

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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## 22 August Newsletter:08:3:5

### The Principal's word

#### Kia ora koutou

Next Monday to Thursday our senior students have their exams. Parents have been invited to apply for study leave on behalf of their student. Thank you for your quick response on this. This is not a time for extra holidays and I know that most of our students take their exams seriously as a time to work towards their success. We want our students to do the best and parent support in ensuring that study leave is used productively is essential.

A Senior Course Information evening is scheduled for Tuesday 2 September at 7.30pm in the Somers Library. This evening is for parents and students in this year's Year 10, 11 and 12. On the night the course booklet for 2009 will be given out, procedures for course selection will be outlined, there will be information about the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, course counsellors and Heads of Departments will be available to talk to. Good choices are vital for student success in 2009 and beyond, we highly recommend this evening to you and your student.

A reminder to parents that we want to know about small problems before they become big ones. If you have a concern about something please let us know. Alternatively, the Board of Trustees has a formal complaints procedure. If you wish to make a formal

complaint forms are available from the school office.

A Principal's question time is scheduled for 1.30 to 3pm on Friday 29 August. I value the opportunity to chat to small groups of parents and find out about the parent's eye view of our school.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### PTA Food Fundraiser

Yes the PTA are doing the food fundraiser again after it was so successful last term we are offering you the chance to stock up your freezers for the holidays.

Please note some products have been deleted but there is still a lot of great products to choose from.

Please ensure your payment is included with your order. Also a contact name and phone number. Orders to be back at school by the 1 September 2008, Delivery will be 17 September at 10.00am.

Thank you for supporting this PTA Fundraiser.

### Junior Squash Tournament

Cameron Smith and Liam Donaldson took part in the junior squash tournament hosted by Oamaru Excelsior Squash Club in the weekend. They both did exceptionally well, playing three matches within three hours. The matches were close for most games, which left the players pretty sore the following days. Liam played well against the number

one player, with comments from spectators about how he was really making his opponent run a lot more than normal round the court, having long rallies between them. Cameron just about bet the number one player, getting two sets from him. Overall Cameron won two of the three matches, and Liam beating the fourth Oamaru player to come in third.

### **Year 9 2008 Skiing**

It is a beautiful day outside icy, clear skies, and sun beaming in through my window, but most importantly there is lots of snow up on the mountains, winter is certainly here. Great for Skiing.

Yes that is right, our annual Year 9 Ski Trip is quickly approaching.

Three weeks ago information went out to students with the Fridays newsletter. Intention forms are now over due.

Waimate High School and Mt Dobson Ski area are hosting 50 Year 9 students on the mountain **Friday 5 September 2008**, as part of our Outdoor Education Programme. The trip gives students the opportunity to learn how to ski or snowboard or to improve their existing skills.

Mt Dobson ski area offers, Up-to-date weather/snow conditions, fully qualified safety / first aid staff, fully qualified instructors for all levels, terrain for all levels including New Zealand's largest learners area, transport from school to the mountain, extra clothing hire, cafeteria and heated day room.

### **Cancellations:**

Listen to Port FM (93.2) at 0600 and 0700 if it looks doubtful. Do not ring the school as no one is there that early. If you do not hear it mentioned on the 7am cancellations we are going. If the trip is postponed or cancelled students are expected at school as normal.

### **Miniball Club**

The local Waimate Miniball Club held its final games for the season during the week followed by an awards presentation. The 4 Waimate High School teams performed

extremely well during the season in what was a very even competition. The WHS Green team consisting of Lachie Robertson, Tyla Stevenson, Dion Batchelor, Jesse Fargher, Elliot Wilson, Taine Cropley, and Nathan Williams were the winners of this competition.

A special award was made to Ruby Cochrane who earlier this year represented New Zealand in a Koru under 14 basketball team at the Australian Championships. Outstanding Player awards were awarded to these Waimate High School students: Lachie Robertson, Tyla Stevenson, Elliot Wilson, Malcolm Elderton, Caleb Matthews, Ben Richards, Ruby Cochrane, Annaliese Wilson, and Grace Williams.

The following players also represented South Canterbury in Junior Basketball teams this year: Tyla Stevenson, Ruby Cochrane, Annaliese Wilson, Grace Williams in the U15 Girls team; Lachie Robertson in the U15 Boys; Malcolm Elderton and Elliot Wilson in the U13 Boys. Malcolm has been invited to take part in a Basketball South series of training camps aimed at developing potential talent.

Thanks must go to the parents and others who helped coach and manage these teams. The referees must also be acknowledged and it was great to see a number of younger players volunteer for this and develop their skills in this area. Particular thanks to Lachie and Hayden, who refereed many games and were good mentors for those less experienced.

**NCEA fees** are due Friday 5 September and Financial Assistance applications are still being accepted.

### **Events coming up**

**25-28 Aug** Senior Exams

**29 Aug** Student BOT nominations close

**1-4 Sept** Netball Tournament Dunedin

**5 Sept** Yr 9 Ski Trip Mt Dobson

**7-9 Sept** Yr 12 Tourism/Yr 13 Geog Trip to Queenstown