

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

In assembly on Monday our WAVE Team were presented with their badges by Mrs Linda Kenny, the South Canterbury WAVE Co ordinator. WAVE stands for Wellbeing and Vitality Education and we have a team of nine students working with Miss Westgarth on student health issues. Presently they are investigating the possibility of heating facilities for student lunches. Students on our WAVE Team are: Phoebe Todd (Chair), Emily Powell (Secretary), Zoe Mehrtens, Ceri Giddens, Glen Drake, Zac Swan, Dominique Weir, Dan Dooley and Karl McFadden.

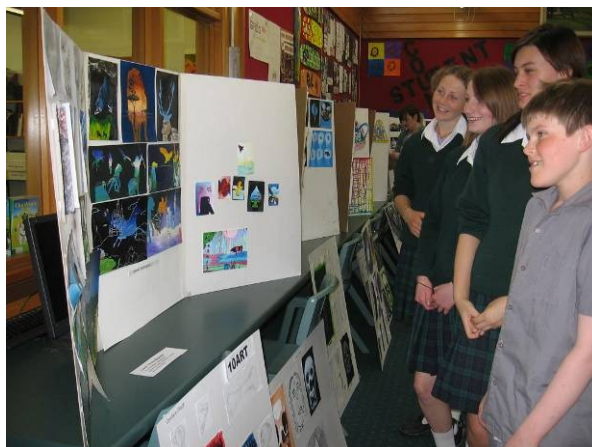
Congratulations to Logan Nelson on his win at the Aoraki Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships in Taiko last weekend. Well done Logan on your win in the under-14 boys' downhill section, in appalling weather conditions. Also congratulations to Cornelius van Boom who was 7th in the under-14 boys and Theo van Booma who was 6th in the under-17 boys.



Last Thursday the combined Drama class performed their final assessment of the first act Of 'Wednesday to Come', to an appreciative

audience. The students all performed very well and portrayed their roles as women in a household during the 1930s. A play that is very fitting within our current economic climate. This is a play that revolves around those everyday women who are so often left out of the history books.

Our "Super Spiffy Art Exhibition" was held in the school library on Monday. Work by the junior school as well as senior portfolios were displayed and family and friends were invited along to see some of the quality work completed by the students this year.



Last week twenty junior students assisted with the planting of over 350 native tree seedlings at the Bushtown site in Waimate. Allan Laurie welcomed the students and gave them a brief introduction to local history and the objectives of the project. Then with spades in hand, the Year 7 and Year 10 students were instructed by several Bushtown volunteers on how to best plant the range of native plants. Manuka, pittosporums, hoherias, lancewoods, coprosmas and wineberries were among the species planted. Students

learned, that by having all the plants grown from seed sourced from local forests they will be adapted to the Waimate conditions and hopefully survive to recreate the type of forest endemic to the area before the sawmillers arrived in the nineteenth century.

The two youngest students, Gemma Willoughby and Logan Bennett, were invited to plant a totara tree to recognise the start of the community service relationship between the high school and Bushtown. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get their hands dirty. Bushtown is a community project that our school welcomes the opportunity to work on in the future.



Arts Tour



On Thursday 24 September, a group of 22 students instrumentalists, singers, dancers and actors left early in the morning to make their way south. Adult riot squad were Mrs Foster, Mrs Briggs, Mr & Mrs Kilmartin and Mrs Mehrtens. Our bus driver was a Waimate High School ex

students and trombonist extraordinaire, Josh Horsnell.

First stop was Glenavy, then Duntroon, and Totara School, just south of Oamaru.

Friday began with a concert at Milton Primary, St Mary's then our final concert was at the new and huge Waikaouiti Events Centre. We all had a great time, filled with fun, friendship and fa-la-las.

Awards night

All students that attend need to purchase a ticket first. Ticket numbers are limited due to the capacity of the hall. Entry is by ticket only. \$4 per person or \$15 per family.

Science Technology Roadshow

The Fonterra Science Roadshow is being held here once again at Waimate High School on the 2nd of November. The Road show brings 2 hours of exciting of hands-on, minds-on exhibits and demonstrations. There will be over 60 interactive exhibits under the themes of how things work, gravity, investigating life, light reflections and astronomy. This year we are able to offer the opportunity to all Y7 - 9 classes. The cost is \$5 per student.

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 Representative Players Acknowledged

Several Waimate High School basketballers received awards at the presentation night held on October 18 at the SBS Centre. This reflects the efforts made by the school in tandem with the local miniball club which has led to a revival in the strength of local junior basketball. Ten players were selected for representative teams this year and played in tournaments throughout the South Island. They were:

Hayden Russell, Lisa McGirr, Lachie Robertson, Malcolm Elderton, Jayden Butcher, Ruby Cochrane, Annaliese Wilson, Tyla Stevenson, Jarrad Richards and Sophie Dempster.

Malcolm Elderton received the award for 'South Canterbury Junior Basketballer of the Year'. Hayden Russell was MVP for the under 17 boys and Tyla Stevenson MVP for the under 15 girls. Jarrad Richards was best defensive player for the under 13 boys' team and Annaliese Wilson was the best defensive player in the under 15 girls.

Jayden Butcher deservedly gained the most improved award for the under 15 boys' team.



The success of all these players reflects well on the school and community, and is testament to the commitment they have made to their sport.



Review of 2009 Basketball Season

2009 has been another successful season for Waimate High School basketball with strong playing numbers, success in local and regional competition, as well as individuals being selected for representative and higher honours.

Over 80 players represented the school in a variety of teams this year. These included three miniball teams, a year 7 & 8 boys' team that played on Thursday nights in Timaru and four Friday night teams in Timaru. As well three boy's teams and a senior girls' side played in the local Waimate competition mid-week during the winter months. Interschool matches were played against Bayfield High School and Cromwell College.

The year 9 & 10 boys' team deservedly won the Aoraki Secondary Schools' Friday Night competition in a comprehensive team effort. Glen Drake's award for MVP over the season in this competition was as much a tribute to the team performance as well as his own unselfish and

committed play. The senior boys' team made semi-finals in the Timaru competition and in the local senior men's competition. The senior girls' team developed throughout the season and come to the fore in the local senior competition by deservedly making the final. In this game, after trailing by 30 points at one point they made a stirring come-back to get within range and had the chance to win in the final seconds. Ruby Cochrane starred in this game by scoring 50 plus points and receiving the MVP.

Other highlights from the season have been the ten players selected for South Canterbury teams with this number likely to increase in 2010. The selection of Hayden Russell, Ruby Cochrane and Malcolm Elderton in South Island teams is further testament to the fact the basketball at Waimate High School is in good heart.

Wacky Race Day Saturday 31 October 2009

12pm-6pm Centrewood Estate Mill Road Waimate. Admission Adults \$5 – Kids are free. Supporting Hospice South Canterbury.

Waimate High School Jumper @ Waimate Knitwear.

Waimate Knitwear wish to advise you that they have available the WHS Bottle Green Jumpers these are available in a range of sizes and can be put on layby. Buy now just ask the ladies in store to help you out.

Movie

There is a free screening of the recently released family movie "Shorts" at the Regent Theatre at 7pm on Saturday the 31st Oct.

There is also a free sausage sizzle being held at the BNZ carpark off Shearman St.

Families are encouraged to come out and enjoy a free night together as a family.

This is being sponsored by Combined Waimate Churches in partnership with the Regent Theatre.

Enquiries to John Begg 03 6897679, 0212030056.

Norman Kirk Swimming Pool opens for the season from Saturday 24 October from 12.00 noon.

Calendar

Mon 26 Oct Labour Day Holiday

Tues 27 Oct BOT Meeting 7 pm

Fri 30 Oct Awards Night 7 pm

Mon 2 Nov Science Roadshow

Tues 3 Nov Transition Day

Thurs 5 Nov ASSS Junior Volleyball Champs