

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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## 18 September 2009

### Newsletter:09:3:9 The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Well done to Katie Napper, Sam Mehrtens and Kristy Thomas, who presented their speeches for the Board of Trustees Student Representative position most eloquently, in assembly. Voting has taken place this week and the outcome will be announced in assembly next week.

We have been delighted with the response by students entering the Rotary Speech Competitions. Last year 12 students entered. This year 29 students entered the competition. Judges were particularly impressed with the calibre of speeches and the research that had been carried out in preparation.

The results were:

#### Senior

1<sup>st</sup> Sally Robinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liberty Kennedy-Nuttall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annami Els

#### Highly Commended

Tom Cochrane  
Charlotte Kennedy-Nuttall

#### Intermediate

1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Wilson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby Cochrane  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lachie Robertson

**Congratulations** to Victoria Wilson who was winner of the overall shield.

**Congratulations** to our students who participated in the Waimate Squash Club Championships recently. Cameron Smith is now the Junior Champion and Jason Garland came in second. Jason was also awarded the Most Improved Junior trophy.



At the beginning of term 4 all students will be in summer uniform. Thank you to parents for ensuring your sons and daughters are wearing the correct uniform. I am aware that uniforms can be costly and therefore ask that you contact me if you would like financial assistance from the Principal's discretionary fund.

Anyone phoning the school on Monday morning would have discovered that our phones were not working. A power outage the previous week caused serious damage to some of our telephone equipment which required a costly replacement. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you to parents of Year 8 and 9 students who attended the Option Information evening on Wednesday. We appreciated this opportunity to tell you about

the option choices available to students for next year so that students can make informed decisions. If you were unable to attend the evening your student should have received their Option Booklet by now. If you have not yet seen this at home please contact the school office. The response form is due back to school by 24 September.

Senior reports are to be posted home today and parents are encouraged to make appointments to discuss their student's report on Wednesday 23 September between 6 and 8.30pm. Please let us know if you would like to talk to teachers but are unable to attend that night. Teachers are happy to carry out the interviews by phone if that is more convenient for you.

Our best wishes to students participating in the Arts Tour.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### **Return of Uniforms/Trophies**

Parents please oversee the return of any sport or cultural trophies before the end of term. Also all sports' uniforms including track suits should be returned to school now. Thanks

### **Uniform**

At the recent uniform committee meeting the following guidelines with regard to the wearing of the existing uniform were set.

'Neat and tidy hair' as per the prospectus means "Hair to be worn so that the hair does not fall over students eyes."

Girls summer dresses and skirts to be no shorter than 2cm from the ground when the student is kneeling.

We expect these guidelines to be followed from the start of Term 3.

### **Uniform Room**

Uniform Room will be opened on Wednesday 23 September from 3pm for anyone wanting to measure up for uniforms.

Holiday arrangements: Anyone needing uniform items during the holidays will have to ring Janice Mehrstens 689 1089 to make an appointment.

Reminder to those who need senior skirts, these need to be sorted out by next week.

### **Netball Uniforms and tracksuits should be returned now.**

Basketball uniforms to be returned after the basketball breakup.

### **Waimate High School Miniball Report 2009**

'High School Blue Take Out Title.'

This year's miniball season again ran smoothly thanks to the efficient organisation of Kathy McGirr and her committee. School teams also received great support from a number of parents and grand-parents who were frequently at the stadium helping out in a variety of capacities.

Three teams catering for nearly 30 players were entered from Waimate High School in the Y7&8 grade. Overall winners of the competition were the Waimate High School Blue team who through great teamwork were the dominant force throughout the season. Team members were: Dion Batchelor, Emma Booth, Elliot Wilson, Tayne Macmillan, Rose Luscombe, Ben Mehrstens, Jarrad Richards, Caleb Matthews, Luke Bartlett and the coaches were Lachie Robertson and Ben Richards. Emma Booth received the fairplay award for the competition. Jarrad Richards was rewarded for his fine form by being selected for the South Canterbury U13 Basketball team.

Special thanks must go to the older students who as coaches and referees ensured that this competition ran smoothly. Malcolm Elderton, Glenn Drake, Lachie Robertson, Brad McGirr, Dylan Mead and Elliot Wilson showed real leadership qualities by giving up their time willingly to help develop younger players.

### **Firewood for Sale**

Fundraiser for WHS U16 Australian Cricket Trip. \$130 per load delivered on Saturday 26 September. For orders phone 689 8340

### **Fundraiser for St Patrick's School**

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

### **Holiday Programmes**

Last week attached to your newsletter was the information for these holiday programmes. To register or for more information call Sport South Canterbury (03) 6860751

### **Calendar**

**Wed 23 Sept** Senior report evening

**Thurs-Fri 24-25** Sept Arts Tour

**Fri 25 Sept** End of Term 7 aside tournament