

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to Kristy Thomas who has been voted our next Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. We are looking forward to Kristy working with the Board.

In assembly on Monday the Year 13 Rotary Speech Competition finalists entertained us with their speeches. Sally Robinson spoke about some of the Idiosynchronises of the Australian language and Thomas Cochrane entertained us talking about boats.

Congratulations to all students involved in the Talent Quest and Quiz night on Wednesday. This new format proved to be most successful and a not to be missed event. Winners of the Talent Quest were:

1st The Year 9 Dancers

2nd Katherine Huggins

3rd Tanara Campbell.

The winning House in the Quiz competition was Leadbetter.



Senior Course booklets were issued to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students for their careful consideration. We will be holding an information evening for parents and students about NZQA and senior courses on the second Wednesday back (21 October) next term. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Good luck to the trapshooters heading away to the Championships in Hamilton today.

We hope all students have a safe and enjoyable break over the holidays.

Janette Packman
Principal

Uniform Changes – School Shoes

Lace up type shoes are required for all students, male and female. It is expected that prior to 2012

students purchasing school shoes would purchase the lace up style.

This change has been made for the safety of all students, as some types of shoes currently being worn do not provide adequate coverage of the foot. In science and technology subjects it is important that the students' footwear meets safety standards.

Further consideration of the girls' summer skirts and dresses has resulted in our reviewing the 2cm ruling. No specific measurement will be stipulated. Rather, we want parents to assist us in ensuring that the uniform is at a decent and appropriate length.

Uniform standards

Hair to worn be off the face.

Hair worn below the shoulders must be tied back at all times.

White t-shirts only to be worn under white shirts/blouses.

Dark blue, dark green, black or grey t-shirts are worn under the grey shirt.

Two ear-rings only, which must be either studs or sleepers, in each ear.

Magazine

If anyone is interested in purchasing the 2008 magazine, they are available from the office at a cost of \$15.

If anyone has any photographs for the Magazine 2009, from exchanges or other activities, please send to Mrs Willoughby.

PTA Meeting

This is to advise everyone that the PTA will meet on Monday 12 October in the VC Room at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

PTA Calendar Fundraiser

The PTA are getting together photo images of life at Waimate High to be transformed into a desk calendar for 2010. We wish to advise that most of these photos will include groups of children. If anyone would prefer that their child is not included in this calendar could you please ring the school office before Friday 16 October. These calendars will be available to purchase in early November at a cost of \$8.00. They will make a great christmas gift so keep that in mind when you start your christmas shopping.

This is a PTA Fundraiser.

Queenstown Lakes District – A Tourism Mecca

The year 12 Tourism and Year 13 Geography classes completed an enlightening field trip to the Queenstown Lakes District during early September. The Tourism class were gathering information about the Queenstown Lakes District in order to prepare and deliver a marketing presentation promoting the region to potential Australian tourists. The Geographers were completing an assessment about the cultural process of tourism and its impact on community and the environment.

Finally thanks to the Waimate Town and Country Club for once again generously loaning us a van, and to Mrs Porritt who accompanied us on the trip. We really value this support.

Outdoor Pursuits

Last week the Year 12 Outdoor Pursuits class headed south to take on the challenge of completing the Central Otago Rail Trail. The class was based in Ranfurly for 2 nights, ferrying to starting points at the beginning of each day. The class started in Clyde just before lunch on Wednesday and worked their way to Lauder. The first day was an uphill battle into a head wind but the students toughed it out to bike 45 kms. On the second day the class resumed in Lauder in perfect weather and biked to the highest point of the track at Wedderburn, then turned downhill and managed as far as Kokonga, making a total distance of 64 kms. The final day was a downhill cruise of 43kms from Kokonga to Middlemarch, where the trail finishes. The students were fantastic to take away and represented the school well. A big thank you to Mrs Mclachlan and Mrs Wilson for all their driving and for playing Camp Mum for the two nights away.



Year 10

Yesterday morning during Period 3 (and the beginning of lunch) the Year 10's were completing a Fun Run for their Fit for Life Unit in PE / Health out on the main field. The students were required to run / walk for an hour around the track. We collated how many laps the Year 10's did as a collective and transferred this to the map of the South Island. For example starting at Paul Street when the students, as a group, had run / walked 20 laps they had made it to the Nosh Cafe. When they had covered 112.5 laps they had travelled as far as Timaru. Yesterday the Year 10's covered the distance that would have taken them past Waipara, 691 laps as a collective. The students have been training for this and have also been fundraising money that they are going to put towards new lunch time sports gear. Thank you everyone for your support. Well done Year 10, awesome effort!



High School Basketballers Selected for South Island teams for Australian Tournaments

Three Waimate High School basketballers have just been selected for South Island age group sides to take part in state tournaments in Australia early in 2010. The three players are: Hayden Russell, Ruby Cochrane and Malcolm Elderton.

Hayden, who plays for the Waimate High School senior boys team, has for the past two seasons been a key member of the South Canterbury under 17 team and has now been selected for the South Island Under 17 team.

Ruby has also been selected for the under 17 team. Ruby, who has represented South Canterbury for several seasons, has been to Australia with national teams twice before, with national and South Island teams. She is also in the reserves for the New Zealand Under 17 team.

Malcolm who played in Australia earlier this year with the New Zealand Koru Under 13 team is one

of the younger members of the South Island under 15 team. Malcolm has also represented South Canterbury over the past three seasons.

The community can be very proud of the efforts of these three talented sports people. It is not often a school gets three South Island representatives in one sports code in the same year.

Waimate Tennis sub-Association

2009 season Opening day

Saturday October 10, 1.30pm.

Mixed doubles fun day at the Waimate Tennis Club courts.

All current and future players welcome.

Social Doubles

Wednesdays at 6pm commencing October 14. \$5 entry per night. Waimate Tennis Club courts.

Junior registration day

Wednesday October 14, 4pm

at the Waimate Tennis Club courts.

B and C grade play commences October 21.

Beginners block course ph Di 689 2834

Seniors

A-grade competition commences October 17.

Enquiries ph Sue 689 2803

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 Basketball Assoc In Representative Trials

Under 12, Under 14, Under 16

Trials will be held at the SBS Events Centre on Monday October 19th.

Teams will attend tournaments on December 5th and 6th.

Under 12 Tournament is in RANGIORA

Under 14 Tournament is in ASHBURTON

Under 16 Tournament is in TIMARU

Registrations begin at 3.30pm.

TRIAL TIMES:

Under 12 Girls 4 – 5.30 pm

Under 14 Girls 4 – 5.30 pm

Under 12 Boys 5.30 – 7.00 pm

Under 14 Boys 5.30 – 7.00 pm

Under 16 Girls 7 – 8.30 pm

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All enquiries to the General Manager

SCBA Phone 03 686 2906

Firewood for Sale

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