

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2011

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10 June 2011

Newsletter:

The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Our Big A award scheme recognises the positive behaviour of students. A 'Big A' is given to students for outstanding achievement, effort or diligence in either curricular or extra-curricular activities. When students receive 5 Big A's they are presented with a certificate by their Group Teacher. Ten Big A's earns them a certificate that I present in Group Class and for 20 Big A's, students are presented with a certificate and \$10 book voucher in assembly. 40 Big A's earns students a certificate, \$20 voucher and their named mentioned in the newsletter. So far this year ten students have been presented with their 20 Big A certificates and vouchers in assembly. This is a fantastic achievement and I urge students to make that extra effort so they can be rewarded in this way.

Senior reports will be posted home today. Please spend time discussing your child's report with them. They contain information about their achievement in each subject so far this year as well as suggestions for next steps for learning.

Our Senior Report Evening is scheduled for Thursday 16 June. We hope to see you all there.

Janette Packman
Principal

The Art of Learning

Letters were recently sent home to parents and caregivers regarding a learning programme, 'The Art of Learning'. We have subscribed to this programme to assist the students in achieving success in NZQA qualifications as well as providing them with strategies to help them in life-long learning. Please return the permission forms and payment as soon as possible. We highly recommend this one day programme and expect all of our senior students to participate. The presenters will be holding a parent information session at 7.30pm on Thursday 23 June, so parents can be informed about the study skills students have been learning about.

The REAL GAME

Year 10 Students have been participating in a learning programme known as the Real Game over the past few weeks. It is a career based programme which introduces students to the world of work and helps them to develop an

understanding of the options and opportunities available to them and also the implications and importance of their choices. A significant part of this programme was the students' attendance at the careers expo held recently in Timaru which was extremely informative. The REAL GAME is a useful step towards individual learning and career planning, including course choices in the senior school. The process of course choices will begin shortly.



History News

Year 11 and 12 History students have visited the Museum exhibitions in recent weeks. The Year 12 students have been researching local history issues and places and have been making good use of the archives, with the valuable assistance of Sue Hanham.



Annaliese Wilson and Erina Watts

Year 11 Students are currently studying about issues that shaped the identity of New Zealand and enjoyed familiarising themselves with aspects of Waimate's heritage. Of particular interest to both groups was the informative display about the Moa, which is a real credit to those involved in setting it up.

Waimate District Council Public Forum

To be held 1pm, Tuesday 21 June 2011 at the Waimate District Council Chambers.

Many of our students have indicated they wish to attend this forum in order to participate in and hear discussion about a number of local issues. An issue that is very topical amongst the youth of Waimate and their parents and caregivers is the recent decision by Council to deny further funding of feasibility planning and design work for the proposed Sports and Leisure facility in the community.

The forum is a real opportunity for our students to be actively involved in community affairs and contribute to the decision making process. It is also an opportunity for Council to consider the views of the youth of the district, and their parents on issues affecting them.

Students who have permission by parents/caregivers to attend this forum will be accompanied to the Council by staff members.

If you wish to allow your student to attend this forum please forward a permission note, email, or phone call to the school office granting that permission.

Netball

Congratulations to Tyla Stevenson who was recently selected in the South Canterbury Under 16 netball team. Tyla will attend 4 tournaments over the coming weeks, culminating with the Otago Under 17 tournament to be held over 3 days in Dunedin. It is particularly challenging to break into a South Canterbury representative netball team when there is such significant competition in both quantity and quality. Well done Tyla.



Bridget Rollinson and Tyla Stevenson

Bridget Rollinson was selected to trial for the South Canterbury Year 9 team. Unfortunately Bridget did not make the final team selection. After watching the nominated players during games, only a portion are selected to trial, therefore it is an achievement to make the trial selection. It is Bridget's first year playing in the Timaru competition, and Bridget will have the benefit of the trial experience to take through to next season.

Both Tyla and Bridget are members of the WHS A netball team who compete in the Netball South Canterbury competition. After losing 5 year 13 players from the core 8 from last season,

the team has a somewhat youthful look this year, with many new combinations being worked on. The girls have had a positive start to the 2011 season, and look poised to move up another section before the final round commences. This will ensure some challenging games are played before the team heads to the South Island Secondary School tournament in Christchurch in August.

Bayfield Exchange

This will be held on Wednesday 15 June. Billets will be arriving at school on Tuesday 14 June at 2.30pm approximately.

All players are expected to bring a plate on Wednesday.

Attached to this newsletter is the draw for the exchange.

Calendar

Mon 13 June SPARC Ambassadors Seminar Week

Tues-Wed 14-15 June Bayfield Exchange

Thur 16 June Engineering Level 2 Aoraki Day 1

Thur 16 June 11AGR Farm Day Group 2

Thur 16 June 12AGR Farm Careers Day

Thur 16 June Senior Report Evening

Sat 18 June School Ball

Tues 21 June SC Primary Cross Country

Fri 24 June Teacher Only Day

Wed 29 June Open Afternoon

Wed 13 July Junior Report Evening