

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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19 June Newsletter:09:2:8 The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our Open Day. This will start at 1.30pm on Tuesday 23 June and is an opportunity for families to visit the school and see classes in action. We will start in the Perry Hall with information about our school. This will be followed by a tour of some classes and we will end the afternoon with a cup of tea in the hall where teachers will also be available to talk to and ask any questions that you may have.

For any families who are unable to come to our Open Day, I encourage them to contact the school office and make another time to visit us.

Congratulations to Brodie Wilton on winning the South Island Moto-cross Series. This series has seen Brodie competing in Te Anau, Oamaru, Ashburton, Christchurch, Nelson, and Ashurst in the North Island. As South Island series winner, Brodie has the honour of using the Number 1 rider plate. Well done Brodie.

Over the past few days we have all noted the increase of cases of N1H1 swine flu in New Zealand communities. This has resulted in a change of guidelines for schools and we have been asked to pass on the following important information from the Ministry of Health, to our parents:

"With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel both overseas and around New Zealand, Waimate High School is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu

epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers. At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free after returning from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in Waimate.

However, this may change in the coming weeks and your families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, the whole school could be closed for a week. The Waimate High School Board asks you to carefully monitor your family's health as you return from your trip overseas or within New Zealand, and if there is even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor or alternately check through the Ministry of Health Healthline 0800 611 116."

This is a significant change of information as we were previously advised that students should have a one week period when they did not come to school regardless of whether they had flu symptoms or not. For adults the incubation period is four days when they could potentially be infectious but not displaying any symptoms.

In the meantime we are working with the Canterbury District Health Board and providing weekly absenteeism data.

Unfortunately we have been notified that Takudai Ichiko High School will not be coming for their three week visit this year. This decision was made in response to the World Health Organization

announcement that the swine flu had reached pandemic classification. While this is most disappointing, we can understand why they have been forced to make this decision. Thank you to families who had agreed to open their homes to these students. We sincerely hope to be able to resume this visit next year.

Senior reports have been posted out today and a Report Evening is planned for Wednesday 1 July. We encourage all senior students and their parents to make an appointment with subject and Group Teachers, to discuss learning progress. Junior reports will be posted home at the end of term.

Janette Packman
Principal

PTA Meeting

A reminder notice to all PTA Members that our Meeting is next Thursday 25 June 2009 at 7.30pm in the VC Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PTA Food Fundraiser

Thank you to all the people that purchased from our fundraiser.

Remember that the frozen foods are arriving on Wednesday 24 June and will be available from the school hall from 9.45 am and must be collected by 10.30 am as some of these products are frozen we must have someone there to collect them. Please make arrangements if you are unable to be there on time.

Thanking you for your support.

Netball

The Year 9/10 Timaru Netball team have successfully continued their season notching up three wins over the last two weeks. On June 6 the girls met Geraldine High School C, who they played in their very first game of the season when they secured a one goal win. This time Waimate were able to confirm their improvement since their first outing, coming out comfortable winners 28 to 15.

Last Saturday a challenging draw saw Waimate have two games scheduled one after the other. The first was against Mountainview High School C who were leading the grade. Waimate reacted well to the pressure of playing the top team and even surprised themselves with a smashing 23 to 11 win. There was little time to celebrate as they headed to their second game against Craighead 10C. The girl's confidence and enjoyment of the game shone through and many smiles were to be

seen as the girls forgot how tired they were and maintained the intensity to win 30 to 11.

Players to stand out included Zoe Mehrstens with some scintillating shooting and a 'go for everything' attitude and Tyla Stevenson with copious amounts of Casey Williams type intercepts. Dominique Weir also stood up during Saturday's games with increased pressure creating many tips and turnovers. The whole team effort was fantastic, right down to the positive support from Phoebe Todd from her crutches on the sideline.

The benefits of playing in the Timaru competition is clearly attributing to the development of these players and their enjoyment of the game. The challenge now is for the team to maintain their momentum heading into the SISS Junior Development tournament in Christchurch next month.

Community Education Term 3

Yoga Library 10 weeks \$40

Tutor John Guthrie

Sewing 8 weeks \$25

Tutor Jo Sullivan

Upholstery Sat-Mon 4-6 July

Tutor Reg Bartlett

Organic Gardening

Sat 29 Aug, Sat 17 Oct \$40

Tutor John Guthrie

Woodwork 8 weeks \$35

Tutor Lindsay Marshall

Digital Photography 6 weeks \$25

Tutor Ian Jeffery

Mosaic Workshop 27/28 June \$50

Tutor Lyn Keen/Kirsty Clayton

Please enrol and pay at the school before commencing your class. Enquiries to Marie Ph 689 8920 or fax 689 8925 or email mjohns@waimate-high.school.nz

Mufti Day Friday 26 June

Gold coin donation for the Guide Dog charity

Calendar

Sat 20 June School Ball

Tues 23 June Open Day – 1.30pm

Wed 1 July Senior Report Evening

Fri 3 July End of Term

Mon 20 July Term 3 begins

Thur 23 July Yr 7 & 8 Report evening

Sun 26 July ASSS Netball Champs

Wed 29 July Yr 8 & 10 Report evening