

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to term 4 a time that is typically a very busy time for us all. For Senior students there is now only four school weeks before their external exams therefore it is essential that their time is used most effectively to enable them to focus on exam preparation to an appropriate level. Senior teachers have all been talking to students about the revision programmes they should now be undertaking. We hope that the helpful advice given in reports and the Report Interview evening is now being put into action.

In assembly on Monday I spoke to students' about the power of small things'. Getting noticed in a meaningful way is less about the grand gesture or big noticeable things that we may do and more about the small, thoughtful things we do everyday. There's often a pay-it-forward good feeling about doing those extra things. It can be as easy as writing a thank you note that isn't expected, assisting a fellow student with something they don't understand in class, or holding the door open for someone. Too often we assume that being competitive and being considerate are mutually exclusive. I believe that the opposite is true and that we can and should be both competitive in striving for personal excellence and considerate towards others.

Congratulations to James Morgan on his fantastic results in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Clay Target Competition. James travelled to Hamilton with the Waimate High School trapshooters to compete against 350 plus shooters. This was a three day event starting with North Island D.T.L which includes Single Rise,

Points Score and Single Barrel. In this event James was placed first in the Single Rise.

The second day was Nationals D.T.L where he gained fifth in the Single Rise.

On the third day James was part of the Fish and Game Regional Teams Event along with four other shooters from the central South Island region. The team was placed second in this event.



James's success continued with the North Island Skeet in which he was placed first. He was also placed second with his team mate, Simon Davis in the Two-Man team's event.

After a shoot off with 6 other shooters he was the only person left to not drop a target and was Highest Overall, winning the National Skeet title. The title was a deserved reward for James who shot brilliantly throughout the three day competition.

James was a member of the South Island Three Man Skeet Team which competed against the North Island team, another win!

The third trophy James brought home was the Rooney Family Trophy for the High Gun of the North Island events. James's score over the four events was 103 out of 105.

**Congratulations** to Sam Keenan on his outstanding achievements at the National Gymnastics Championships during the holidays.

On the first day of competitions Sam was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pommel and 1<sup>st</sup> in Rings. In the Finals he was 6<sup>th</sup> in the Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> in Rings and 1<sup>st</sup> in Pommel. This means that Sam is the New Zealand Champion for Pommel in Grade 7. Well done Sam!



**Congratulations** to Theo and Cornelius van Booma who competed in the South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships in Blenheim during the holidays. Theo was placed 25<sup>th</sup> in the senior class and Cornelius 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Juniors out of a total field of about 180 riders.

#### **Morley Honda Six Hour Event**

Brodie Wilton travelled to Nelson during the holidays to compete in this event. He was one of the youngest riders to enter. Brodie was 10<sup>th</sup> in his class - the Iron Man event which was for the solo rider and six hours straight riding without a break. Well done, Brodie.

**Congratulations** to the following students on receiving Certificates from Waitaki Soccer

#### **Mixed team**

Most Improved player

Kelly Nooy & Hamish Johnson

Most Valuable player Daniel Botica

Players player Karl McFadden

#### **Girls Team**

Most Improved Lizzie Homer

Most Valuable Zalee Weir

Players player Mel Porritt

A reminder to parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students that we are holding a Senior Course Information Evening on Wednesday 21 October at 7.30pm in the Perry Library. This is an opportunity for you to hear about the NZQA assessment system.

Janette Packman

Principal

#### **Super Spiffy Art Exhibition**

**What's happening:** Displaying senior folios and junior work from 2009

**Where:** Library

**When:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** After school –6pm

**All welcome!**

#### **Prizegiving Ceremonies**

##### **Awards Night - Friday 30 October 7pm**

This is the evening where students' achievements in both cultural and sporting activities are acknowledged. These awards can be received by students from any year level.

Tickets are available from the school office for this event from **Monday 19 October**. Tickets are \$4.00 each or \$15.00 a family. (This covers the cost of food and drink.)

The championship trophies for athletics, swimming and cross-country are presented.

Students can be recipients of Contribution and Excellence certificates as well as being awarded special cups and trophies over the wide range of school based sport and cultural activities.

At this evening colours are awarded to students who have been recognised by their sporting code as being of a high level by being selected in provincial teams or winning titles.

Colours are awarded for the Arts to those students who have over a number of years performed at a high level in drama or music.

The highest award given to students is the 'Elite' award.

### **Senior Prize Giving**

#### **Wednesday 11 November**

On this evening the academic achievements of our senior students are recognised.

There are also a number of special prizes awarded.

### **Junior Prize Giving**

#### **Thursday 10 December 1.30pm**

Junior students' academic achievements are recognised as well as a number of special prizes awarded.

Students receive prizes for Excellence in subject areas and if they have been nominated for an Effort award in four or more Learning Areas they receive a Certificate for Effort.

### **Otago Daily Times EXTRA Social Studies Quiz 2009**

Eight teams from Waimate High School competed successfully in the EXTRA quiz run by the Otago Daily Times. It was pleasing to see the enthusiasm and interest shown by the students as they eagerly demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of current issues.

The leading Year 7 & 8 team, consisting of Arthur Campbell, Tome Keenan and Bailey Sivis, scored 91 marks out of a possible 100 correct and placed fifth equal, 5 points behind the winners, Ashburton Intermediate. Other good performances came from the team of Elliot Wilson, Laura Rowley and Dylan White with 86 marks and the Y7 team of Lola Stoodley, Cameron Fletcher and Mary Jane Ainsworth with 83 marks.

In the Y 9 & 10 competitions our two top teams were right up with the leaders until the 'What am I' question where after submitting an answer too quickly they ended up with zero instead of a possible five marks. Nevertheless the top Waimate team of Stafford Dennison, Malcolm Elderton and Reuben Storr finished in fifth place with 87 marks out of 100 just 6 points behind the overall winners. The next best team was that of Nathan Williams, Lachie Robertson and Ben Richards with 83.

Thanks must go to Mrs Geaney for her organisational work and also the parents who provided transport. The reward of seeing our students compete successfully against much larger schools makes it worthwhile. Thanks also to the Otago Daily Times for publishing the EXTRA newspaper, which helps enhance our students' understanding of the world they live in and the issues facing it. It is an excellent publication.

### **Magazine**

If anyone is interested in purchasing the 2008 magazine, they are available from the office at a cost of \$15.

If anyone has any photographs for the Magazine 2009, from exchanges or other activities, please send to Mrs Willoughby.

### **Uniform**

Summer uniforms are to be worn from Labour Weekend.

A number of students are wearing inappropriate school shoes. Please ensure your student has proper school shoes.

### **Cricket**

All students who are interested in playing morning cricket. Registration Day is Saturday 31 October at 9am at the WHS sports field. (run by Waimate Cricket Club)

### **South Canterbury Basketball Assoc Inc**

[www.southcanterburybasketball.co.nz](http://www.southcanterburybasketball.co.nz)

#### **Representative Trials**

Under 12, Under 14, Under 16

Trials will be held at the SBS Events Centre on Monday 19 October.

Teams will attend tournaments on 5 and 6 December.

Under 12 Tournament is in RANGIORA

Under 14 Tournament is in ASHBURTON

Under 16 Tournament is in TIMARU

Registrations begin at 3.30pm.

#### **Trial Times:**

Under 12 Girls 4 – 5.30 pm

Under 14 Girls 4 – 5.30 pm

Under 12 Boys 5.30 – 7.00 pm

Under 14 Boys 5.30 – 7.00 pm

Under 16 Girls 7 – 8.30 pm

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### **St Patrick's Fundraiser**

A great animated movie "Up" at the Regent Theatre Saturday 17 October at 2.30 pm. Cost \$6 per person.

### **Calendar**

**Tues 20 Oct** Bushtown Planting

**Wed 21 Oct** Senior Course Info Evening

**Mon 26 Oct** Labour Day Holiday

**Fri 30 Oct** Awards Night 7 pm