

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

In assembly on Monday Mr Crossan presented our new approach to encouraging students to take pride in our school grounds and put litter in the bins that are provided. We will be using a positive approach rather than using the picking up of rubbish as a punishment. Duty staff will be on the look out for students seen putting their rubbish in the bin, their name will be recorded and placed in a green box. The green box containing the names of students for that week will be taken into assembly and a name drawn. That lucky student will receive a \$5 canteen voucher. At the end of the year all names will be placed in the box and the person drawn will receive \$100. It is hoped that this positive approach, where we are rewarding students who are being responsible, will encourage students to do it right all the time so that we all have a pleasant environment in which to work.

At the beginning of this week I was privileged to accompany the Year 13 Geography students and Mr Thompson on their trip to Karitane. The students spent their days carrying out field work at the beach and put in long hours in the evenings, writing up their findings. I was most impressed with the way students' worked together and made the most of this opportunity to study Coastal Processes in depth.



Our school is participating in a road safety project with the assistance of Daniel Naude, the Road Safety Co-ordinator for South Canterbury. This project involves us gathering data about student travel to school with the intention of identifying ways to make it safer. It will involve us carrying out surveys of parents, students and staff, as well as gathering data and monitoring traffic flows. Parents who attended the recent information evenings received their survey and by now all other families should have received theirs. It is important for us to get one survey per family returned so we have as much information as possible for this project. Students should return their family's completed survey to their Group Teacher. Road Safety South Canterbury is offering a pizza lunch to the first Group Class to hand in all their parent surveys.

Our comprehensive Outdoor Education Programme is one that we pride ourselves in because it gives the junior students the opportunity to experience and learn about various aspects of the outdoors. This term all junior students are involved with either activity days or a camp depending on their year level.

It is important that all students participate in these learning opportunities. To miss out means that they are missing out on an aspect of their education that we consider to be important. I am concerned that some students think it is okay to opt out of their activities and would appreciate parent support in encouraging students to participate. The cost of these activity days and camps must not be a reason for opting out. Please contact me if you would like me to arrange funding for your child.

Congratulations to Sam Mehrtens on achieving the New Zealand Speech Board Award for Grade 5 Speech and Drama. Sam won this national scholarship which will pay for all his Grade 6 fees.

Janette Packman
Principal

Book Review by Erin Tohill

Isabella's Diary by Shirley Deuchrass

Isabella's Diary is about a girl who writes in her diary daily. Her name is Isabella. In this story Isabella and her family travelled to New Zealand on Wednesday 10th October 1860.

The story tells how her family wanted to move to New Zealand but Isabella didn't want to. So she was thinking about running away but it was too late because it was 7 o'clock in the morning and they were on their way.

The only belongings they took were two blankets and a canvas bag of clothes each. During the trip Isabella writes in her diary every day to an imaginary friend called Polly. On the ship they all get seasick and spend days gasping for air and holding the railings.

I thought this was a really good book because I learnt a lot about the way they lived on the ship.

PTA Meeting first for 2009

On Wednesday night the **11 March** at **7.30pm** in the VC room at the high school the PTA will hold their first meeting of the year.

This is a great time if you are keen to come along and help your child's school out. We would love to see some new faces, come along and see how your time can be a big help to the school.

Blooming Bulbs Fundraiser

Enclosed with this newsletter is the "Blooming Bulbs" fundraising catalogue. This is a fundraiser for our High School Trapshooting Club. Order forms with your money can be dropped in at the school office by Monday 16 March. Bulb orders will be distributed by early April. Please make cheques payable to the "Waimate High School PTA". Could we ask that any unused catalogues be returned to the school office. Many thanks. Trish Davis.

Under 16 and Under 18 Rugby

Anyone interested in playing rugby for the above grades, please come to Manchester Park at 5.30 pm on the 12th March for a run round. Any questions please phone Russell Morgan 689 5723.

Athletic Sports

Will be held Wednesday 25th March – afternoon
Thursday 26th March – all day

Country School Athletics

These will be held on Thursday 12th March at Opihi College – Temuka. We are having to select a team without having had our school athletics sports. If you feel your child has been overlooked please contact Stuart Albrey at W.H.S.

Calendar

Sun 8 Mar SISS Triathlon/Duathlon
Mon-Tues 9-10 Mar Life Education
Mon-Wed 9-11 Mar Year 10Fw Camp
Tues 10 Mar ASSS Swimming Champs
Wed-Fri 11-13 Mar Year 10 Fs Camp
Thurs 12 Mar Country Athletics Opihi
Tues-Fri 17-20 Mar Yr 8 Yg Camp
Tues 17 Mar District Swimming Sports
Wed 18 Mar Aoraki Athletics Aorangi Park Timaru
Sun-Tues 22-24 Mar Yr 13 History Queenstown
Tues-Fri 24-27 Mar Yr 8 Lp Camp
Sat-Sun 28-29 Mar SISS Athletics
Tues-Fri 31 Mar-3 Apr Yr 8 Ot Camp
Wed 1 April Yr 11/12/13 NCEA Info Evening 7.30 pm