

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

In assembly this week we were treated to a parade of the hats that the Year 10 Textiles Technology students have made. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing this work. Thank you to Mrs Rodokal and Steph Drake and Dominique Weir for their great job compering. Well done to 7Mh for being such great models.



We also farewelled Rita Pignacca, our exchange student from Italy, who has been attending Waimate High School since the beginning of term 3. Best wishes, Rita for a safe return back home. We have thoroughly enjoyed having you in our school.

In assembly we presented our two loyal librarians with their badges. Sam Mehrtens is our Head Librarian and Brian Woods, librarian. We certainly appreciate the great work these students are doing.

Due to the pleasant weather we have been experiencing recently the decision has been made to allow students to wear the summer uniform if

they wish to. Students may not wear a combination of summer and winter uniforms.



Congratulations Tom Cochrane who competed in the South Island Secondary Schools Motocross championships recently and was placed 2nd in the 17 years and over 250cc 4 stroke competition. The team of Tom, Brodie Wilton and James Morgan were placed 5th out of 42 teams. Well done!

At 2pm on Friday 11 September teachers who are PPTA members will be attending a union meeting which they are required to hold. While the school will not be closed we encourage parents to make alternative arrangements for their students as normal classes will not be held. The buses will run at the usual times. Bus students will be supervised at school. Please inform the office if your child will be at school as non-union staff will be available for supervision of these students.

Janette Packman
Principal

Year 10 at WHS Fit for Life

As part of the Year 10 Health and Physical Education programme this year the students are doing a unit called 'Fit for Life'. It examines the importance of leading fit and healthy lifestyles, and involves students studying how leading active lives can improve their well being.

As part of this unit the students are expected to participate in fitness training and exercise leading up to a final fitness activity which will take place on the last Thursday of term. The final activity will involve students running for 1 hour on the school field around a set track. The total number of laps run by the students as a whole group will be counted and mapped out to show the students progress as they run.

This event will encompass a fundraising activity (similar to the Relay for Life) where students raise money for fitness equipment for the school. As a group the Year 10 students have decided that this money will be used to provide more sports and fitness equipment for students to use at lunchtimes. The purpose of this is to encourage more students to be active during their lunch hour at school.

Students are being asked to sign up sponsors on a Sponsorship Form to fund raise for the sports equipment. The students will then participate in the fun run and following the completion of this they will be expected to collect in the money that they have raised.

If you have any questions regarding this activity then please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Caird or Miss Westgarth at school (03 6898920).

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

Last week The Young New Zealanders Challenge went through a further name change, to be known as The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary award. The New Zealand government was looking for an initiative which would form lasting recognition of Sir Edmund Hillary, one of which would be in the form of a youth programme. The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is an award to recognise the well rounded youth. There are three awards, the Bronze award you can start at age 14, the Silver from age 15 and Gold from age 16. There are four parts to the award, completing service, where they volunteer their time. A skill section, where they acquire a skill such as learning an instrument. Physical recreation where they are to play a sport of their choice, either individually or as a team. And an expedition,

where they complete training, and then head off on an expedition by foot, cycle, horseback or canoe. All of these things must be followed for a given period of time. Currently at Waimate High School we have 7 students working at Bronze level, 4 working at Silver level, and 3 working at Gold level. If any students are interested in signing up to begin working towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award see Mrs Kilmartin.



Pictured is the WHS Year 9/10 Timaru Netball Team, with coach Maggie Robertson, after their recent final game of the 2009 season.

The girls were rewarded for a season of steady development by being promoted a grade and finishing in the top half of the senior reserve S4 grade. An unexpected bonus was being awarded the Veck Andrews Tray for Highest Club Goal Average at the recent prizegiving. All this in the first year a Waimate netball team has entered the Timaru competition.

Congratulations girls! A successful season to build on in 2010! A summary of the season will feature in an upcoming Waimate Advertiser.'

Waimate High School Cricket Tour Fundraiser

Garage Sale Saturday 5 September 9 am at Perry Hall.

Arts Tour Fundraising Quiz Night

Friday 11 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.

Calendar

Fri 4 Sept Nominations close Student Rep BOT
Sun-Tues 6-8 Sept Yr 12/Y13 Trip Queenstown
Thur 10 Sept Geraldine Exchange
Fri 11 Sept PPTA union meeting
Sat 12 Sept SISS Snowsports Mt Dobson
Mon 14 Sept Talent Quest Week