

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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5 February Newsletter: 09:1:1

The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our first school newsletter for 2009. You should expect this to be brought home to you every Friday by your son or daughter. As well, our newsletter is available on our school website later on Fridays. Please read the information in the newsletter as this is an important means of communication with you.

A warm welcome to students who are new to Waimate High School. We hope you settle quickly into your new school.

We have four new teachers who are joining our staff team this year: Mrs Dhillon teaching Art, Mrs Simpson teaching Computing, Mr Steadman teaching Science and Biology, Miss Westgarth teaching PE.

The beginning of the new school year is an opportunity for students to make a fresh start. We all know that we can't travel back in time. We can't go back to make a new beginning but everyone can start today to make a new ending. This year we want students to work hard for themselves and to achieve the very best they can.

The Year 13 students attended the Peer Support Leadership camp at Gunns Bush last Thursday and Friday. This has been a great start to the year and on Tuesday they worked with the new Year 7 students on orientation activities.

Most students have started school looking great in their uniforms. A huge thank you to parents for ensuring this is the case. A reminder that shoes must adequately cover the top of the foot. This is a health and safety requirement as well as our school uniform requirement. We are concerned that some girls are wearing shoes that do not provide adequate protection. Please talk to staff if you are unsure about suitability.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Captains:

Chisholm: Gus Patterson, Lucy Mehrtens, Tom Cochrane, Vanessa Hawkins.

Grant: Sally Robinson, Adam Bruce, Anna Cummings, Shaun Brown.

Pitcaithly: Guy Linton, Jess Buckingham, James Morgan, Tahnee Puttick.

Leadbetter: To be announced.

An impressive number of applications have been received for the Prefect positions. Interviews for these important leadership roles will take place next week.

A number of our students have performed impressively during the holidays. Our top achiever is James Morgan who competed in the New Zealand College Games and was placed 2nd overall in the Trapshooting. We wish James well for the National Champs in March.

We continue to give our Year 8 and 9 students the opportunity to be part of our school communication and data collection system. One student each day will be our 'office messenger' collecting information and taking messages to classrooms and assisting the senior management team with information dissemination. We believe this service to the school is a valuable experience even though it takes them out of the classroom once or twice a year. If you do not want your Year 8 or 9 student participating in this system please let us know.

On the property front, the outside of A Block has been painted, a ramp and improved steps to the A12 Science lab have been installed and our Learning Support Centre has been redeveloped. This was previously A 7 and A 8, and we are thoroughly enjoying using this new area with students.

Parent information evenings are scheduled for the next few weeks. Please note these dates: Wednesday 18 February, 7.30pm Year 7 and 9 parents and their students. Wednesday 25 February, 7.30pm Year 8 and 10 parents. We encourage you to attend these information meetings as it is an opportunity for you to meet your child's

teachers and receive information that is relevant to the various year levels. We look forward to meeting up with you on these occasions.

Janette Packman
Principal

Swimming Sports at Norman Kirk Pool Tuesday 10 February 2009

9am – 10.30 am Year 9-13 Heats
10.45 am – Noon Year 7 & 8 Heats
1 pm Finals and Inter-house events
Family and friends welcome
Postponement date Wednesday 11 February

Speech and Drama Lessons 2009

With Mrs Dinie Bevers. Information forms are available from the school office.

Important Dates to put on your calendar

Tues 10 Feb Swimming Sports
Thurs 12 Feb ASSS Tennis Quals SI
Fri-Sun 13-15 Feb SISS Teams Tennis
Mon 16 Feb First Aide Course Yr 12
Outdoor Pursuits
Tues 17 Feb District Swimming Sports
Tues 17 Feb Gateway Introduction am
Wed 18 Feb Yr7 & 9 Parent Evening
Thurs 19 Feb Gateway First Aid Day
Sun 22 Feb Aoraki Touch Temuka
Tues 24 Feb School Photos
Wed 25 Feb Yr 8& 10 Parent Evening
Thurs 26 Feb Athletic Sports - pm only
Friday 27 Feb Athletic Sports - All day
Mon 2 Mar Leadership Day - Dunedin
Thurs-Fri 5-6 Mar Year 9 Aquatics
Sun 8 Mar SISS Triathlon/Duathlon
Mon 9 Mar Interim Reports available
Mon-Wed 9-11 Mar Year 10Fw Camp
Tues 10 Mar ASSS Swimming Champs
Wed 11-13 Mar Year 10 Fs Camp
Thurs 12 Mar Country Athletics Opihi