

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2011

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Our theme in assemblies this term has been 'respecting differences in others.' Ms Walshe shared with us her message that "we're all different in many ways, so let's accept and celebrate that fact."

Our 16 new Peer Mediators were presented with their badges this week. They will be joining five students who have been providing the peer mediation service in our school for the last year. The mediators are keen to use the skills they have learnt to support and assist other students to deal appropriately with conflict situations.

This week 15 senior students attended a Student Coaching Programme in Timaru, where they learnt about generic coaching principles as well as specific coaching drills and practice techniques for their particular sports. We have an impressive number of students participating in sports and it is great to see our students also stepping up to the role of coaching.

Rehearsals are well underway for our entry into Stage Challenge to be held in Dunedin on Thursday 5 May. 81 students from all year levels are performing in our entry 'Celebrate – Communicate,' a celebration of all the different ways we communicate with each

other. These include: the arts, sign language and braille, gestures, speech, writing, film etc.



This week we farewell three staff who are leaving our school. Ms Lewis has been Homeroom teacher for 8Lw. She has accepted a promotion at Tongariro School.

Miss Lawler has been teaching English and Drama while Mrs Kilmartin has been on maternity leave for term 1. We wish Miss Lawler our best wishes in her new appointment at Geraldine High School.

The students held a special assembly to farewell a popular and respected teacher, Mr Caird, who has accepted a position at Ellesmere College as Assistant HOD of Physical Education. Mr Caird has been teaching here at Waimate High School for the last six years and during that time he has coached the 1st 15 Team. His regular games of Touch on the sports field during lunchtimes have developed this sport significantly. Twice he has taken a Touch team to the South Island Champs and later this year the touch team will be competing in the National Champs.

Prior to his teaching career he was a student of Waimate High School and he was Head Boy in 1999.



Mr Matt Simonsen will be teaching Mr Caird's classes from the beginning of term 2.

Janette Packman
Principal

Fire Safety Course for Gateway Students

Last week the Gateway students completed the second day of their Fire Safety Course at Washdyke. The students had the opportunity to see and learn about many different types of fire and the appropriate way to attack them. They used fire extinguishers and fire blankets to put fires out. They also learnt how to deal with chemical spills, to identify hazards and covered some first aid.

The students all really enjoyed their two days of practical and theory work along with the various scenarios they had to deal with.



Claire Nelson putting out a fire using a fire blanket.



George Sadler using a fire extinguisher

Basketball News

There are a number of Waimate High School students who will be representing South Canterbury age group basketball over the school holidays.

For the SC Under 17 Boys, Malcolm Elderton, Jayden Butcher and Elliot Wilson (non-travelling reserve) will be competing at the Premierships in Nelson this weekend along with SC Under 17 Girls - Ruby Cochrane and Tyla Stevenson.

Jarrad Richards and Dan Patterson have been selected in the SC Under 15 boys and will be competing at an Easter Tournament in Timaru.

Curtis Richards as a member of the SC Under 19 Boys will also be competing at the Premierships in Nelson on 28th April - 1st May.

Good luck to all of these students. Well done.

Moto-X

Brodie Wilton competed in the first round of the National Suzuki Cross country series last weekend. The event was held at Blenheim. Brodie is competing in the adult races. This is a three hour endurance race over extremely rough terrain. Brodie was place 22nd overall in a field of 110. He was 6th in his class- under 300cc, 4 stroke bikes. The next round is at Cheviot in early May.

Golf

Nathan Williams represented WHS at the recent Aoraki Secondary Schools golf championship. This was held at the Lower Waitaki Golf Course. Nathan had a net 71 which was a pleasing result especially as he had one horror hole! The rest of his round was steady and consistent. Well done Nathan.

Parent Teacher Association AGM

Our school PTA have set down **Thursday 19th May** for our **Annual General Meeting**. This will be held in the **Staff Room at 7.30pm**. All Parents & Caregivers welcome.

We have a small committee of parents who would like to see some new faces, so if you are interested please contact Trish Davis 689 7983

AFS Exchange Host Families are needed for a possible 8 week stay. Please contact Janette Packman 689 8920.

Spirit of Adventure

We have a berth available for a male student on the Spirit of Adventure from the 20 June to 29 June 2011 leaving from Auckland and returning to Auckland. We have to reply to the trust by 21 April to confirm the booking. The student needs to have turned 15 years of age. If you and your family are interested in finding out more phone Mr Albrey on 689 2704.

Waimate Main School Hot Lunches for ex Main School students are being offered at the start of term 2 and will run through to the end of term 3. Menu and order forms are available from the high school office or main school office.

A "Touch of the Highlands"

is coming to Waimate **Sunday 17 April** Celebrating NZ National Highland Cattle Day. Colourful and entertaining chance to see Highland cattle up close. Venue is the garden at Te Kiteroa Lodge, 227 Point Bush Road.

Free entry. Wear a touch of Tartan Dress for outdoor event, prizes for Best Dressed and kids

Contact 03 689 1088 for more details

COURTESY VAN running on the hour between Waimate Information Centre and Te Kiteroa Lodge from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For further details contact Ann 03 689 1088 or Heather 03 689 4753

Uniform room

Re opens **Thursday 5th May** 3.15 - 4pm. Orders for new black school jackets to be made to the office with payment please.

Calendar

Mon 2 May Start of Term 2
Mon 2 May BOT Meeting 7pm
Wed 4 May Dunedin Tertiary Day
Thur 5 May Stage Challenge
Thur 5 May Lincoln Uni Liaison Yr 13
Fri 6 May Canterbury Uni Liaison Yr 13
Sun-Tue 8-10 May Yr 13 Geog Karitane
Wed 11 May Aoraki Squash
Thur 12 May Aoraki Cycling
Thur 12 May Parent Evening NCEA
Fri 13 May School Cross Country