

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2008

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PYG Mr Young

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2008. You should expect this newsletter to be delivered home to you by your daughter/son every Friday afternoon. If you wish we can email it to you. Let June Bailey in the office know if you wish this to be the case. As well, our newsletter is available on our school website, later each Friday. The newsletter code 08.1.1 should be interpreted as 2008, term 1, week 1. The newsletter is our easiest form of communication with you so please read it each week.

Welcome to students who are new to Waimate High School. Welcome also to our new staff: Miss Fisher is our new Guidance Counsellor, Mrs Dooley is teaching Agriculture and Science, Mrs Brydone is teaching English this term while we make the Head of English Department appointment, Mrs Rodokal is teaching Home Economics and Health this term while we appoint a new teacher for this area. Welcome back to Mr Thompson after his year teaching in the UK.

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. All students were settled into their timetabled classes by 11.10am on Thursday. Teaching and learning is now well underway. We are proud of the fact

that careful planning ensures a settled start with students expected to be working hard right from the beginning of the year. The beginning of the year is a great opportunity to make a fresh start and I urge all students to apply themselves in a positive and confident manner right away.

Most students have started school looking great in their uniforms. Thank you parents for ensuring that this is the case. A reminder that for health and safety reasons in the Workshop and Home Economics rooms students must wear shoes that adequately cover the top of their foot. We are concerned that some girls are wearing very light shoes that do not provide adequate protection.

Last Thursday and Friday most of our Year 13 students attended a Leadership Camp at Gunns Bush. The students were learning leadership skills that will be useful for their involvement in the Peer Support Programme which got underway on Tuesday when they assisted with orientation activities with our Year 7 students. Thank you to all involved for enabling such a positive start to the school year.

There are a number of other leadership opportunities available for our senior students.

Congratulations to the following students on their selection as House Captains:

Chisholm: Beth Cawood, Tom Cochrane, Gus Patterson, Dannielle Weir

Grant: Jamie Campbell, Jackson Mahu, Polly McSkimming, Matt Wigley

Leadbetter: Jenna Aikman, Matthew Crouch, Jade Halkett, Kaysie Rowe

Pitcaithly: Jordan Buckingham, Rachel Pankhurst, Emma Porter, Kurt Rooney

Year 13 students have received information about the Prefect selection process. A reminder to them that applications must be submitted to June Bailey by 4pm Monday 11 February.

Please remember that the education of our young people is a team effort involving both school and the home working together. Your support in this partnership is essential. We are here to educate your child but at the same time we need you to help and support us.

Parent information evenings are scheduled for the next few weeks. Please note these dates: Wednesday 13 February, 7.30pm Year 7 and 9 parents and their students. Wednesday 27 February, 7.30pm Year 8 and 10 parents and their students. We encourage you to attend these meetings as it is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and receive information that is relevant to the various year levels.

On the property front the school has been a busy place over the summer break. Our English Department has been revamped to include computing facilities adjacent to A4 and A6. Our new video conference room is now also operational. Builders are presently completing the large covered area adjacent to the English rooms and canteen. We are certainly looking forward to being able to use this new space when it is completed.

We will continue to give our Year 8 and 9 students the opportunity to be part of our school communication and data collection system. One student each day will be our 'office messenger' collecting information and taking messages to classrooms and assisting the senior management team with information

dissemination. We believe this experience is a valuable one even though it does take them out of the classroom once or twice a year. If, however, you do not want your Year 8 or 9 student participating in this system please let us know.

Our sincere condolences to the families of our three ex-students who sadly lost their lives during the holidays: Samantha Wallace, Jeremy Gray and Kieran O'Conner.

Janette Packman
Principal

Uniform

There are a number of jerseys in lost property from end of 2007.

Music Tuition

If you are interested in learning an instrument this year please see Mrs Foster.

Swim Carnival

Open to all school aged children

Today 8 February

Waimate Swimming Pool 5-7pm

Entry \$5 BBQ: BYO – hot plates available

Contact Viv & Rachel Tumaru

689 7892

Waimate Gymnastics Club

Recreational gymnastics begins Monday 11

Feb 3.45pm – 4.45pm WHS gym

All children welcome \$30 per term

Phone Annette 689 8048

Waimate Guides, Brownies and Pippins

hold meetings at the Guide Hall Goldsmith Street (opposite Main School).

Queries can be made to Alison on 689 1324 or 021 114 1028 or come to the hall.

Events coming up

12 Feb Swimming Sports Heats

13 Feb Yr 7 & 9 Parent meeting 7.30 pm

14 Feb Swimming Sports Finals pm

18-20 Feb Yr 7 & 8 Life Education

19-20 Feb Yr 7 Atwill Park & Marae

26-27 Feb Yr 9 Aquatics

28-29 Feb Athletics Sports