

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Today is World Teachers' Day. I will take this opportunity to acknowledge the exceptional work our teachers do, both in the classroom and through the extracurricular activities they take. Our staff are the real strength of Waimate High School. I hope the students and parents will take the opportunity to pass on their appreciation to our teachers for the fantastic work they do.

Congratulations to our students who have been nominated for awards at the Aoraki Sports Awards evening tonight. They are: Dannielle Weir, Sam Keenan, Tom Cochrane, Michael Pankhurst, Jenna Aikman, James Morgan and Emma Porter.

Congratulations to students who have achieved placings in the Rotary Speech Competition. They are: Alanna Habershon, Ella Donaldson, Dion Batchelor, Caleb Matthews, Tome Keenan.

The finals of the competition is being held on 4 November, 7 pm at the Main School hall. Well done to all students who participated.

A huge thank you to Mr Taylor for organising the Quiz Night last week. This was an entertaining and hilarious night of fun. Well done Chisholm on being the winning House for the evening.

On Thursday we held a Transition Day for students who will be starting at Waimate High School next year. They participated in team building activities at Victoria Park. Our thanks to contributing schools for their great support for this initiative.

Senior students have 8 school days left. I have attached information about "How parents can help with revision" to this newsletter and hope this will be useful for students and parents.

We have senior tutorial sessions available for students for the last two school days before exams start, on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 November. Teachers will be in their usual timetabled classes where they will be available for students to attend tutorials if they wish to. Our expectation is that student's who do not take this opportunity, will be at home studying for their exams.

Janette Packman
Principal

Students selected for SC Rep Teams

Several Waimate High School Students have just been selected in South Canterbury Basketball Teams to play in a tournament in Christchurch during early December.

They are:

U14 Boys: Malcolm Elderton, Jayden Butcher, Bradley McGirr, Ben Richards, Elliot Wilson, Lachlan Robertson.

U14 Girls: Tyla Stevenson, Grace Williams, Ruby Cochrane, Annaliese Wilson

U16 Girls: Lisa McGirr

U16 Boys: Hayden Russell, Curtis Richards

A Grade Cricket Result

The A Grade cricketers started the season with a loss to Celtic. Batting first they were all out 51 against an accurate bowling attack. Lachie Robertson and Dan Mehrtens were the only batsman to stick around for time and they top-scored with 14 and 13 runs respectively. Sadly there were 6 ducks in the Waimate innings.

Batting second Celtic enjoyed the drier outfield and passed Waimate's total for the loss of 3 wickets. They went on to be all out for 115, a reasonable reward for Waimate's inexperienced bowling attack. Ben Richards was the star of the show taking 5 wickets for 33 runs. Other wicket takers were Jack Green (2), Dan and Lachie.

Areas to work on apart from batting are better catching and reducing the amount of extras in the form of wides and byes.

4th Grade Cricket results

Waimate travelled up to Geraldine, the sun blazed down and sunglasses were required. Waimate were put into bat and Hayden Russell (scored 30) and Finley Keen took to the field, Hayden blocking out the first over but unable to put any runs on the board. Finley faced the next over only lasting 3 balls before taking the walk back to the pavilion. Wiremu Tangiora came in and took the fight to the bowlers; top scoring with 69 for Waimate before being run out by a smart bit of fielding late in the innings. Brad King waded in with a swift 45, hitting three 6's, and Scott Willoughby making a quick 25 to keep Geraldine under pressure. Waimate finally scoring 195 all out, in the 29th over. By now the weather had changed, jumpers and coats put on and scorers seeking refuge in the pavilion. Waimate took 2 wickets, both going to Brad, but with 31 scored in the eighth over the rain became too heavy and the match was abandoned.

South Canterbury Primary School

Tennis results

6 Waimate High School students competed in the South Canterbury Primary School Tennis held in Timaru on 29 October. They enjoyed the opportunity to test themselves against other players from the wider region and all performed with credit despite the early rain and the windy conditions throughout.

In the **Boys' A Grade** Jack Gibson defeated S Braddick 3-2 before losing to Henry Race in a quarter final. He then beat T Cooper 7-1, T Deeley 7-4 before losing to J Hooke in the consolation plate final.

Lachie Robertson lost to M Geach 2-3, defeated S Braddick 5-1, before losing his final match to O Campbell 2-4.

Dan Mehrtens lost to A Beck 2-4, bounced back to defeat N Bertenshaw 4-1 but then succumbed to Hook local Robbie Wigley 3-5 in his final game.

In the **Boys' B Grade**, Myles Chamberlain impressed in winning his first three matches before losing his semi-final. He beat D Musson 4-1, H Woods 4-2, J Pearce 4-1 and lost to E Palmer in a tight match 1-3.

Jack Green lost to W Johnson 2-3, beat D Payne 4-1, J Rush 3-2, then lost to T Johnson 2-3.

In the **Girls B Grade**, Kelsey Chamberlain did well to beat M McKenzie 5-1 before losing to number 1 seed, A Race 4-0. She then went on to lose a close match with C Pienaar 2-3.

"PTA Christmas Gift Fundraiser" for: diaries, calendars, cards, cook and gardening books orders into the School Office by **Wednesday 5 November.**

Events coming up

4 Nov	PTA Meeting 7.30 pm
5 Nov	Itinerant Soiree 7.30 pm
12 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
25 Nov	Board Meeting 7pm
9-10 Dec	Activities Days
9 Dec	Board Meeting
11 Dec	Junior Prizegiving