

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

We welcome to our school Mrs Janette Johnston, our new receptionist. You can assume that the Janette who answers the phone when you call the school is her and not me.

We also welcome Mrs Beth Lea, our new Arts' Co-ordinator, to our staff. Mrs Lea will be working closely with the Art, Music and Drama teachers.

The first HPV vaccinations were administered on Tuesday. This is a matter of parent choice, however, our up-take rate of 54% is considerably lower than other South Canterbury schools. We do have a 'mop up day' on Wednesday 25 March for students who were absent last Tuesday and for any other students who may have returned their consent form late. For all girls up to age 20 years this vaccination is also available at no charge from your doctor, if that is your preferred option.



Thank you to our PTA for serving drinks and biscuits to the girls after they had received their vaccinations.

Thank you for the great response in returning the School Travel Plan Parent Surveys. 103 surveys were handed in. This information will help us to identify what should be included in our travel plan that addresses the needs and concerns of our community.

Congratulations to the winning class 7Mq who were the first class to reach 20 parent surveys being handed in. 7Mq will have pizzas for lunch one day soon.

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Aoraki Secondary Schools Athletics Champs this week. The results are below.

Janette Packman
Principal

Athletics Results

Firstly an apology to Bridget Rollinson whose 1st placing in the U12 1/2 Girls high Jump was omitted from last weeks newsletter.

Aoraki Results

Tyla Stevenson - 3rd U14 High Jump

Jacob Lightfoot - 3rd U14 400m

Ruby Cochrane - 2nd U14 Shot & Discus

Philip Butler - 2nd U19 400m, 1st 100m

Hurdles & Triple Jump

The above athletes have all been selected in the Aoraki team to compete at the South Island Championships in Invercargill in 2 weeks time.

Magazine

A request from Mrs Willoughby if anyone has photos from the Year 10 camp that she could copy for the magazine would be appreciated.

Science Competition

The Aussie science competition (ICAS) is coming soon. This competition, for students in a number of southern Hemisphere countries, tests student's scientific skills in measuring, interpreting data, predicting/ concluding, investigating and reasoning and problem solving. Each student will receive an individual diagnostic report highlighting their strengths and weaknesses. Entries close on Friday, 8th May. The entry fee is \$5:00 and should be paid to the office.

PTA News

The PTA held its first meeting last week and it was great to see some new faces on board. So welcome to Kym, Donna and Vicki.

We discussed some new fundraising ideas so we will keep you posted on these during the year.

We have purchased a Toshiba Data Projector to be used in the school hall for assemblies, meetings and other functions.

We have also allocated \$1,000.00 to go towards the school Tracksuits that will be used for all students travelling to sporting events off site. We also have money earmarked for the outdoor area seating which is being designed and constructed by the students at present.

Our annual AGM is coming up next month so if you are keen to help out we would love to see you at this meeting.

PTA Fundraiser

The PTA has enclosed a fundraiser for you to purchase Jams and Sauces which

are really lovely. See how much you can sell and help out your children's school at the same time.

We will advise you by phone about delivery so please remember to include your contact details.

ORDERS TO BE BACK AT SCHOOL BY MIDDAY 27 MARCH.

The PTA wish to thank you for your support.

The article below is reprinted from last week's newsletter where it appeared to have a 'gremlin' in it. Sorry.

Motorcycle Cross Country

The first round of the South Island Suzuki Cross country series was held at Birchwood Station near Te Anau on 1st March. Brodie Wilton was placed second in the 12-16 yr, 4 stroke up to 300cc class. This was a very wet and steep track which proved to be a challenging ride. Well done to Brodie. The next round is near Oamaru on the 22nd March.

Focus Group Participants Wanted

Your perspective and opinion matters.

South Canterbury District Health Board will hold a series of focus groups around South Canterbury in April/May to determine how it can improve its communication and planning regarding nutrition and physical activity.

About 6-8 people of varying ages (16+ years), ethnic and social backgrounds are needed to participate in each group. The focus groups are most likely to occur during a week day (this may be changed to fit with schedules of participants), and will take 2-3 hours.

If you are interested in participating, please phone Michèle Keggenhoff at 03 693 9676 or email focus.group@xtra.co.nz for more information.

Calendar

Sun-Tues 22-24 Mar Yr 13 History
Queenstown

Wed 25 Mar Athletics (pm)

Wed 25 Mar HPV Vaccinations

Thur 26 Mar Athletics (all day)

Sat-Sun 28-29 Mar SISS Athletics