

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2010

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

The Waimate High School staff, students and school community were deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Tony Wood in a car accident during the holidays. Tony's funeral was held here at school last Saturday.

Tony started here as a Year 9 student in 2006 and was in the Group Class CCD. For everyone who knew him, Tony was a nice person to know. He was always positive and genuine in the way he communicated with people. He was honest and worked hard at the subjects that he found interesting. His real strength was his ability to relate to anybody regardless of their age, gender or background. In Group Time he would regularly sit with younger students, taking the time to get to know them. He was an approachable and very likeable young man.

Tony's success in sprinting at Athletics was always a source of pride for him and it was great to see him flying down the track, usually leading the race. At the funeral Mr Albrey presented the Veitch Cup as Tony had won the 100m race at our Athletics day earlier this year.

I was delighted when Tony came to see me at the beginning of this year. He had made the decision to return to school as a Year 13 student. Tony had decided he wanted to be a medic in the army and returned to school so he could work towards gaining the credits he needed to make this happen. I really admired this decision. He had set himself a goal and was intent on working towards it. Even though he knew it would not be easy.

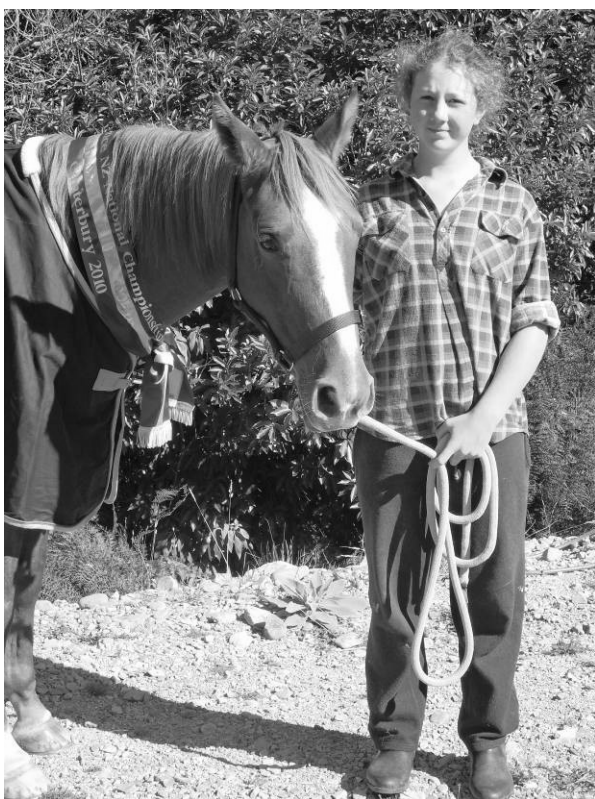
My recent memories of Tony are of a student who was always highly respectful, polite and caring towards others.

At the beginning of term 2 we have the proud tradition of presenting our Year 13 students with a special school pin. This acknowledges their seniority and the special place Year 13 students hold in the school as leaders and role models. Unfortunately Tony just missed out on receiving his. Tony's Year 13 pin was presented to his family so that they can remember the special place he will always hold at Waimate High School.



Our Year 13 students received their pin in assembly on Monday.

Congratulations to Elise Blundell who competed in the New Zealand Endurance Horse Riding Competitions during the holidays in Culverden. Elise was 3rd in the 100km Under 18 Endurance Ride on her horse Jabbawokie. The race began at 5am in the dark with riders wearing headlamps and finished 8 ½ hours later. Jabbawokie was checked thoroughly by a vet after each of the three stages. Well done Elise on this fantastic achievement.



We welcome four new staff to our school this term. Miss Parkin is teaching the art classes while Mrs Dhillon is on maternity leave for the rest of this year. Mrs Harvey is teaching English and Technology, replacing Mrs Rodokal who has taken up a RTLB position in Kaikoura. Mrs Wright is teaching Year 9 Art. Welcome also to Mrs McLennan who is a new teacher aide working in the Learning Centre.

Janette Packman
Principal

Uniform

All students are expected to be wearing the correct winter uniform from Monday 3rd of May. It is expected that parents purchasing new shoes for students will fit them out in lace up shoes. Plenty of boys winter uniform available at the Uniform room.

Australian Maths Competition

The Australian Maths Competition is to be held on 5th August. Competitors need to get their names to Miss Atkinson by the 6th May to enter. Check out www.amt.edu.au for previous questions as now is a good time to start practising! Cost for the event is \$5 per competitor and is open to all year 7 to 13's.

Squash for Beginners

Ever tried squash? Squash for beginners is starting on Thursdays at the squash courts by the stadium. This will run from 4:00 to 6:00 every Thursday. Students are required to bring sports shoes, rackets (if they have one) and \$2 coin for the lights. Contact Miss Atkinson at the school if you have any queries.

Knottingley Park Relay

The infamous Knottingley Park Relay is to take place on Sunday 2nd May this year at Knottingley Park. Entry forms will be in the Trader this week. There are three different relays: walking 4 x 3km, social run 5 x 3km and social competitive 4 x 6km. Cost is \$20 per team, with drinks, nibbles and spot prizes following the run. See Miss Atkinson if any inquiries.

Policies Under Review

The Board of Trustees is presently reviewing the following school policies. Copies of these are available from the office and are available if you would like to view them and make suggestions: Food and Nutrition; Fundraising; ICT; Internet Safety; Maori Achievement; Staff Appointments; Staff Induction; Strategic PD Plan; Transport Car and Minibus; Uniform.

Waimate High School PTA

AGM will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 4 May 7.30 pm
All welcome

Calendar

Sun –Tues 2 -4 May Yr 13 Bio Portobello
Wed 5 May Navy Career Bus
Fri 14 May Stage Challenge
Tues 18 May Work Choice Day Year 12