

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

On Tuesday we have the second round of the HPV vaccinations. A reminder that girls should ensure they have a good breakfast that morning. It is not too late for your daughter to join this programme. Please contact the school if you wish to receive a consent form.

It is with regret that we have received the resignation of Mr Mark Steadman who started with us teaching Science and Biology at the beginning of this year. Mr Alan Grant has been appointed to take his place. He will be teaching the Agriculture and Rural Studies classes, as well as some Science classes and we look forward to welcoming him into the school in two weeks time.

Unfortunately the weather was too cold for us to run the school cross country as scheduled. We now plan to hold this on Monday afternoon and the same arrangements will apply. The postponement day after that will be Thursday 21 May.

It is with real concern that I notice some students coming to school in their shirt sleeves on these very cold mornings.

Parents we would appreciate your support in encouraging the students to be sensible about keeping themselves warm.

As well, some items of school uniform have been mislaid by students. We would appreciate if you could return items to the lost property if they come home by mistake.

Next Wednesday is a Teacher Only Day which will involve all of our teachers attending seminars in Timaru about the new curriculum. The school will be closed for instruction.

Janette Packman
Principal

NCEA

Attached to this newsletter for senior students is an information sheet re financial assistance for NCEA fees. Any queries please ring Mr Lindsay Robertson at school.

Glamour meets Gloss tonight

Tonight's the night after many weeks it has arrived. All the Models are keen to get on the Catwalk. Door sales are available tonight if you have not already purchased your ticket.

We wish the Models good luck and a big thank you for giving up their time tonight. Remember 7.30pm at The Criterion Hotel \$15.00pp and drinks available to purchase from the bar. Supper provided. The Ball Committee will be holding a raffle, to help with their ball funds.

Come along and support this great fundraiser.

Takudai-Ichiko High School

We have received information to expect 22 students (all girls) this year.

Now we are looking for at least 11 host families for these students.

The proposed dates are Sunday 19th July - Thursday 6th August. Some remuneration is paid to help cover the cost of hosting.

If you are looking for a unique experience and are willing to help please leave your name and contact number with the school by **Friday 22 May**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Book of the Week

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger and her younger brother are being taken by their mother to live with a foster family outside Munich. Liesel's father was taken away on the breath of a single, unfamiliar word - Kommunist - and Liesel sees the fear of a similar fate in her mother's eyes. On the journey, Death visits the young boy, and notices Liesel. It will be the first of many near encounters. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, left there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her accordion-playing foster father,

learns to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found. But these are dangerous times. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jewish fist-fighter in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up, and closed down. The Book Thief is a story about the power of words to make worlds. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

Year 13 Report

The Year 13's have started Term 2 with a few trips South. The Biology class travelled to Portabello to study the crab. They stayed on Quarantine Island and travelled by boat onto the mainland. There were two other schools there which they interacted well with. The students all enjoyed themselves, despite the cold weather!

The next week, the majority of Year 13's spent the day at Otago University, checking out what they have to offer and actually sitting in on some of the lectures. Only one serious incident happened on the trip and that was Jarrod Morgan tripping on the escalator and damaging his knee.

The Under 18 boy's rugby team have had a super start to the season. Last week they played Timaru Boys High Seconds and won 15 – 10. They have a home match this weekend against Temuka.

A reminder that the Smokefree Wearable Arts is being held on the 28th May at the Waimate High School Hall. It's not too late to enter so pick up an entry form from the Resource Centre of Mandy's Bridal Shop. Everyone is welcome to come and watch for just a gold coin donation.