

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2010

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### 15 October 2010

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#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to the term 4 school term. I hope our students have all had a good break over the holidays and are now looking forward to all the opportunities that will come their way in term 4.

It's great to be back. As you all know, I was awarded a Principal's sabbatical by the Ministry of Education, for last term. This meant that I was not here at school. During this time I was able to visit other schools both in New Zealand and in London. In particular I was looking at how schools are implementing restorative practices and I have come back with lots of good ideas.

As well, I was very fortunate to have the time to travel. In fact, we went to 15 countries during our time in Europe and the United Kingdom. What have I learnt from all this travel? – actually New Zealand is a fantastic place to live. I think sometimes it's only when we've been away and come back that we really appreciate where we live and what we've got right here in New Zealand and especially in Waimate.

I have been hearing about lots of great things that took place here during term 3 and have enjoyed catching up with students and seeing how they are going in classes.

My personal thanks to the staff who stepped up to take on extra responsibilities while I was away. To Mr Crossan, who was Acting Principal. To Mrs Lyall, Mr Albrey, Mrs Walshe, and Mrs June Bailey thank you for the great job you did.

In assembly on Monday I pointed out to our senior students that now is the time when they really need to be applying themselves in a focused manner to their learning. There are 16 school days before exams start. I urge them to use that time wisely and really put in the effort. Use the study skills covered in the Exam Excellence seminar they attended last term. Our teachers are very willing to advise and support students but they can't do the work for them. Parents thank you for the important role you are playing in supporting your student and keeping the focus on learning at home also.

Next week ERO (Education Review Office) will be visiting our school. This is our scheduled three yearly review and an opportunity to demonstrate through this external audit process, the great things that are happening here at Waimate High School.

The Board of Trustees has received notice about intended industrial action by teachers. These include non-attendance of meetings before 8.30am and after 5pm, and the rostering home of particular year levels for one day each week. This week Year 11

students were to be rostered home on Thursday but this did not go ahead as the parties resumed bargaining. We are hopeful that a settlement can be reached soon.

Thank you to parents who attended the Year 8 and 9 Parent Information evening on Thursday, where we gave you information about Year 9 and 10 options for 2011. Usually these meetings are held in the evenings but we scheduled this one in the afternoon to enable the teachers to be there during the period of industrial action. If you were unable to attend on Thursday, your son or daughter should have received the Option Booklet today. If you would like to discuss this decision with anyone at school please let me know. The Option Form is due back by Friday 22 October.

**Congratulations** to Travis Proffitt on his achievements in trapshooting competitions and to Logan and Claire Nelson and Johanna and Cornelius van Booma in mountain biking.

Janette Packman  
Principal

**Awards Night - Friday 29th October** starting at 7pm. Tickets on sale from Monday from the school office. \$4.00 each or \$15.00 for an immediate family. Ticket sales cease on Thursday 28th at 3pm.

**Uniform** - a reminder with regard to foot wear for school. From 2011 all students will be required to wear black/brown lace up shoes which are able to take a nugget. Many students are wearing either the lace up canvas shoes or slipper type shoes which do not meet the safety standards we require. Please ensure your child has the correct footwear.

**Takudai-Ichikio/Waimate Exchange Years 10-13 students** are reminded that you have just on 3 weeks in which to apply to take part in this exchange. Forms are available from Mrs J Bailey at her office and must be returned to the main office by **Monday 8 November.**

### **High School Trapshooting Results**

During the first weekend of the holidays our High School Trapshooters competed at the South Island and New Zealand Secondary Schools Clay Target Competition in Christchurch.

Travis Proffitt shot 168 out of 180 over the 2 days of "Down the Line" competition to be one of five shooters picked for the Central South Island Fish & Game Team, which included 2 shooters from Timaru Boys & 2 from Waitaki Boys. They competed against the 8 other Fish & Game Regional Teams to shoot into 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Travis also shot in the Single Rise event on the Sunday shooting a possible of 20/20 to put him into the shoot off.

Nigel Bertenshaw, shooting at his first National event, shot very well on the Saturday, 10 targets from 10 shots, to go into the Single Barrell shoot-off, Well done.

### **SISS Mountain Bike Champs.**

In the first weekend of the holidays, a team from Waimate High School competed in the downhill section of the South Island Secondary School Mountain bike Championships. With the venue so close to home at Taiko, it was a great opportunity to compete in this event. Overall, Waimate High School was placed 29<sup>th</sup> out of 52 schools. There were exceptional individual rides from Logan Nelson placed 19<sup>th</sup> in under 15 boys and Cornelius van Booma 36<sup>th</sup> in the same class. Our girls, new-comers to this sport, Claire Nelson came 4<sup>th</sup> in the under 15 with Johanna van Booma 3<sup>rd</sup> in the under 16 girls, out of a total of over 200 competitors.

### **Waimate High School PTA**

#### **Garden Walk & Kitchen Tour**

**This Sunday 17 October 2010 1pm-4.30pm WET or FINE**

Seven local Gardens & 2 locally built Kitchens. Afternoon tea available from the High School

Prepaid Tickets \$10 or \$15 on the day from the High School Hall

Tickets can be purchased from High School Office, Waimate Outdoors & Waimate Resource Centre.