

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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29 August Newsletter:08:3:6 The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

This week our senior students have been sitting their exams. For some, their achievements will reflect the hard work they have put in. However, for others there will be disappointment in their results. It is not too late! With more positive application these students should be able to lift their game and meet their goals. Teachers are keen to support students to do the best they possibly can.

Congratulations to James Morgan on his achievements in the Aoraki Secondary Schools clay Target Shooting Championships. He won the High Guns Points with a score of 60/60 and the High Gun Aggregate with a score of 88/90. Well done James!

A reminder to parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students about the Senior Course Planning evening on Tuesday 2 September at 7.30pm. This will be an opportunity for us to present information about the senior course for next year.

Our teaching staff are presently working in focus groups on work relating to our review of the new curriculum. This involves them carrying out research and trialling various aspects of the new curriculum. We plan to report on the findings of these groups in term 4.



We were proud to hear of the achievements of our Ex-student Natalie Rooney in the World Clay Target Shooting Championships in Ireland recently. Natalie Rooney won the World Womens' Down the Line Clay Target Championship. She was also part of the NZ team which came first in the teams' event.

Natalie's brother Cameron, also a former student, was part of the New Zealand Junior Mens' Team which came second at the same competition.

Natalie pictured above with her trophy alongside Mens' winner Colin Waghorn from Southland

Janette Packman
Principal

Trapshooting

Last Sunday (24th) four of our High School Trapshooting team headed to Alexandra to perfect shooting conditions (sunny and calm) to compete in the Intercollegiate Challenge at the Moa Creek Gun Club.

James Morgan, Simon Davis, Brad Heinz, & Brad King shot well in their three events for the day.

James, the only Waimate High School competitor in the Skeet event, gained 2nd Place and a silver medal after a shoot-off with three other competitors.

Congratulations to Kurt Rooney and Guy Linton on making the SC Under 18 Rugby Team. Over the next few weeks they have games against Canterbury, Otago, Southland, Canterbury Country and Otago Country. They then go to the South Island Under 18 Tournament at Lincoln from 10-12 October.

Sport & Cultural Trophies

Cups and trophies given out at the 2007 Awards' Night need to be returned to school now. Please clean and return these trophies to Mrs Lyall's office over the next week.

Communication through Drama – An Interactive Educational Experience

The Covenant Players are a group of travelling thespians whose aim is not only to educate, but to involve and educate.

They are coming to Waimate High School on **Wednesday 3 September** and will present, then discuss selected plays with the students. The programme for the students is:

Period 1 Yr 7 Responsibility

Period 2 Yr 8 Responsibility

Period 3 Yr 9 Peer pressure

Period 4 Yr 10 Peer pressure

Period 5 Yr 11-13 Living up to potential

The plays will be held in the hall and Parents/Caregivers are also welcome to attend.

PTA Food Fundraiser Reminder

The food order forms must be returned to the school office by **Monday**. Remember the delivery date for this fundraiser is Wednesday the 17th September. Food **MUST** be collected from the school hall between 10.00 - 10.30am if you are unable can you please make arrangements for someone else to collect your order.

We wish to thank everyone for supporting our fundraiser.

Year 9 Ski Trip

Friday 5 September 2008

7.30 Meet in front of school

7.45 Leave for Mt Dobson

10.15 Arrive Mt Dobson

11.00 Ski/snowboard lessons all students

12.30 Lunch

1.00 Skiing/snowboarding

4.15 Leave field for Waimate

7.30 Arrive back in Waimate (approx time)

Contact numbers:

Mount Dobson Ski-field: 03 685 8039

Waimate High School: 03 689 8920 (Mr Rogers for any other queries)

Cancellations:

Listen to Port FM (93.2) at 6.00am and 7.00am 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.

Geraldine Exchange:

Tuesday 11 August

Travelling to Geraldine 1st XV Rugby, A & B Netball, Year 9 netball Senior Boys Basketball Girls Soccer.

In Waimate: Year 8 netball x 2, Year 7 netball, Mini-ball Year 8 Boys, Year 8 girls.

Travel will be within the school day and cost \$14.00 per player.

Cancelled Australian Netball/Rugby Tour.

A meeting of the elected parents was held last week and it was decided that the surplus funds be used to purchase Outdoor Education equipment.

SISS Netball Tournament: Our netball team travels to Dunedin on Sunday to take part in this tournament. We wish them well. The team is: Jenna Aikman, Tegan Kennedy-Nuttall, Anna Cummings, Lucy Mehrtens, Ella Patterson, Aliena Lyall, Emma Risk, Emily Walker, Candace Gough. The team is coached by Kate Westgarth and the manager is Lee-Ann Swan. Miss O'Neill will accompany the team.

Eastern Districts Water Safety Forum

9 September 2008 10.30am - 12.30 pm

ASB Tennis Centre, Benvenue Ave, Timaru, RSVP by Tuesday 2 September to

roger@watersafety.org.nz to register.

Events coming up

2 Sept 7.30pm in the Somers Library Senior Course Planning Evening

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

10 Sept Assembly BOT Student Nominees speaking

8-11 Sept Talent Quest Heats

11 Sept Geraldine Exchange