

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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### 8 August Newsletter:08:3:3

#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

In assembly this week I spoke to students about the secret of success. It's no secret really – hard work is the key to success. We call it schoolwork for a reason! Thomas Eddison, one of the most famous and successful inventors in history, once said "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." He knew that the secret of success was hard work.

We expect our students to work hard and apply themselves fully at school. This is particularly pertinent to our senior students who have exams coming up soon.

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the Aoraki Mathematics Competition this week. Congratulations to the Year 8 team of Grace Williams, Nathan Williams and Mary Engelbrecht who were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition out of 33 teams. They missed on 1<sup>st</sup> place by only a few seconds. The other Year 8 team of Lachie Robertson, Stafford Dennison and Ben Richards also went well, answering 19 of the 20 questions in 20 minutes. Well

done also to the Year 7 students who enjoyed competing and made a good effort.

We are aware that some families may not have received their school newsletter for last week due to the buses not running. Your copy can be collected from the office. The newsletter is posted on our school website on Friday afternoon each week and this may be a more convenient way of receiving our newsletter for some families.

On Thursday the Student Council held a mufti day to raise money for the charity Training Guide Dogs. \$350.70 was raised. Well done.

Today we said farewell to the students from Takudai Ichiko High School. We have been hosting them for the last three weeks. During that time they have participated in various activities and some of our classes. This is a great opportunity for our students to build relationships with young people from Japan and learn about their way of life. Special thanks to the families who opened up their homes to these students and provided a comfortable family environment for the duration of their stay. The speeches the visiting students made at the Farewell

Function demonstrated the lengths families went to in making this a special time for them. Many thanks to all families involved.

Nominations for the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees are now open. I encourage any students who are interested in taking on this leadership responsibility to talk to our present Student Rep. Emma Porter. A job description and nomination forms are available from the school office. Nominations close on Friday 29 August.

A reminder that fees for practical subjects are now overdue. Please ensure that these are paid promptly because this money is used specifically to purchase materials that are used by the students to benefit their learning. In most cases they will be bringing home the project or food item they have made. If parents are having difficulty with paying these fees I urge you to contact me so we can make arrangements. All discussions of this nature are strictly confidential.

Best wishes to our students participating in the Cromwell Exchange next week.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### **Miniball**

There is no miniball next week. The miniball breakup will be on Tuesday 19 August with games starting for high school students at 3.30pm and a presentation at 6.00pm.

### **Parents as Career Educators Seminar**

*You helped them learn to walk and talk... now help them explore the world of work and training.*

Career Services invite you to a **free** seminar for parents or caregivers who would like to be better informed about ways to support their teenagers as they plan for their futures.

It is being held at the Tennis South Canterbury ASB Pavilion Benvenue Ave Timaru, Monday 18 August 7-9pm.

**If you would like to attend the seminar, it is essential that you register for this workshop – places are limited.**

#### **Register by:**

Phone: 03 684 8424

Email: [cgriffin@careers.govt.nz](mailto:cgriffin@careers.govt.nz)

Or call into: Careers Services

6 a Elizabeth Street  
Timaru

### **Possum Control Operation**

A notification has been received at the school about Possum Control in the Waihao Extension area that is being planned for August through to October 2008. If you require any further information you can contact Grant May Environment Canterbury 027 284 4813.

### **Rugby**

The girls' team played St Kevins on Wednesday night in Oamaru. They played well but lost. They have a game against Craighead in two weeks.

### **Events coming up**

**12-13 Aug** Cromwell Sports Exchange

**18 Aug** Aoraki Skiing

**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** Yr12/13 Trip Queenstown

**8-11 Sept** Talent Quest Heats

**11 Sept** Geraldine Exchange