

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2010

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**29 October 2010**

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**The Principal's word**

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to Chloe Banks on being awarded a place in the prestigious Otago University School Sciences Academy. Chloe will participate in two 5 day residential science camps where she will have first hand experience on practical research projects, working alongside university scientists and other senior students with similar interests. She will also participate in their virtual academy where she will receive on-line support of projects and participate in discussions with the other Academy students. Chloe's selection was based on an outstanding essay that she wrote about science in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We look forward to hearing about Chloe's involvement in this project over the coming year.



A warm invitation has been extended to parents and caregivers for our annual Itinerant Soiree on Wed 3 November. The concert has been re-scheduled to begin at 4pm. This is to enable us to fit in with the local theatre production which some of our students are participating in. As well, teachers' industrial action means that they are not

available in the evening. We hope families will be able to support the itinerant music students for this opportunity to perform.

Negotiations between the Ministry of Education and PPTA are ongoing and a settlement has yet to be reached. As part of the industrial action Year 9 students will be rostered home on Tuesday 2 November. This will mean that teachers will not be available for instruction of Year 9 students that day and we ask that parents and caregivers make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their child. Please inform the school if your Year 9 child will be attending next Tuesday.

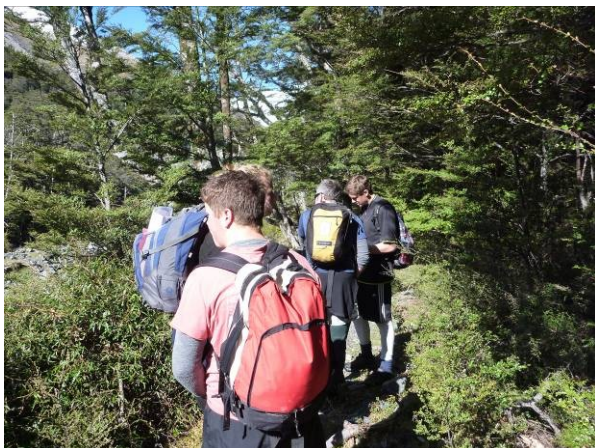
With the end of the year approaching and the closing of our books on the 31 December could I please ask you to present cheques that you have received from the school promptly.

I take this opportunity to remind you that as Principal I need to hear from you if there are aspects about the school that you are not happy with. I sincerely hope that our parents and caregivers feel they can contact the school to talk about issues long before they become big problems. Through the information you provide we can work together in the best interests of our students. Included in this newsletter you will find an outline of our complaints procedures. I hope this will clarify the procedures that we have in place so we can work together to reach a solution agreeable to all parties concerned. Please contact me to discuss this further if you wish to.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### Year 12 Outdoor Pursuits Tramp

Last week 7 students from the Year 12 Outdoor Pursuits class participated in a tramping trip to the Ruataniwha Conservation Area above Lake Ohau. The class was based at Huxley Lodge and participated in 3 day trips as part of their assessment programme for the year. On Tuesday the group began walking in rain to the top of the North Temple track. Conditions improved markedly as the students tramped and it soon cleared to lovely weather. The second day consisted of a tramp up the Hopkins Valley to the Huxley swing bridge and then across to the Red Hut and back to the Lodge. This tramp took a total of 8 hours and there were some tired trampers by the end of the day. The third and final day saw the group tramp into South Temple Hut and back under clear sunny skies. The group walked 55km in total over 2 and a half days and were fortunate to experience some of the regions beautiful scenery first hand. Thanks to Graeme Hamilton and Helen Gardner who gave up their time to supervise the group.



### Career Tips Families and Communities Newsletter

Last week the first Career Tips Families and Communities newsletter was launched. It is aimed at families, whanau and community organizations who support young people. If you wish to subscribe to this free publication to help your child with their learning and career decisions, visit the following website:

[www.careers.govt.nz/newsletters.html](http://www.careers.govt.nz/newsletters.html) <<http://www.careers.govt.nz/newsletters.html>

### Basketball News

Waimate High School students were again well represented at this year's South Canterbury Basketball Association Representative Awards. The following students were acknowledged for various awards: Malcolm Elderton, Lisa McGirr &

Bradley McGirr - Level One Referees. Ruby Cochrane, Tyla Stevenson & Annaliese Wilson - Commitment to Basketball. Kimberley Olorenshaw - U13 Girls Team Member - this team was awarded the 'Team of the Year'. Malcolm Elderton - U15 Boys Green Best Defensive. Jarrod Richards - U15 Boys White Most Valuable. Elliot Wilson - U15 Boys White Team Member. Tyla Stevenson - U17 Girls Most Improved. Lisa McGirr, Ruby Cochrane & Annaliese Wilson - U17 Girls Team Members. Jayden Butcher - U17 Boys Team Member. Hayden Russell - U19 Boys Team Member. Malcolm also received the Junior Male Player of the Year. Congratulations everyone.



### South Canterbury Basketball Representative Development Trials

SBS Events Centre  
UNDER 12 Boys & Girls 31 October 2-3.30pm  
Registrations begin at 1.30pm

UNDER 14 Boys & Girls 31 October 4-5.30pm  
Registrations begin at 3.30pm

UNDER 16 Boys & Girls 28 October 5.30-7pm  
Registrations begin at 3.30pm

Teams to attend the annual Canterbury Regional Quad Tournament on the weekend of December 3, 4 & 5.

### Calendar

**Fri 29 Oct** Awards Night tonight

**Mon 1 Nov** Board Meeting 7pm

**Mon-Tue 1-2 Nov** Yr 7 trip to Christchurch

**Wed 3 Nov** Itinerant Soiree 4pm

**Mon-Wed 8-10 Nov** Yr 10 Fw Camp

**Tue 9 Nov** Seniors last day  
Senior Prizegiving

**Wed-Fri 10-12 Nov** Yr 10Fh Camp

**Wed-Fri 10-12 Nov** Senior Tutorials

**Thu 11 Nov** Scholarship Exams start

**Mon 15 Nov** NZQA Exams start

**Mon-Wed 15-17 Nov** Yr 10Fs Camp

**Wed 2 Dec** Clearance day for Seniors

**Tue-Wed 7-8 Dec** Junior Activities

**Thu 9 Dec** Junior Prizegiving 1.30 pm