

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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### 21 August 2009

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#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

In assembly on Monday 14 students received certificates for completing a welding course at Aoraki Polytechnic. This is one example of the huge range of short courses our students have available that also involve them achieving credits through unit standards. Well done.

Thank you to Mrs Dhillon for painting the art work on our Peer Mediation box that has been placed outside the office for students to post request slips in to have a peer mediator help them resolve a conflict they may be having.

Best wishes to our senior students as they sit school exams next week.

Nominations are now open for the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. This is an important leadership role that enables the voice of students in the governance of our school. Students seeking information about this position could talk to Jarrad Morgan, our present Student Rep. or myself. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Well done to the Ski Team who represented our school at the Aoraki Secondary School Championships on Monday at Mt Dobson. I understand you gave a brave and gutsy performance in icy conditions. They were: Rueben Storr, Shaun Brown, Sally Robinson, Elise Blundell and Andrew Gardner. Thank you to the parents who supported this trip.



Janette Packman  
Principal

#### Gifted & Talented Programme at Portobello Marine Biology Lab

The Marine Biology department at Otago University recently ran a Gifted and Talented programme at the Portobello Marine Labs for Year 10 students at rural schools from around the South Island. The opportunity was partly subsidized by The Todd Foundation. The programme

included three separate trips to the Dunedin Peninsula on the 21st-23rd of May, 28th-30th of June and the 31st of July-1st of August. We stayed overnight on Quarantine Island, just a short journey from Portobello on a boat. At the labs the students were split into groups of five or six that were working on different projects, some of which included studying oil spills and how to best clean them, how harvesting affects cockle population, and if marine worms affect organic matter in sand. During the sessions we got to go out onto mud flats and collect samples of living creatures and take them back to the lab, we also got the chance to go out onto the research vessel "Polaris II" to see dredging in action. Everyone got a chance to use scientific equipment and methods during their experiments. Altogether this was a great opportunity and an amazing foresight into marine biology.

By Dan Dooley



**Norman Kirk Scholarship for 2010**  
Application forms for the Norman Kirk Scholarship are now available from the school office.

**Mufti Day** Friday 28 August  
Gold coin donations for the WestPac Helicopters.

### **Uniforms**

All tracksuits not issued to netball girls must be returned immediately.

Yr 10 girls - please remember to order your senior skirt for next year before the end of Term 3.

### **Junior School Play**

The parts have been cast and rehearsal has begun for

#### ***This is a Test***

Expect to see it early in Term 4

### **Arts Tour Fundraising Quiz Night**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Perry Hall at 7pm \$20 per team Limit of 5 people per team. Book your teams place with Mrs. Foster or Mrs. Kilmartin

### **Waimate High School Cricket Tour Fundraiser**

Garage Sale Saturday 5 September 9 am at Perry Hall.

### **Netball Results from Cromwell Exchange**

A Team 31-15 Cromwell

Yr 8 Team 65-3 Cromwell

Yr 9 & 10 Team 22-20 Cromwell

**Congratulations** to Sam Mehrtens and Hayden Russell who are playing in the Under 16 South Canterbury Rugby team.

**Congratulations** to Elliot Wilson who is playing in the Under 48 kg's and Dion Batchelor in the Under 65 kg's.

### **Trapshooting**

Three shooters who didn't get a mention in last weeks' newsletter were James McEwan, Reilly Dodge, and Josh Cederman. They also represented the High School at the recent Aoraki Schools Trapshooting Competition at the Timaru Gun Club. They performed credibly as this was their first taste of competitive shooting.