

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2007

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Staff had a very interesting and useful day on Monday working with Nigel Latta. He had lots of ideas about how to engage students that were presented in an entertaining manner. It was great to see a number of parents attending his presentation on Sunday night. I hope you found it useful.

Congratulations to Emma Porter on her selection into the South Canterbury Girls' Under 18 Soccer Team.

Congratulations also to the Junior Boys' Basketball Team who have been participating in the Friday night competition. They were placed 2nd in their competition.

Continuing on the sports theme; well done to Lucy Adams, Rachel Pankhurst, Jenna Aikman and Theresa Tomkinson who have been selected to play for the South Canterbury Hannan Shield Girls' Rugby Team. The girls have some challenges ahead with games against the Christchurch Women's Rugby Development team and the Christchurch Secondary Schools Girls' Rugby Team. They will also play in a Tournament in Dunedin during the first week of the upcoming school holidays in September.

Geraldine Exchange Results

Well done to all of our students who participated in the Geraldine exchange on Thursday. Your positive competitive spirit sense of fair play and enthusiastic support of each other contributed to this very successful day.

Netball:

Yr 7

13-13 Draw

Yr 8 17-47 Loss
Yr 9/10 A 33-11 Won
Yr 9/10 B 23-16 Won
Senior A 25-31 Loss

Basketball:

Senior Boys 64-47 Won

Miniball:

Yr 7/8 Mixed 73-11 Won

Soccer:

9/10 Boys 11-3 Won

Rugby:

7/8 Boys 79-5 Won

9/10 Boys 0-60 Loss

First XV Boys 5-11 Loss

Please note the change of date for our Parent Information Evening about the Year 9 and 10 options for 2008. This will now be held on Tuesday 11 September, and will be an opportunity for you to hear about courses available next year for your students.

The reason we have changed this date is because we are expecting that Wednesday will be a strike day for teachers. If the government makes a better offer to the union by Monday then the strike will be called off and negotiations will proceed. We are hopeful that this will be the case. If the teachers are on strike you will be informed by letter at the beginning of next week. The school will remain open but we do ask that parents keep their children at home if this is possible. Any students who are sent to school because you have been unable to make alternative arrangements will be supervised.

Over the next few weeks careers information will be included in our newsletter. While this information has relevance to all students, it is

particularly important for senior students to carefully consider their options for next year's courses and for choices about their future. I urge parents to discuss the ideas with their young people at home.

Janette Packman
Principal

Congratulations to Callum Johnston, Rhys Morgan, Sam Styles, William Rooney and Wiremu Tangiora for their selection to the U13 South Canterbury Rugby team. All boys showed strength and commitment in the three games that they played. Callum and Wiremu have now been selected to play in the challenge for the Hannan Shield. We wish them all the best. A special thanks to Russell Morgan, Max Williams and Tony Drake for their ongoing dedication in coaching the boys.

Comprehensive win for Miniballers versus Geraldine High School

Waimate High School mixed miniball team showed the benefits of regular competition over the last two terms when they comprehensively defeated Geraldine in this years exchange by 73 points to 17.

The team was dominant in all phases of the game as they powered to a 43-6 halftime lead. They eased off a little in the second spell but still maintained their composure to extend their lead.

Leading scorers were: Lachie Robertson 23, William Rooney 16, Wiremu Tangiora 10, and Jayden Butcher 8, Ruby Cochrane 6, J Fahey 4.

Yr 9 Ski Trip

Tuesday 11 September. Meeting at school at 7.30 am. All other students who are not going on this trip are to attend school as normal. Any queries phone Mr Rogers.

Helping your child choose a career

When young people consider their career paths, they do not act alone. Careers development begins in childhood where our ideas about life roles and work are based on the adults we identify with, the communities we grow up in and images in the media.

The relationships that children have with parents, caregivers and grandparents or other family members influence your people's career development. In their teens, young people begin to identify their interests and skills, and to explore the world of work in search of a suitable careers

path. It helps to talk to you children about the type of careers that interests them. There are positive ways to affect your children's career by:

- **encouraging** your children to get the most out of education and introducing the concept of lifelong learning
- **talking about** your own experiences of career decisions
- **valuing** differences
- **positive** role modelling
- **developing their knowledge** about work, especially new concepts of careers, exploring careers fields and developing job seeking techniques
- **generating options**
- **preparing** them to make decisions
- **challenging** stereotypes

Farm Skills Courses

Agribusiness Training is planning to run a series of Unit Standard based courses for people over 15 years of age.

- Farmbike/ATV skills
- Chainsaw Safety
- Fencing
- Tractor Safety
- Pesticide Use

They plan to run these after school or in the weekend depending on interest. If you would like to gain any of these qualifications please give your name to Mr Briggs.

REMINDER P.T.A. Fundraiser

Books, Cards, Diaries, Calendars etc. Have you placed your order yet? Pass the brochure around, and see if others may be interested.

Payments to the school office by the 21st September.

Dempsey Scholarship and Norman Kirk Scholarship

Applications for these scholarships are available from the school office now.

Events coming up

11 Sept	Year 9 Ski trip
11 Sept	Year 9/10 Parent course booklet evening
12-14 Sept	Yr 12 Tourism/Yr 13 Geography - Queenstown
14 Sept	Senior reports issued
18 Sept	Quiz Night 7 pm
19 Sept	Social Studies Quiz
20 Sept	Speech Finals

21 Sept

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