

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2011

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

It was great to see how enthusiastically staff and students entered into the spirit of our Book Day last Friday. The Cheshire Cat (Miss Parkin) even carried out her morning duty in character up a tree. Well done to all involved.



Staff in character: Miss Adam, Ms Harvey, Miss Parkin, Mr Ford, Mr Shea, Mr Schumacher, Mrs Foster



Students: Tim Caird, Molly Patterson, Shaun Kingsbury, Annaliese Wilson, Malcolm Elderton

Six senior leaders participated in the Aoraki Leadership Camp at Raincliff during the weekend. This was a great opportunity for our leaders to work with students in similar roles from other schools in South Canterbury. Students received information about leadership and participated in activities to support their personal leadership development.

Guest speaker Jo Goodhew spoke about her political career and the goals she has set along the way. Jason Barrell was a real inspiration. He told his life story starting with dyslexia, a broken neck, the loss of a promising rugby career, a brain tumour that took him close to death, to name just some of his misfortunes. Despite these extreme adversities Jason is now a motivational speaker with the key message that: "The only real disability is a bad attitude".



Jo Goodhew talking to student leaders.



Group goal setting session: Sam Mehrtens, Phoebe Todd, Caleb Morton, Liberty Kennedy Nuttall, Lisa McGirr, Kristy Thomas.

At the camp our Prefects set a visionary goal for their leadership roles this year. They want to encourage the Waimate High School students to be enthusiastic and have real pride in their school. They have a number of projects that they will be implementing in their work towards this goal. The first of these involved them running the School Assembly on Monday and telling students and staff about their goal. Students will find out more about their exciting plans in the near future.

I was really proud of the way in which our student leaders conducted themselves at the camp. The vision goal they have set themselves is also in line with our school vision where we want all of our students to be 'confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners'. Our student leaders are certainly demonstrating these qualities.

Winter uniform will be worn by all students from the beginning of term 2. This will give you the holidays to ensure all items of your uniforms are in order. Parents' thank you for your support – it has been good to see students wearing their uniforms correctly and with winter approaching it is even more important for students to be wearing the correct school shoes. Kilts on order need to be picked up from the uniform room. Mrs Scott will have the uniform room open 3.15 to 4pm Thursday during term time. Or phone the school office to arrange a time to meet with her.

On Wednesday 15 of our Peer Mediators spoke to Year 7 and 8 students about the process they use to resolve conflict within the school. These specially trained Year 12 and 13 mediators are available to assist students who have problems. Junior students can sometimes feel more comfortable speaking to their older peers about their troubles.

After the presentation the mediators performed a role play to demonstrate the process in action and then answered some very sensible questions put forward by the junior students.



Peer Mediators telling Year 7 and 8 students about this conflict resolution process.

Interim reports have now been posted home for all students. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss their learning programme in more detail.

We are planning to hold an NCEA information evening for parents of Year 11, 12 and 13 students. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with teachers.

Janette Packman
Principal

School Uniform

A new addition to the school uniform will be a bottle green wool vest, with the school logo printed on – as seen on the jersey. Price will be approximately \$64 (to be confirmed).

Vests should be available at the beginning of term 2 from Postie Plus.

Teacher Aide Position available

20 hours per week for term 2 to be negotiated after that.

Job Description available from the school office.

Application by letter, CV and 2 referees to The Principal, Waimate High School, Paul Street, Waimate.

Applications close Friday 8 April 2011



Year 11 Agriculture students have started their farm skills course with Agribusiness Training at a local farm. Students are tutored in animal handling and drenching, tractor driving, assembling a farm water supply and pasture assessment before practicing their new found skills.

Situation Vacant Relief Milker

A relief milker is required for weekends and school holidays on a 600 cow dairy farm on the Waimate-Hunter Road.

Some previous experience is required.

Contact Lyndon on 689 5586

or 027 555 3725

Attention Parents

Has your son or daughter excelled in one of the schools many sports, cultural or arts events? Then why not have these precious moments immortalised for 6 or 12 months in an A3 calendar? The Student Council is looking into design and making custom calendars to sell to parents and caregivers etc. If interested please contact the school office or ask your son or daughter to talk to their group teacher.

Youthtown School Holiday Day Trips

These trips are aimed at youth from year 6 to year 13.

Test Your Altitude Rock Climbing

Rock climbing and Abseiling at Elephant Rocks, bring a packed lunch.

When: Tuesday 19 April & 26 April

Where: Youthtown Office, 87 Thames St

Time: Depart 9am – Return 2pm

Mountain Bike Venture

A day riding into the unknown

Bikes and helmets available

When: Wednesday 20 April

Where: Youthtown Office 87 Thames St

Time: Depart 8.30 am

Cost: \$40

Only 8 places available for this trip

Rock & Roll

Test your skills on the rock wall in the morning. Win Youthtown vouchers by completing the Test Your Altitude Challenge.

Mountain biking in the afternoon

Bikes and safety gear provided

When: Thursday 21 April

Where: Waitaki Rec Centre

Time: 9am

Cost: \$40

Only 8 places available for this programme

Queenstown Skyline Mountain Rush

A unique experience taking your bike up on the Skyline Gondola to ride the various Ben Lohmond Forest tracks in Queenstown.

Overnight in Cromwell.

When: April 27th, Ride Thursday 28th

All day gondola pass, accommodation, bikes and helmets available.

Cost: \$80

Only 8 places available for this trip.

All enquiries Contact Mike 03 434 6473 or

027 229 9198.

Calendar

Sat 2 Apr SISS Athletics

Wed 6 Apr SC Primary Swimming Sports

Wed 6 Apr Marae Careers Day Arowhenua

Fri 15 Apr Last day of Term

Mon 2 May Start of Term 2

Mon 2 May BOT Meeting 7pm

Thur 5 May Stage Challenge