with transportation.

**NIGEL LATTA'S politically incorrect parenting seminar** is on this Sunday night at 7 pm in the Somers Library at the High School; if you haven't registered yet, you are still welcome to come. Nigel is sure to entertain, (and occasionally offend) - he uses 'colourful language' to get his message across. It's rare to get a FREE opportunity like this for guilt-free parenting advice.

### **GERALDINE EXCHANGE**

#### **Thursday 6 September**

|       |  |
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| 10.15 | Geraldine arrive   |
| 10.30 | Senior Boys Basketball (stadium)<br>Y9/10 Rugby (William St field) |
| 11am  | 9/10 Netball A & B (courts)  |
| 11.45 | 1 <sup>st</sup> XV Rugby (William St field)<br>9/10 Boys Soccer    |
| 12.00 | Senior A Netball (courts)  |
| 1.30  | Geraldine Depart   |

### **Miniball Closing Day and Presentations Tuesday 4 September.**

Games starting at 4pm with a presentation at 5.30pm. All Miniballers will receive acknowledgement.

### **Alexandra Clay Target trapshooting results**

Four boys went down to the Alexandra to compete in a trapshooting competition on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2007. They shot in three rounds with a possible of 45 clays. Although none of them made a shot off all the boys shot very well.

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| James Morgan | 41 clays |
| Simon Davis  | 36 clays |
| Henry Todd   | 35 clays |
| Tim McKenzie | 35 clays |

A big thank you to Mr Morgan for taking the time to go with the students to coach and support them

### **Events coming up**

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| <b>3 Sept</b>  | Teacher Only Day             |
| <b>6 Sept</b>  | Geraldine Exchange           |
| <b>11 Sept</b> | Year 9 Ski trip              |
| <b>12 Sept</b> | Year 9 and 10 Parent evening |
| <b>14 Sept</b> | Senior reports issued        |
| <b>21 Sept</b> | End of term                  |