

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2010

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

This has been a challenging week with the high rainfall and local flooding problems. On Tuesday and Wednesday no buses were able to operate as the road conditions were unsafe. This meant that we had just over half the number of students present at school. As well, four of our staff who travel from Oamaru were unable to get here. Thank you to everyone for being so understanding of the conditions under which we were operating during this time. A huge thank you to our Bus Monitors and drivers for the great work they did in contacting people on their bus run and ensuring that information was passed on. If you have any feedback about our emergency bus procedures please contact either myself or Lindsay Robertson.

It was most disappointing that a student had posted on facebook, that the school was closed. This may have been wishful thinking on their part. In the event of school closure the information will be communicated with our school community through the correct channels.

These include cancellation announcements on the radio or phone calls from the school.

I have been particularly concerned about the number of our students who have been arriving at school very wet. This is because they do not have appropriate weather proof clothing. The school does have a regulation jacket that can be purchased from the Uniform Room. This jacket can also be worn around school. Our uniform regulations also allow students to wear mufti jackets to and from school on wet days but these must be taken off while they are present at school. If you have any questions about the uniform please contact the school office.

Janette Packman
Principal

40 Hour Famine Walkathon and Sleepover.

Due to the extreme weather conditions, we have no option but to cancel our 40 Hour Famine event which was planned for this weekend. Temperatures are expected to drop further, and with the rain and snow on its way, it would not be a good idea to be walking throughout the night. However, for those students who

were going to participate, we will be arranging a visit to the Oamaru pool in the next few weeks. More details of this event will follow.

Please remind your child that if they were issued with a Famine Fundraising booklet, they **MUST** return it, together with the money raised, to the school office by Monday. If they have not raised any funds, the unused booklet must be returned. Thank you to the students for a great effort and to everyone who has helped their child raise their funds.

Pavement Art House competition will be held next Friday 4 June in Queen Street.

The Taniwha's Tear by David Hair

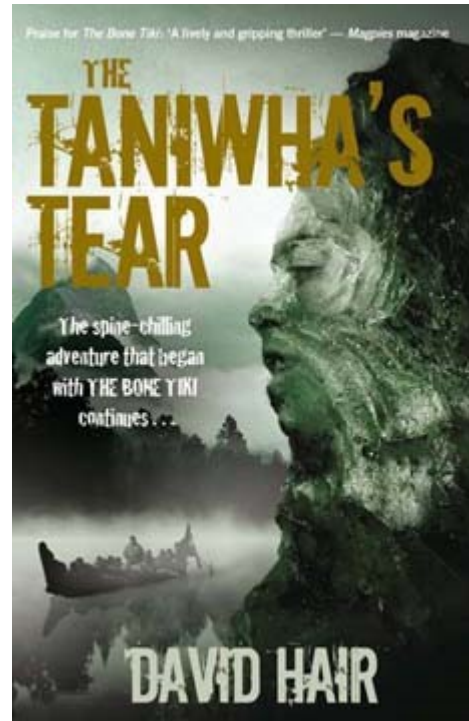
Matiu Douglas has promised to help the storyteller's daughter, but there are a few problems . . . The daughter is dead - she's been petrified in stone for centuries. And she's no longer human . . . she's a taniwha.

When Matiu Douglas and his friends defeated Puarata, they thought they'd won the war. Instead they started one. Now his warlocks are fighting for supremacy in a violent struggle spreading across the magical land of Aotearoa and into our world. The outcome will be determined by the taniwha Mat has promised to save.

But Mat is about to discover no-one can be trusted when your enemies have already mastered powers he has barely begun to learn. Can loyalty and friendship prevail over centuries-old evil?

In *The Bone Tiki*, David Hair began a cycle of compelling, action-packed fantasy novels, steeped in the mythology and history of New Zealand, that will

terrify and captivate readers of all ages. David is from Wellington, but is currently living in India. *The Taniwha's Tear* is his second novel.



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 this 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.

Calendar

Mon 31 May National Young Leaders

Fri 4 June Pavement Art

Mon 7 June Queens Birthday Holiday

Tues-Wed 15-16 June Bayfield Exchange – Dunedin