

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2010

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to all students and staff involved in the Stage Challenge in Dunedin last Friday. I was really proud of their outstanding performance. All that time and hard work they had put in really showed in their creative and dramatic performance. Waimate High School won prizes for creation of character using costume, visual impact and initiative.

Our entry this year was based on Macbeth, a Shakespeare classic that is studied as part of the Year 12 English curriculum. The Scottish theme enabled us to showcase our Scottish dancers and our many other talented students.

This invaluable opportunity for the students was made possible by Ms Walshe, Mrs Kilmartin and Mr Schumacher. Our special thanks also to Mr Kilmartin our Arts Co-ordinator, and Mr and Mrs O'Neil for their donation of time and skills. Our sincere thanks also to Waimate Rotary for their support.



In assembly on Monday John Osborne spoke to the students about the responsibility they have every time they get behind the wheel of a car. He talked about New Zealand's very high road toll. His real concern is about the statistics that sit behind the road toll – that for every fatality there are a huge number of serious injuries and people maimed for life. He stated that the majority of accidents that happen on our roads are

due to driver error and driver incompetence.

Teaching our young people to drive properly is important. Students who have their full drivers' licence can register to participate in a half day course run by Proactive Drive at the Levels Raceway. This is a practical course aimed at teaching car control skills. Registration forms are available from the school office.

A reminder about our school rules on ipods and MP3 players. Senior students may bring these devices to school and they may be used during class time for educational purposes at the discretion of the teacher. At no time should ipods or MP3 players be connected into the school network and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage of these devices if they are brought to school. No junior students should have an ipod or MP3 player at school.

Janette Packman
Principal

NZQA Information for Senior Students

Meetings have been held this week to go over procedures for students to monitor their entries and results on the NZQA website. NCEA entry fees will again be \$75 in 2010. Financial assistance will be available for students whose parents/caregivers are on a benefit and/or qualify for a community services card. Information sheets and application forms for financial assistance were issued on request at these meetings. These forms are also available at the school office.

Invoices will be issued early in Term 3 outlining fees owing and due dates for

payment. The due date for this will be Friday 27 August 2010.

Other matters discussed with Year 11 and 12 at these meetings included:

- The need for ongoing revision and study in preparation for external examinations.
- An emphasis on students self-managing their learning by daily reviewing class-work to identify any learning issues, and then approaching staff for help to overcome these issues.
- Letters due from NZQA later this term outlining key candidate information.
- Upcoming school reports and the need to act on the advice contained in these.
- Opportunities for Course (subject) and NCEA endorsements for Merit and Excellence.

Book Review

The Crowfield Curse by Pat Walsh

Will, an orphan boy, lives in the 14th century at Crowfield Abbey. Sent into the forest to gather wood, he rescues instead, a fantastical creature from a trap – a hob, who shares with Will a dark secret.

Somewhere in the forest behind the abbey where he lives, is a grave. And buried deep in the snow is an angel. But how can an angel die? What has it to do with the history of the forest and Abbey? When two hooded strangers arrive at Crowfield asking questions about the angel's grave, Will is drawn into a battling world of good and bad spirits.

The forces unleashed are terrifying, the characters are never what they seem, but the boy's simple goodness proves to be the real key of the mystery.

40 Hour Famine

The 40-Hour Famine fundraiser is now well underway! It has been wonderful to see the huge effort that our students have put into raising funds. If your child has collected \$50 and has expressed an interest in being part of the 'Walkathon' next weekend, they will have an information letter and permission slip to give you today. The information letter will contain all the details of what your child is to bring along for the walk and sleepover.

Please remind them to give it to you. Please bear in mind that if a child has had ongoing behaviour concerns this year – they will have to sign a behaviour contract before they will be allowed to participate.

Details of the Walkathon and sleepover are as follows:

Date: Saturday 29 May to Sunday 30 May.

Times: 2pm Saturday to 10am Sunday.

If you have sport on Saturday, and still wish to attend, you can start later on Saturday.

All sponsorship money must be handed into the office by no later than **WEDNESDAY 26 May 2010.**

Annual Cross Country

Tuesday 25 May Knottingly Park 1.30pm
Students will walk from school at 1pm.

PTA Gladwrap, Baking Paper, Tin Foil Fundraiser

Order forms are included with this notice for the PTA Fundraiser. These are everyday products that we all use so we hope that you will help support us on the great fundraiser.

Products will be delivered to the school and available for pick up on the 11th June 2010.

Remember to include payment with your order and include a contact phone number and name on all order forms.

Thanking you for your support.

Basketball News 3

Results this week:

Friday night competition

Junior Premier Boys beat Roncalli Gold 39-12

Thursday night competition

Y7&8 Boys beat Sacred Heart 31-30

Waimate Senior Basketball

Last week

Shakers defeated Wizards (B Boys)

A Girls defeated Celtics

Wildcats (B girls) lost to Spirits

Junior Boys lost to Bucks

This weeks games in Timaru

Junior Girls versus Ashburton College

5.30pm SBS Court 1

Senior Girls versus Mountainview

6.15pm SBS Court 1

Senior Boys versus Mountainview

8.30pm SBS Court 2

Junior Boys versus TBHS A 5.30pm TBHS

South Canterbury Road Race Results

On 15 May, the South Canterbury Harriers from Ashburton and Timaru came to Waimate for a road race. The under 16's went in the 5 km race, with a good turn out. First place with a time of 20 mins 20 sec was Matthew Fletcher, and close behind him was Brad McGirr. Third was Dan Mehrtens with only a second before another Waimate runner, Jacob Lightfoot, just ahead of the team from Timaru.