

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

In our special assembly on Wednesday morning the six nominees for the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees presented their speeches to the school. Well done to those students for putting themselves forward. Voting takes place on Monday.

During lunchtimes this week our annual Talent Quest has been in full swing. Students have been treated to some amazing performances by talented young people. Congratulations to Daniel Garland, Polly McSkimming and the Arts Committee for their fine organization of this competition. Finals of the competition took place during lunchtime on Friday and the results will be in next week's newsletter.

Parents and caregivers of Year 8 and 9 students are warmly invited to our information evening about the junior options for next year. This will be held on Wednesday 17 September at 7.30pm in the Somers Library. The course booklet will be issued and teachers will be available to talk about the options. We ask that students return the form to their Group Teacher by Monday 15 September, indicating whether you are able to attend this evening.

Senior reports will be posted home next Friday. This provides information about your child's present levels of achievement and progress, with particular reference to the recent senior exams. We encourage you to discuss the information in this report with your child and to encourage them to make the most of their education opportunities. External exams start in just seven school weeks.

The Report Evening for seniors is on Wednesday 24 September. We encourage parents and their students to attend. Appointment sheets will be posted out with the reports.

Janette Packman
Principal

Passing a Stationary School Bus: the maximum speed limit for passing a stationary school bus is 20km/hr. If a school bus has stopped to let children on or off, you must slow down and drive at 20km/hr or less until you are well past the bus, no matter what direction you come from.

PTA Food Fundraiser

Remember that the PTA Food fundraiser will be coming this Wednesday morning. We need it picked up by 10.00 am. As some products are frozen we MUST have someone there to collect your order.

We wish to thank all the families that have ordered from this fundraiser. Thank you.

2008 Magazine

If anyone has any photos from school events or would like to write an article for this year's magazine please either send items in to school by cd or email gen@waimate-high.school.nz

Congratulations to Jenna Aikman, Jamie Campbell and Rachel Pankhurst on gaining positions in the Hannan Shield Girls' Rugby team. Jenna is also vice-captain of the team. The girls go to tournament in Alexandra in the upcoming holidays. Well done girls and good luck.

Y7&8 Basketballers' too polished for Geraldine High School

Both Waimate High School Y7&8 basketball teams proved too slick for Geraldine in the recent interschool exchange. The girls' side won by 60-14 and the boys improved on this by winning 62-12.

The girls' team started strongly and raced out to 23-4 at the end of the first quarter. After this the scoring tempo slowed as the Geraldine defence improved. Ruby Cochrane and Tyla Stevenson were dominant performers.

Ruby launched wave after wave of attack through defensive pressure and astute passing while Tyla created many turnovers and finished off effectively near the basket. Grace and Annaliese were aggressive defenders and both finished off some excellent team passing moves. Jessie Fargher, making her debut in this team, Kelsey Chamberlain and Emily Roosing contributed well in a fine all-round effort. Scorers were: Tyla 24, Ruby 12, Grace 12, Annaliese 8, Jesse 2, and Kelsey 2.

The boys' team played with unselfishness, polish and aggression throughout the game regardless of which combination was on court. All 9 players contributed to the score sheet and each performed their expected roles well. Guard's Lachie Robertson, Ben Richards, new-comer Reuben Storr, and Elliot Wilson were composed ball distributors and defenders. Lachie and Ben lead the assist counts and Lachie added several shot blocks in his performance. Reuben, Elliot and Ben also contributed valuable points through classy lay ups and well taken outside shots. Brad McGirr played a strong game, linking between the guard line and the big forwards and muscling up when necessary. His fine positional play was rewarded with some great shots inside. Malcolm Elderton and Jayden Butcher were dominant rebounders at both ends of the court securing a valuable flow of possession for their team-mates, as well as making some nice baskets. Dion Batchelor and Jesse Milne were aggressive defenders who created several turnovers each. Scorers were: Ben 12, Malcolm 10, Elliot 10, Lachie 8, Reuben 8, Bradley 8, Jesse 2, Dion 2, and Jayden 2.

Awards' Night Friday 31st October

Kaylee Bell, the 2007 Golden Guitar winner has accepted an invitation to speak at this evening. Kaylee is an ex-student of Waimate High School.

Basketball Finals

The Girls A team plays off for a final's berth at 6pm on Wednesday Night at 6pm.

Finals Saturday 20th 1.30pm - 3rd vs. 4th Women, 3pm 3rd vs. 4th Men, 4.30pm Women's Final, 6pm Men's final. Prize Giving - 7ish.

Mathletics

9Fh have been given the opportunity to trial the Mathletics web-site for the remainder of the year. This corresponds with curriculum work covered in the class, and allows students to do work wherever there is an internet connection. Live Mathletics is a favourite, where students race against other students around the world with basic facts. For \$10 until the end of January 2009, this can now be paid to the office. For 9Fh, a sheet containing information on how parents can get to the website to view their student's progress is attached to this newsletter. Any queries, contact Miss Atkinson.

Attached to this week's newsletter is an attachment about parenting courses being offered in Timaru until the end of the year.

Year 9 Ski Trip has been postponed to Friday 19th September.

0630 – 0700 - listen to Port of Classic hits for any cancellations

0730 – Meet in front of school ready to go skiing

0745 - Leave for Mount Dobson

10.15 - Arrive at Mount Dobson

11.00 – Ski/snowboarding

12.30 - Lunch

1.00 – Ski/snowboarding

4.15 – Leave field for Waimate

6.30 – Arrive back in Waimate (latest)

Please check and make sure that your son/daughter has all the necessary gear list on the equipment list.

To ensure that everyone has a stress free and enjoyable trip **All** students will be required to show Mrs Geaney the following items before entering the bus. It is not safe to go into the mountains without this gear. Students who cannot show this gear will either have to hire it at the field or will not be allowed to go.

Sunglasses or goggles, warm hat/pants, windproof and waterproof jacket, gloves

Events coming up

15 Sept Voting takes place for Student Rep today at lunchtime in Library

17 Sept Yr 9/10 Parent Course Booklet evening

19 Sept Yr 9 Ski Trip to Mount Dobson

22 Sept South Canterbury Anniversary Day

24 Sept Senior Report Evening

26 Sept 5-a-side house competition

26 Sept End of Term 3