

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

On Monday the 8 Prefects attended the Halogen Foundation Young Leaders Day at the Christchurch Town Hall. The programme included speeches from high profile personalities and positive role models. These included Mark Inglis; cyclist, skier and mountaineer, Justin Vaughan; CEO of New Zealand cricket, Dr Bradley Jackson; Fletcher Building Education Trust Professor of Leadership, Katherine Switzer; marathon runner and author and Lisa Cescon; CEO of World Vision New Zealand. There was a strong sense on the day that the 'baton was being passed' as the older generation of leaders imparted their wisdom and inspirational messages on to the emerging generation of young leaders. Students were challenged not only to reach for their own personal goals but also the goals of those they are leading.

This is a busy time of year with all junior year levels participating in camps.

Year 8 students are spending 4 days at the Huxley Camp where students experience a number of activities including camping out in tents overnight, a walk into the Temple Basin, river crossings and a 20km tramp.

On Wednesday and Thursday last week Year 9 students from Waimate High School took part in an aquatics camp in Timaru, at both Maori Park Pool and Caroline Bay. There were a range of activities for the students to participate in, from kayaking and water survival swimming to hydro sliding and deep water diving. The focus of the camp was to make students aware of being safe around water, and despite some cold weather on the second day the students had a great time and learnt some valuable skills for the future.

Over the next 3 weeks Year 10 students will spend 3 nights at Mount Peel. Students, teachers and parent helpers will stay at the Eco Lodge and during the 3 days will participate in orienteering, tramping, camping and bush craft, the high and low ropes course, rafting, Jump Rock and adventure based group activities.

A number of the winter sports codes are starting to organise their teams for the winter season. We encourage students to participate in at least one sport each season because important life skills are developed through participating and competing in team sports and individual

pursuits. Parents, please encourage your son/daughter to become involved in a sport. Our staff work hard, often giving up their own time to ensure a range of extra curricular opportunities are available for students to participate in. They are prepared to do this because they know the benefits for the students involved. However, extra assistance is always appreciated. Therefore if parents would like to assist with a sport in any way we would like to hear from you.

Janette Packman
Principal

Netball

Netball begins after the holidays on 18 May. We are still looking for a number of Coaches, including Senior A team. Please contact Claire O'Neill through the school office if you are interested.

Basketball News

Teams are currently being organised to take part in competitions in both Timaru run by SCBA and in local Waimate competitions.

Trials for Y7&8 boys' and girls' teams to play in the Thursday night Timaru competition will be held on Monday 17 March starting at 4pm in the Waimate Stadium. Names of students who wish to play Y7&8 Miniball in the local competition will be gathered at a later date.

Trials for secondary school age teams to play in the Friday night Timaru competition and/or in the local senior competition will be held on Monday 17 March in the Waimate Stadium starting at 5pm for the boys' trial and 5.45pm for the girls.

Coaches who have indicated they are able to help out this season are Nathan Sheppard, Chris Thomas, Kevin Keen, Marty Cochrane, and Lindsay Robertson. We still need other people to help out in coaching, officiating and management roles to help spread the load and ensure the needs of the players are met. Please contact Sue Geaney, Lindsay Robertson or Daniel Rich if you can help.

Cricket

Waimate v Celtic 8 March

Waimate lost the toss and went into bat first, losing the first 3 wickets for 19. Glen Drake coming in to stem the flow and top scoring with 55 well supported by Lachie Robertson who chipped in with a season best 26 to give Waimate a respectable 133.

Celtic also lost the first few wickets cheaply. Celtic required 4 off the last over with 1 wicket required by Waimate. Wiremu Tangiora bowled a wide with the first ball gifting three runs to Celtic before the batsmen put the third ball high for Scott Willoughby to catch ending the game as a draw. Well done Waimate.

Waimate Junior Soccer

Presently we have 9 definite players for our 16th Grade Soccer team (16 years & under). We require at least 5 more players to make it worthwhile placing a team in this years South Canterbury Competition. Preferably Year 9-12 boys. A coach would also be needed for this team to go ahead. Contact Trish Davis 689 7983

PTA Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Enclosed with your newsletter last week was the 2008 Spring Bulb Catalogue.

Orders with money, to be returned to the School Office by Friday 28th March.

Please make cheques payable to Waimate High School PTA. (Allow at least 3 weeks for your orders to be processed).

Any unused catalogues can be returned to the office.

Please support this fundraiser for your school.

Events coming up

14 March Year 5 to 8 Disco

17-20 March 8Yg Camp Huxley

18 March Board Monthly meeting 7 pm

18-20 March 10Fs/Fh Camp

19 March Waimate District Swimming

21-25 March Easter holidays

26 March School resumes after Easter

30 Mar–1 April Yr 13 History Trip

5-6 April South Island Athletics