

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

This week students in our school choir performed to the Care and Recreation Group at the Hunter Hills Lodge. They enjoyed this opportunity to sing to such an appreciative audience.



We have become aware that some of our senior students were present at the Loch Laird incident last weekend. This has been confirmed to us by the Waimate District Council. We urge parents to ensure their students are well supervised if they are going to the lakes. In the first instance we want our young people to be safe. As well, we do not want the good name of our school to be tarnished by these weekend misdemeanours.

Some of our senior Agriculture students have been busy recently working on practical assessments. Some experienced and proved their understanding of sheep handling recently as part of an assessment for Unit Standards on moving, drafting and handling livestock. Local farmer Marty Cochrane provided the farm and the livestock and students spent the afternoon moving a mob of sheep along a specified route from paddocks to yards while under the watchful eye of an Agribusiness trainer. The next part of the



assessment was to evaluate how well students filled the race and drafted the sheep, followed by carefully restraining any stressed animals.

Six Year 11 Agriculture students had their turn the week before on the farm of Keith Adams. Theirs was an NCEA Practical

Internal Assessment which involved drafting off ewes from their lambs which they then earmarked and docked.

Both groups of students enjoyed the experience of learning and applying practical skills outside the classroom under guidance and with the generosity of local farmers.

Next Friday afternoon I plan to hold a parent drop in session. Between 1pm and 3.30pm I will be available for anyone to call by to chat about anything you may wish to bring up with me. I welcome this opportunity to answer any questions you may have or for you to discuss any aspects of our school or education in general.

Janette Packman
Principal

Book Review

The Red Dress by Gaby Halberstam

A beautifully evoked coming-of-age story, set in 1944 in the sweltering South African wilderness. It was like looking into the crimson depths of a giant poppy.

Rifke pulled off her old clothes and slipped the dress over her head, feeling its petal-soft fabric caress her skin. She darted a glance at Ma. Her mouth was set in a straight line. Still she said nothing. The argument over the red dress is the final straw for fourteen-year-old Rifke. Fed up of living in stuffy Johannesburg with her crabby, difficult mother, she snaps and recklessly boards a train out of town. But her fantasy escape doesn't go exactly to plan, and Rifke ends up in the middle of nowhere.

With no train home for thirty days, she is forced to stay with the mysterious and unwelcoming Van Niel family on their

rundown farm... and suddenly her old life doesn't seem so bad.

South Canterbury Read Association Aoraki Books for Boys

Rob Southam Tuesday 3 November 7pm
Waimataitai School Hall \$10 non members, gold coin donation for members pay at the door.

Spot prizes, supper and refreshments served.

Please email sk@waimataitai.school.nz to notify numbers attending.

Movie

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

Wacky Race Day Saturday 31 October 2009 12pm-6pm Centrewood Estate Mill Road Waimate. Admission Adults \$5 – Kids are free. Supporting Hospice South Canterbury.

Firewood for Sale

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

Calendar

Fri 30 Oct Awards Night 7pm

Mon 2 Nov Science Roadshow

Tues 3 Nov Transition Day

Thurs 5 Nov ASSS Junior Volleyball

Fri 6 Nov Aoraki Sports Awards

Mon 9 Nov Yr 13 Assembly

Wed 11 Nov Seniors last day

Wed 11 Nov Senior Prizegiving 7.30 pm

Mon 16 Nov NCEA Exams begin