

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2011

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Congratulations to our student and staff Relay For Life teams who participated in this worthy event to raise money for the Cancer Society. I have received a number of very positive comments about what a wonderful group of students we had participating. Well done to all involved!

During the weekend I watched television with horror as images of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan unfolded. We have been in contact with our sister school, Takudai Ichiko High School, which is located in the west part of Tokyo. They report power and food shortages, and problems with transport but are all well. Next week Ellen White (Year 12) was intending to travel to Japan and stay for six weeks. Ellen is our first student to participate in an exchange with our Japanese school. Her trip has been postponed for the time being and, all going well in Japan, her trip will go ahead later in the year.

Tony Dudley spoke to our students in assembly on Monday. His message was that "it takes real guts to stand up to people who make racist comments but that is exactly what we all need to do". He challenged students to "do the right thing – which is the hard right and not the easy wrong". He pointed out that the only person who has control over our behaviour is ourselves. Our actions, behaviours and attitudes start with ourselves. These messages are important as we shape the culture of Waimate High School into the school we want it to be, where every student is a valued member of our school family.

Some of our students from Christchurch have now returned home, some will be returning over the next few weeks, and others will be staying for longer. We have thoroughly enjoyed having them with us I sincerely hope that their stay has been an enjoyable one. I know our students will want to keep in contact with them on their return as some lasting friendships have been made. Our very best wishes as you return home and settle back into school in Christchurch once again. For Christchurch students who will be staying with us on a longer term basis, we are very pleased to offer you a settled learning environment. We would appreciate that uniforms loaned to students on their arrival are returned to the school when they leave.



Thirteen Year 12 and 13 students spent Tuesday morning in the Food Tech room completing a Level 2 Food Safety Practical Assessment. This assessment is done in conjunction with the Aoraki Polytechnic and involved the students having to prepare a deluxe chicken sandwich and a burger. Both these items had to be prepared in a manner that would make them perfectly safe to be sold or distributed to general public. It involved boning

and skinning a chicken thigh and perfecting the cooking of a mince pattie for the burger.

The students all enjoyed the experience and hope to repeat the exercise later in the year with another assessment.

Gateway Safety Training Day

On Wednesday, 22 students had the opportunity to attend a Gateway Safety Training Day at the Fire Station. The aim of the course was to learn about safe work practices in the work place and to look at hazard identification and risk assessment.

Gary O'Rourke travelled from Dunedin to do the presentation. The students had a very full on day and through the use of film clips, video and discussion the students saw and heard about the consequences of not using the right gear when doing a job. They learnt that it is okay to say 'no' when faced with a job that they haven't had the proper training for and don't feel safe about doing. They also learnt about fire drills and evacuation and even had a practice.

A video clip that will stay in the minds of the students for a long time, involved a young person texting while driving. The consequences of that action brought tears to some of our students' eyes!

The Gateway students have now completed their First Aid and Workplace Safety courses, and some of them will have the opportunity to travel to the Fire Safety Training complex at Washdyke to do some Fire Safety training later this month.



Well done to our students who competed in the Country Schools Athletics Championships on Thursday, our annual competition with Opihi College, Mackenzie College and Geraldine High School. 2011 was our turn to host the event so special thanks must go to Mrs Bell, Mr Albrey and Mrs Lyall for their outstanding organisation which

ensured that it was a highly successful competition.

Interim reports will be posted to you next Friday. These will inform you about how your son or daughter has settled into their school learning programme for the year. Please contact the school if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Janette Packman
Principal

Waterwise Field Trip

Last month two Year 12 students from Waimate High School spent a week at the Lake Ruataniwha Rowing Club in Twizel researching water uses, sustainability and hydro generation. Emily Powell and Zoe Mehrtens along with 17 other students from as far south as Dunedin attended the Waterwise course which was run and funded by Untouched World and Meridian. Emily and Zoe were nominated for this course by their Geography teacher Justin Thompson. Waterwise is a three year project and our school will be selecting students for future participation.



During the week the students visited the Ohau B power station, Mount Cook and the Tasman Glacier to see the source of Lake Pukaki and took water samples to see the changes from the silt laden glacial water to the river water downstream. They also visited a dairy farm at Duntroon, looking at the water usage and then to a salmon farm and with DOC team members they visited

the Black Stilt Recovery and a native fish release programme. A highlight of the trip for the girls was time spent with members of Ngai Tahu as they demonstrated how they caught eels for release further upstream. Some of the eels were up to 11kgs and over a metre long. Another highlight was a rowing lesson on the Ruataniwha Lake to experience a recreational water activity.

Their final task for the week was to give a creative presentation on the findings from the week's information gathering. This was presented to the major sponsors and the Mayor of Mackenzie and involved powerpoint, movies and narrative. This was obviously a very enjoyable experience for Zoe and Emily.

PTA Fundraiser

Waimate High School and Timaru Girls High School have been offered the profit from a Fashion Parade that is being held at Ballantynes on the 31st March 2011. The cost of this is \$12.00 with \$10.00 per ticket of profit being split between the two school.

All we have to do is sell the tickets and help promote this Fashion Parade.

We will have 4 students from our school attending the event as models and we hope that you will all get a group together and come and buy a ticket.

Doors open at 6.30pm with drinks and nibbles and the show starts at 7.00pm

At the conclusion of the show you will get a chance to view the latest fashion that Ballantynes has to offer.

The school office has the tickets available for sale now. Come and support your school.

Christchurch Fundraiser Variety Concert

Saturday 19 March, Waimate High School Hall, 7.00 pm \$5.00 per person, \$15.00 per family. Supper provided.

A great evenings' entertainment from WHS students including singing, solos, duets, bands, hip hop dancing, highland dancing, poetry, musical instruments.

All proceeds to Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

South Canterbury Under 13 & Under 15 Basketball Representative Trials SBS Events Centre, Timaru Sunday March 13 2011

Under 13 girls 1 pm
REGISTRATIONS BEGIN AT 12.30PM
Under 13 boys 1.30pm
REGISTRATIONS BEGIN AT 1.00PM
Under 15 girls 2 pm
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Under 15 boys 2.30pm
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Waimate Sports United/ Waimate High School Sports Coordinator

The role is a dual part-time position (Terms 1 & 4 – 10 hours per week, and Terms 2 & 3 – 20 hours per week) to coordinate the delivery of sports programmes in Waimate Primary Schools and Waimate High School.

The aim of this role is to improve students' sports skills and increase participation in school & club sport.

Job descriptions and further information available from:

Barry Jury, Waimate Centennial School
03 689 8295 or email bjury@centennial.school.nz
Applications close on Wednesday 23 March 2011

Waimate JAB Rugby practice for all teams (U9-U13) 5.30-6.30 Wednesday evenings at the Waimate Rugby grounds. Still taking registrations for U9-U13 teams in the JAB. Any queries please phone Kirsten 689 8814

Youthtown Flights

Youthtown in conjunction with the North Otago Aero Club are hailing those with an interest in learning to fly or simply wanting to get an aerial view over the Waitaki District.

Your booking gives you a 20 minute flight along with the opportunity to take over the controls. Cameras a must.

Date: Sunday 3rd April
First flight 10.00am @ Oamaru Airport
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Bookings essential
Minimum 3 people per flight
Cost \$30pp

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Calendar

Tues 22 Mar Aoraki SS Swimming
Sun-Tue 20-22 Mar Yr 13 History Trip
Mon 21 Mar Board Meeting 7 pm
Wed 23 Mar Aoraki Athletics – Aorangi Park
Fri-Sat 25-26 Mar Prefect Leadership Camp
Sat 26 Mar SISS Touch Tournament

Sat 2 April SISS Athletics