

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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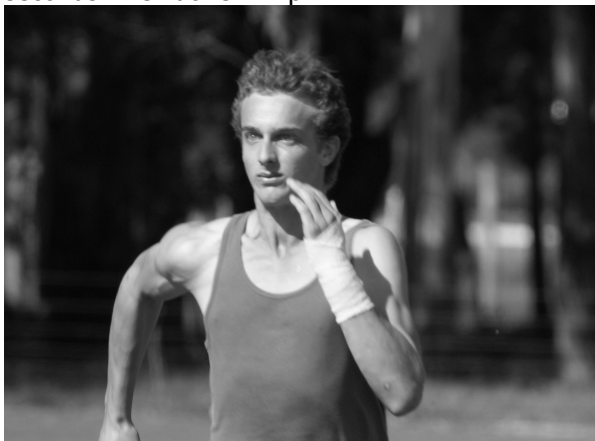
#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to Mrs Tiffany Ottley, who competed in the New Zealand Horse of the Year Show in Hastings recently and won the Side-Saddle Horse of the Year title. This is an impressive achievement at this high level of competition.

We were delighted to finally be able to run the School Athletics on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. Well done to all students on their participation and special congratulations to placegetters. Thank you to the supporters who joined us to encourage and cheer the competitors on.

Congratulations to Philip Butler who broke the Waimate High School 400m record. The previous record of 54.50 seconds was set by Ben Warner in 1995. Philip's new record for this event is 54.12 seconds. Well done Philip!



We are particularly concerned about the amount of damage being done to school property by students using skateboards and bikes at school after school hours. Last weekend there was extensive damage to concrete steps and wooden seating. As well, large metal drain covers were removed, leaving an extremely hazardous hole. It is unacceptable for students to come on to the school site after hours and cause damage. While we accept that this is a good place to come and ride their bikes and skateboards, the damage caused is a real problem. As well, parents must realise that we cannot take any responsibility for student safety after school hours. For the next month we ask that no students are on site after school unless they are here for a specific supervised activity. All students have been informed of this and the police will be involved in the event of trespassing.

There will be an information evening for parents of Year 11, 12 and 13 students on Wednesday 1 April at 7.30pm in the Somers Library. The focus of this evening will be on NCEA systems and procedures. Come along and find out about the assessment system your sons and daughters are involved in.

Janette Packman  
Principal

**Touch Rugby:** Last weekend the Waimate High School Touch Team travelled to Christchurch to take part in the South Island Secondary Schools Touch Rugby Tournament, at Nunweek Park. This year's tournament saw ten teams in the mixed grade, with Waimate drawing a tough pool with 2 other teams from last year's national tournament. Waimate played games against Kaikorai Valley, St Andrews, Kaiapoi, Nayland and Auroa, with

several close games including a narrow loss to Nayland and a comfortable win over Auroa.

The team improved steadily in each game and they finished the tournament with a polished 10 tries to 2 wins over Auroa College. The students were a credit to their school and played with passion, commitment and enthusiasm. The team's final placing of 9<sup>th</sup> in the South Island proves that once again Waimate High School is boxing above it's weight in touch rugby, and with the majority of this team in Year 11 or 12 it's hoped that they will continue to improve over the year.

The team was: Gus Patterson (captain), Guy Linton, Jared Matthews, Josh Wilson, Ben Messer, James Morgan, Katherine Huggins, Meg Cornick, Michaela Goodman, Anna Cummings, Ella Patterson, Charlotte Kennedy-Nuttall. Bryce Caird (Coach), Nicky Caird (Manager).

**Year 9 Aquatics Day "SPLASH!"** It was Thursday 5 March and we were at the beach on our year 9 aquatics trip. We went up on two buses having heaps of fun, yelling, talking, singing and dancing. We dropped the boys off at the pool while us girls headed off for Caroline Bay. We eagerly jumped off the big bus and headed into the changing rooms.

15 minutes later we were down at the beach ready to start. It was a perfect day for the trip, no wind, just the warm sun shining down at us. We got split into three groups to do different activities. My group went with Mr Caird first to learn CPR and do some diving under the water to get pegs off a rope at the bottom of the sandy sea.

After that we walked down the road a bit to the small wharf. We put on our spare clothes and shoes we had brought with us and jumped in. We swam back to the rocks for another go. Next we got into pairs. One of us wore a life jacket and the other didn't. We practiced our skills that we had learnt earlier on, about how to save people then swam back to shore riding in with the waves.

We had a break for lunch and played some games then went to our last activity. Annaliese, Tyla, Kendall and I had some fun by burying Molly and Victoria! We ran off to our last activity, kayaking. We each got a kayak and learnt how to escape from it if it tipped. We got lots of practice, falling out every second before we got tested. Before

we knew it, it was time to go. As they say, "time flies when you're having fun!"

### **Glamour meets Gloss**

**15 May 2009 7.30pm**

The PTA are busy putting together a Fashion Parade that will showcase the best from Ground FLOOR Eclectic Design in Timaru and Amanda's Bridal in Waimate.

With the Ball Season coming Mandy will show off all her gowns that are available to purchase and hire. And will be able to get that perfect Ball Gown for your big night.

Ground FLOOR Eclectic Design have labels like Stitch Ministry, Trelise Cooper, Ben Sherman, Kate Sylvester, Mimosa and more. These designs are all wearable basics that make woman look and feel good about themselves.

Tickets will be available from both of these fashion stores and also our school office costing \$15.00 per person with supper provided and drinks able to be purchased from the Criterion Hotel where the event is being held.

We are sure this will be an event not to be missed so tell all your friends who will be needing a new frock for the ball and mark it on your calendars.

Further details to follow...

### **Waimate Cricket Club**

**Junior Cricket Game & Prizegiving** 9am tomorrow at the High School grounds

**Senior Prizegiving** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and all other afternoon teams Sunday 1 pm at Knottingley Park.

### **Year 7/8 Boys Basketball**

The boys started the season in the South Canterbury Thursday competition last night with a great win 28-8 against Sacred Heart Lakers.

Elliot Wilson 12 pts, Oliver Polson 6 pts, Caleb Matthews 6 pts and Jarrad Richards 4 pts.

Tayne Macmillan, Damon Page, Cameron Fletcher contributed to the points with great setting up play and backing up when needed. Well done boys.

### **Calendar**

**Sat-Sun 28-29 Mar** SISS Athletics

**Tues-Fri 31 Mar-3 Apr** Yr 8Ot Camp Huxley

**Wed 1 April** Yr 11/12/13 NCEA Info Evening 7.30 pm

**Mon-Thurs 6-9 Apr** Yr 8Lp Camp Huxley

**Mon-Tues 6-7 Apr** Year 12 Leadership