

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2011

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2011. I sincerely hope that all our families have enjoyed the Christmas holiday break and that 2011 will be a successful and fulfilling one for us all.

You should expect this to be brought home to you every Friday by your son or daughter. As well, our newsletter is available on our school website later on Fridays. Please read the information in the newsletter as this is an important means of communication with you.

Welcome back to our students and especially to students who are new to Waimate High School. Welcome also to our new teachers. Mr Shea is our new Deputy Principal who is teaching Year 9 Music, Social Studies and Skills For Life. Ms Lewis is a Year 8 Homeroom teacher, also teaching Year 7 Art. Ms Lawler is teaching Drama and Senior English this term while Mrs Kilmartin is on maternity leave. Mrs Ottley has returned from maternity leave and will be teaching a Year 8 Homeroom class. Mrs Rodokal is teaching fulltime with us this year, teaching a Year 8 Homeroom and Technology. Dr Storr resumes his teaching position in computing after having leave for work leading our video conference cluster.

Our Year 13 students have made a very positive start to their year with two days of the Peer Support Leadership Programme. This week they are starting to put into practice all they learnt as they work with their Peer Support groups. Thank you to Mrs Warner and the staff involved in making this available.

Our Prefects for 2011 were announced at our first assembly for the year. They are:

Head Prefects: Lisa McGirr
and Brodie Wilton
Arts Prefects: Kristy Thomas
and Caleb Morton
Sports Prefects: Stacey Burnett
and Rhys Morgan
Deputy Prefects: Liberty Kennedy Nuttall
and Sam Mehrtens



Congratulations to these students on their selection. They are already working hard in their respective roles.

We were most fortunate this year to receive an impressive number of applications for

students wishing to be prefects. It was a challenging job for the selection panel, initially to shortlist from 21 to the 13 students who were interviewed and then to select the 8 prefects. The impressive number of students putting themselves forward for these important roles reflects positively on the range of opportunities our students have to develop leadership skills prior to Year 13. Well done to all of the students who applied. The selection panel were particularly impressed with the calibre of applications and the presentation of students in their interviews. Thank you also to the selection panel of four staff and four Year 12 students.

Some of our students have been very busy during the holidays participating in a variety of exciting activities. These are the accomplishments that I am aware of:

Congratulations to Ruby Cochrane who competed in the Athletics National Championships in Hastings in December. Ruby achieved the bronze medal for Junior Girls' Discus and was 9th in the Junior Girls' Javelin. Ruby also represented the South Island in basketball in the U17 Girls' Pacific Coast Slam at Port Macquarie tournament where she was in the starting 5 for her team.

Congratulations to Malcolm Elderton who was Captain of the Boys' Under 15 South Island Basketball Team who competed in the Pacific Coast Slam at Port Macquarie. Best wishes for the U17 trials next weekend, Malcolm.

Glen Drake played in the South Canterbury U18 Boys' Cricket Team, competing in the Canterbury region tournament in Christchurch. He was Captain of the South Canterbury U16 Boys' Cricket Team and this team was placed 1st = in the tournament. He was also Captain of the South Canterbury Team that competed in the Quad Series. This team was placed 1st= competing against the three other Canterbury teams in the series. Glen also played in the Canterbury U16 Boys' Cricket Team who played in a four day series against Wellington A. Canterbury won all their games bar one and Glen was named an outstanding player over the series. Congratulations Glen!

Beatrice O'Brien has been accepted into the Junior Pettman Academy of Music and has been awarded a fee scholarship to participate in their development programme for singing. This will involve Beatrice attending the University of Otago one day each week for lessons and lectures for the duration of this year. Well done Beatrice!

Three senior students attended the Otago University Hands on Science week in January. They were Todd Aikman, Kristy Thomas and Lisa McGirr. The students tell me they had an awesome time working on various research projects.

Chloe Banks attended the Otago University Advanced Schools Science Academy for a week in Dunedin with 51 other students where she attended lectures about Science communication and participated in a variety of projects in the areas of genetics, chemistry and information science. During the term Chloe will be participating in an online knowledge forum where she will discuss science ideas with fellow academy students. Chloe is looking forward to attending a further camp at the university in July.

All Year 7 parents are warmly invited to an information evening at 7pm on Wednesday 9 February in the school library. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's homeroom teacher and to ask us questions about anything you are wondering about. We will be talking to you about our procedures and presenting information about the proposed Year 7 camp. We look forward to meeting you all then.

Janette Packman
Principal

Canteen Manager position available. Applications are invited and due 18 February. Job Description available at the school office.

Calendar:

Tues 8 Feb School photos

Wed 9 Feb Swimming Sports
am Heats pm Finals

Wed 9 Feb Yr 7 Parent Information Evening

Thur 10 Feb Aoraki Tennis

Tue-Thur 15-17 Feb Year 7 Camp

Tues 15 Feb First X1 Gillette Cup vs MVHS
(away)

Wed 16 Feb Yr 8 Parent Information Evening

Wed 23 Feb Country HS Swimming Sports
(Mackenzie)

Wed 23 Feb 11 AGR Health & Safety Day

Thur 24 Feb Athletic Sports pm only

Fri 25 Feb Athletic Sports (all day)

Mon 28 Feb First Aid training – Gateway &
Outdoor Pursuits students

Tues Mar 1 District Swimming Sports – Yr 7 & 8

Tues-Wed 8-9 Mar Yr 9 Aquatics Oamaru