

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2010

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### 3 September 2010

#### Newsletter:10:3:7

#### The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

To all you parents who work with us in such a positive manner, a big thank you.

To the parents who send their children to school looking smart and with their hair tied back, a big thank you.

To all you parents who ring in when your child is absent, a big thank you.

To all you parents who treat our front line staff, politely and quietly a big thank you.

However there have been a few instances lately in our school of staff being abused by parents from our community. This abuse mostly consists of verbal harassment and threats, but sometimes translates into real physical risk as well.

Other instances of harassment of staff occur in a more passive manner when parents fail to back us up in the rules and expectations we set for students.

We sometimes clash over uniform (or visible piercings), for instances, which is a set of rules imposed on students through the uniform committee of the Board of Trustees. For parents to target teachers for enforcing these rules which come from the parent community itself is not only very undermining, we also believe it is very unfair. Similarly, it is equally unfair for parents to expect teachers to allow students to withdraw from classes which are mandated as compulsory by the New Zealand Government.

I am not on a "Holier than thou Crusade".

I appreciate we are all human and I do know that we as teachers sometimes do not always treat you with the dignity and respect you believe you deserve. I can assure we work hard to treat all pupils and visitors to our school with dignity and

respect. I have asked our staff to work hard and set an example in this regard.

We ask that parents set an example for their children by dealing with staff in a calm and polite manner.

We gain nothing by working against each other.

To the 370 families in our school community who support us, who show respect and who treat us with dignity, a very big thank you.

Industrial action is highly likely as a result of the breakdown in the award talks between the PPTA and the Ministry of Education. Although we have not yet received official confirmation I am advising you that there is a high probability that timetabled classes may not be able to be offered on Wednesday 15 September. The school will be officially open for instruction and some supervision will be provided. I will send a special letter, giving more details, home to all parents if official confirmation of a strike is received.

I think we are all hopeful this matter can be resolved without this disruption.

Have a great weekend

Russell Crossan  
Acting Principal

#### Haka Bark Up 2010

Y10 Rural Studies students attended a careers field day at Caberfeidh Station in the Hakataramea Valley on 20 August. Organised by the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation and Beef and Lamb NZ, the event demonstrated a range of careers available in agriculture. About 120 students from eight different high schools were in attendance.

Activity modules included sheep-dog training, animal identification and recording on beef and

sheep farms, animal health and nutrition, shearing, and irrigation and livestock feeding. They were run by industry professionals and young role models were available to answer questions about their jobs and chosen career pathways.



Congratulations must go to Nigel Bertenshaw for being selected by the organisers as one of nine students to have a day's work experience on a commercial farm during the next school holiday. All our students benefited from a day out in the fresh air and getting a taste of rural life. Hopefully it opened their eyes to the multitude of prospects available and motivated young people in agriculture. Thanks also to parent Ken Buckingham for his assistance in transporting students on the day.

### **Buddy Programme – Family Works Become a big Buddy & help a little Buddy**

The Buddy programme provides support and guidance for children aged from 5-13 through developing a long term relationship with a trained adult buddy (18yrs or older, men or women).

Children who may benefit from having a buddy are referred through a variety of agencies, schools and families.

Big buddies are volunteers who are prepared to give one or two hours of their time each week to be a friend/mentor and share in a variety of inexpensive activities i.e. bike rides, walks, kick a ball, fly a kite, picnics, baking, gardening etc.. and ultimately, have loads of fun.

Training and ongoing support/supervision are available for the Big Buddies, who are checked for suitability prior to being accepted into the programme.

If you want to know more about becoming a Big Buddy contact Matt on 03 688 5029 at Family Works 26 North Street, Timaru.

### **Trapshooting**

Our team of 6 trapshooters will be heading down to Alexandra this Sunday to compete against other Secondary Schools in the Intercollegiate Clay Target Shoot.

### **Movie Fundraiser**

**Waimate High School Trapshooting Team to Christchurch "KARATE KID"** at the Waimate Regent Theatre **tonight** at 7.30pm, tickets are available at the school office \$10 each.

### **P.T.A. Garden/Kitchen Walk**

Our High School PTA Committee are busy organising a **Garden/Kitchen Walk** Fundraiser in October. Local people have kindly opened their gardens & homes which you'll be able to view on **Sunday 17 October**, (our first weekend back in Term 4), between **1 - 4.30pm**. **Tickets are \$10 each**, which also includes afternoon tea.

Tickets will be available from the High School Office & Waimate Outdoors on Queen St.

### **Junior Boys Basketballers acquit themselves well at South Island Tournament**

The Waimate High School Junior Boys basketball team travelled to Nelson on the 27 August to compete in the South Island Yr 9 & 10 Secondary Schools tournament held over the next three days at the wonderful Saxton complex at Richmond. Also attending the tournament were the biggest and best teams in the island. A full report on the tournament will be in the Advertiser on Wednesday next week.

### **Calendar**

**Sun-Tues 5-7 Sept** Yr 12 Tourism/Yr 12

Geography Queenstown

**Wed-Fri 8-10 Sept** Yr 12 ODP Rail Trail

**Mon-Wed 13-15 Sept** Talent Quest

**Wed 22 Sept** Board Meeting 7 pm