

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Last week I had the privilege of participating in a Study Tour to Brisbane along with 60 other New Zealand Secondary School Principals. This was an opportunity to find out about the Queensland education system, the implementation of their new curriculum and qualification systems. We also spent two days visiting some of their schools. I have returned home with a real appreciation of our education system here in New Zealand. I believe we are fortunate to have such a high standard of education and to have such well kept buildings and facilities. Here at Waimate we are most fortunate to have teachers who truly care about the learning of their students and also to have students who are positive and engaged in their learning.

Due to the extreme weather conditions on Thursday and Friday it was deemed unsafe to operate the buses. In most cases families were phoned and the cancellations were announced on the radio station Classic Hits. When making these decisions our prime consideration is safety. All bus students have been informed about emergency procedures at meetings held earlier this year and have received an information sheet to take home to their parents outlining our emergency procedures.

When weather conditions deteriorate during the school day and parents wish to request that their child is to go home we ask that you initially communicate this information directly through the school office and not by texting your child. Our school rule states that cell phone must not be switched on or be used during class time. When

students are in class we want them to be focussed on their learning.

The Student Council is planning a Mufti Day for Thursday 7th August. The proceeds of which will go to the Training Guide Dogs charity.

I highly recommend the parenting course advertised below and encourage parents to attend. The presenters John and Naomi Cowan, from Parents Inc. in Auckland are highly regarded speakers in this area. The cost for attending is a gold coin donation thanks to substantial subsidies by a number of Waimate organizations.

Our condolences go to Mrs Warner and Mrs Francis after the passing of Mr Allan Francis. Our thoughts are with you and your families at this time.

Janette Packman
Principal

Courses for Parents

Presenters: John and Naomi Cowan, from Parents Inc., Auckland

Title: **Growing Boys,**

Date: Tuesday August the 5th,

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Centennial School Hall, Edinburgh St, Waimate.

Title: **Raising Girls,**

Date: Wednesday August the 6th,

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Centennial School Hall, Edinburgh St, Waimate.

Costs for both seminars are a gold coin at the door.

Registrations to the Waimate Resource Centre, phone 689-6226, or to John Begg on 689-7679.

Cromwell Exchange Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th August.

At Cromwell: Junior Girls Basketball 4pm, Boys Basketball 5pm, Rugby and netball 10am, Squash am.

At Waimate: Senior 3.30pm Boys Senior Basketball, 4.45pm Girls Senior Basketball, 9am Soccer, 10.15am B Netball, 11am A netball, 11.30am 1st XV Rugby 11.30am.

Billets for Tuesday needed please.

Teams due back in Waimate about 5.30pm Wednesday.

The Pleasant Point Gymkana Committee have sent forms for their Wearable Art Competition to be held Saturday 8 November 2008. For more information, entry forms etc please contact Jennifer Rodokal or Rose Bell – Textiles Department. Entries close Sunday 31 October 2008. Good Prizes!

Parents as Career Educators Seminar

You helped them learn to walk and talk... now help them explore the world of work and training.

Career Services invite you to a **free** seminar for parents or caregivers who would like to be better informed about ways to support their teenagers as they plan for their futures.

It is being held at the Tennis South Canterbury ASB Pavilion Benvenue Ave Timaru, Monday 18 August 7-9pm.

If you would like to attend the seminar, it is essential that you register for this workshop – places are limited.

Register by:

Phone: 03 684 8424

Email: cgriffin@careers.govt.nz

Or call into: Careers Services
6 a Elizabeth Street
Timaru

United World College Opportunity

This week after Assembly three NZ students from United World College campuses spoke with Y9-12 students about their experiences and the benefits of attending these colleges. Blair Cameron, Zach Meager, and Libbe McCarthy have been touring

South Island schools, encouraging students to apply for scholarships worth as much as US\$50,000 per year to attend. Blair and Libbe were at college in Hong Kong and Zach attended college in New Mexico, USA.

They advised that attending these colleges gave them a stronger connection with and understanding of other cultures. The colleges educate students on global issues, diversity, and service to community and society. They want well-rounded, tolerant students who like to contribute and are open to learning. All students attending these colleges study towards the internationally acknowledged baccalaureate diploma which allows access to universities throughout the world.

Students in Year 11 and 12 may apply online at www.nz.uwc.org. Successful applicants would live for 2 years in one of 12 international campuses. They get the opportunity to meet talented people from all over the world while studying for an internationally recognised qualification on a fully paid scholarship.

Hot lunches at Main School begin on 4 August. Forms available from Jo at the school.

Timaru Parents Centre are hosting **Nigel Latta** on **Wednesday 27 August 7.30 pm Mountainview Auditorium** Pages Road Timaru **\$15** per ticket. To book tickets phone 03 686 1858

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Events Coming up

4 Aug Timaru Careers Expo Yr 10-13

6 Aug Aoraki Maths Competition Yr 7- 8

7 Aug Aoraki Maths Competition Yr 9-10

7 Aug Mufti Day

12-13 Aug Cromwell Sports Exchange

18 Aug Aoraki Skiing

25-28 Aug Senior Exams