

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

At the Waimate Lions Club meeting on Monday night I was presented with a cheque for \$3,000. This is specifically for the Principal's Discretionary Fund which is available to provide financial support for education related costs. We are most grateful for this support for our students and their families.

Congratulations Sam Keenan on his outstanding success at the South Island Gymnastics Championships last weekend. Competitors were from all over the South Island and some from as far afield as Auckland. In the individual events Sam was placed 3rd in the Floor, 1st in the Vault, 1st in the Rings and 1st in the Pommel, to achieve the impressive place of 1st overall and the Highest Ranking Aoraki Gymnast. Sam was competing at the level 7 adult grade. Well done!

Congratulations Katherine Huggins on her selection for the Hannan Shield Rugby Team.

In assembly this week students enjoyed watching a slideshow of photos taken at the Year 9 ski day. Thank you to Mrs Willoughby for putting this together for our enjoyment.

On Wednesday morning five students attended the volunteer's breakfast in Timaru. These are students who we wished to acknowledge because they volunteer involvement in sports coaching.

The students were Guy Linton, Philip Butler, Katherine Huggins, Jordyn Sadler and Charlotte Kennedy-Nuttall.

The third round of HPV vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 15 September. We advise students to ensure they have a good breakfast that morning. Thank you to the PTA once again for providing refreshments for the girls to enjoy after receiving their vaccinations.

In assembly next Monday the three nominees for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, will be delivering their speeches. Year 9 to 13 students will then have the opportunity to vote for their chosen representative on Tuesday and Wednesday. Best wishes to the students involved and well done for putting yourselves forward for this important role. They are Sam Mehrtens, Katie Napper and Kristy Thomas.

During the week parents of Year 8 and 9 students should have received a letter informing them of the Parent evening we have planned for Wednesday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Perry Hall. The Year 9 and 10 Option Booklet will be issued on the night and option subject teachers will talk about their subjects so that students can make informed choices about the options they would like to take next year. This is also an opportunity for parents to catch up with other parents over supper.

Senior reports will be posted home on Friday 18 September and we will be holding a Senior Report evening on Wednesday 23 September when we encourage parents to come along and discuss their child's report with the teachers. As well, we

plan to hold a Senior Course Information evening early in Term 4, for parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students.

Janette Packman
Principal

'The Mine's Afire!' The Journal of Tommy Carter, Brunner-ton, 1896
by Susan Battye and Thelma Eakin

Thomas Carter receives a journal for his 12th birthday and writes about life in Brunner-ton in 1896. This instalment of the *My Story* series is initially everyday stuff about the household, school and band, and the excitement of a new cousin being born. But then the mine explodes, a huge tragedy with 65 men killed. The sadness is relentless: the huge funeral procession, a mass grave (there's a photo of this at the back) and then the hard process of getting on with life for those who remain. The pages have been designed to look like a slightly grubby notebook, with dates and page numbers in pen and ink style; it's a nice touch. A fact sheet, photographs taken at the time and lists of those who died complete the package. The reader will need some emotional fortitude because the story is grim, softened only by the way people took care of each other through the hard times.

Geraldine Exchange

Some photos from the Geraldine Exchange held yesterday.



Results from the exchange were:

Squash 11-3 Geraldine
Girls Rugby 41-32 Geraldine
1st XV Rugby 31-8 Geraldine
Y9/10 Rugby 80-0 Waimate
Yr7/8 Rugby 44-12 Waimate
Soccer 9-0 Geraldine

Netball results:

A Team 33-15 Geraldine
Yr9/10 25-8 Geraldine
Yr 9/10 28-9 Geraldine
Yr8 31-5 Geraldine
Yr7 20-7 Geraldine



Skate Mission

Demo Skate Mission at Waimate Main School Sunday 27 September (Sunday 4 October if raining). 12 pm. Riders will show off their tricks and moves and give advice on skateboarding. BBQ available \$1.50. Also available for sale are skateboards, hard wear and stickers. For further information ring 03 434 2510.

Rules Day – Basketball

On Sunday 13 September 1-4 pm. Waimate Stadium. Free to players, coaches and refs. All welcome. Please try to attend.

Calendar

Sat 12 Sept SISS Snowsports Mt Dobson
Mon 14 Sept Talent Quest Week
Tues 15 Sept HPV vaccinations
Wed 16 Sept Yr 9 & 10 Parent evening in hall
Wed-Fri 16-18 Sept Yr 12 Outdoor Pursuits Trip
Thurs 17 Sept Rotary Speech Competition pm
Fri 18 Sept Excel performance 1 pm
Wed 23 Sept Senior report evening
Thurs-Fri 24-25 Sept Arts Tour
Fri 25 Sept End of Term 5 aside tournament