

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2011

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The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

On Thursday evening we celebrated the outstanding achievements of our students at our Senior Prizegiving. Thank you to families and friends of the school for sharing in this celebration with us. Congratulations to our Head Prefects, Lisa McGirr and Brodie Wilton on their fine speeches about their reflections on their time here.

Special congratulations to students who received our elite awards:

Our Dux for 2011 is Shaun Snoxell. Shaun received the Dux trophy, books, the Blampied Scholarship valued at \$1,500.

Dux Shaun Snoxell

Proxime Accessit (runner up to the Dux) is Sam Mehrstens. He received books and the Blampied Scholarship valued at \$1,000.

The Norman Kirk Memorial Trust Scholarship was awarded to Lisa McGirr. This scholarship is valued at \$3,500 per year for three years of university study and the recipient is chosen each year by the Scholarship Trustees in accordance with selection criteria.

The New Zealand Dairies Ltd Career Training Scholarship was awarded to Stacey Burnett. This scholarship is valued at \$3,000 per year of tertiary study and includes the option of employment with New Zealand Dairies Ltd during the holidays.



radio show.



Year 13 students farewell with Ms Julie Woods

Our annual Soiree was held on Tuesday night and this was a pleasant evening of musical performances by students who have been receiving itinerant tuition throughout the year. As well, the performances of some senior students were videoed for NCEA assessment purposes. Well done to our talented students and special thanks to Mrs Foster and our wonderful itinerant teachers.



*Stacey and Mr Aidan Johnstone
Lisa*



Ashton Buckingham

Our guest speaker Ms Julie Woods was an inspiration to us all. Julie referred to herself as "that blind woman" having been blind since 1997. She spoke about her life and in particular her attitude that took her from sitting on the

couch to walking seven half marathons, writing her own book, speaking to John Key at Premier House and touching the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Julie has never let the loss of her sight hold her back. She urged our students to say "why not?" whenever offered an opportunity even though often our first response is "no". Watch out for her Cooking Without Looking demonstrations and



*Kristy
Thomas
Arts
Prefect*

Congratulations to Aimee Warner and Grace McSkimming winners of the Senior and Intermediate speech competitions. Amy

impressed judges with her speech about 'the importance of counselling' and Grace delivered a great speech on 'child abuse and violence'. Well done!



Grace and Aimee

At the Aoraki Sports Awards in Tuesday night we had five students who were nominated. They were Ruby Cochrane, Glen Drake, Malcolm Elderton, Brodie Wilton and Todd Aikman.



Todd, Glen, Brodie, Malcolm and Ruby

Congratulations to Ruby Cochrane on being awarded best All Round Girl for her participation in Basketball, Athletics and Rugby. Ruby also competes in swimming and Touch, and she was awarded the Honours pin for competing at the national level in Basketball.

Congratulations Glen Drake on winning the Cricket category.

Congratulations Glen Drake and Scott Willoughby on their selection for the South Canterbury Cricket Under 18 Cricket team.



Scott and Glen

Congratulations to Tim Caird who has been named South Canterbury Under 16 Player of the Year at the South Canterbury Awards ceremony.



Tim Caird

Well done to our students who have received certificates for their achievement in the Australian Maths Competition. Congratulations to Isaac Williams on his Certificate of Distinction for being in the top 15% of the competition.

Congratulations Dan Dooley on his selection for the Otago University Advanced School Sciences Academy. This is a science based extension programme that will involve Dan working on a project for two weeks with university lecturers. As well, Dan will receive on going mentoring and support.



Dan Dooley OUASSA selection

We said farewell to Tomoya Yoshida in assembly on Monday. Tomoya is our exchange student from Takudai Ichiko High School in Japan and he has been with us since May. This exchange has been part of the special relationship between Waimate High School and Takudai Ichiko High School. We hope Tomoya has a safe return to Japan later in December and our very best wishes to him for the future.



Tomoya Yoshida

Continuing in the series of staff v's students lunchtime competitions, this week a game of Touch was played. The staff team was not the push-over that was expected but the students did win.



Staff v's Students Touch

Planning is underway for the Year 10 camps staying at the Peel Forest Eco Lodge. The aim of the camp is to complete a number of personal challenges, experience unique outdoor activities and to develop leadership skills within a group. I am concerned about the number of students who are opting out of this unique opportunity. The programme includes rafting, the high ropes course at Geraldine, orienteering and tramping. The camp is part of our Outdoor Education programme and is an integral part of our school curriculum. It is not an optional activity as it would be very difficult to run equivalent experiences based at school. Please contact me urgently if you would like financial assistance to enable your son or daughter to attend. Students who have reasons for not attending this camp will be expected to be at school carrying out set work.

A reminder that on Wednesday 9 November, 7pm in the Somers Library, we are holding an information evening for 2012 Year 9 and 10 students. We will be talking about the proposed options for next year. Come along and meet the staff.

Our very best wishes to senior students as they begin their external exams. A reminder that

teachers are happy to mark your practice exam questions, to give you feedback and advice. Continue to work hard and best wishes.

Janette Packman
Principal

**Community Fundraiser
WHS Christchurch Earthquake Charity
Fundraising Ball – Saturday 26 November
2011**

Attention all 18 to 100 year olds! An exciting new event on our school calendar is the Waimate High School Charity Ball! This year our students have proposed that we raise funds for school communities in Christchurch which have been affected by the earthquake. WHS was privileged to host students for a period of time after their lives were disrupted by the earthquake. Their stay brought home to our students the scale of disruption that many Christchurch schools and families are facing. WHS students want to make a difference to Christchurch school communities that are **still** suffering as a result of the earthquake.

Get some friends together to support a great cause. Dance the night away to the sounds of Waimate's number 1 local band, 'TopShelf' and have a fantastic time. Tickets cost \$50 per couple – or \$35 for a single and include a continuous supper. Dress code is 'Semi Formal' and a cash bar is available. Tickets are now on sale at the school office.

**12ODP Routeburn Track Tramping
expedition**

After everyone else had left school on the last Friday of Term 3, the Yr 12 ODP students along with Mr and Mrs Simonsen and Mr Bailey hopped in the van and drove to Glenorchy (just out of Queenstown) to complete a 3 day tramping expedition.



The excited and nervous class began walking early on Saturday morning. Our destination, the Routeburn Falls Hut, was still 5hrs away and with our 20Kg packs on it seemed a distant destination. The walk was stunning and we all had lots of fun on the swinging bridges. However the fun and practical jokes didn't stop there, once we got to the hut, with snow on the ground the fights begun. The heat was then turned on, in the first ever Routeburn masterchef competition. With a girls against boys competition the stakes were high. The boys key ingredient dehydrated ice cream turned out to be curry and vegetables, so the girls had the competition in the bag with their chocolate moose. Luckily judges Mr Simonsen and Steve agreed and the GIRLS HAD WON.



After an early Sunday morning walk, we headed back out to the beginning of the track to find Mrs Simonsen waiting for us with orange juice,

chocolate and bananas. We managed to make it back to the accommodation, have a shower and eat dinner before the mighty All Blacks did battle with Argentina.

The last day we walked up one of the mountains surrounding Glenorchy. While the scenery was spectacular, the walk made our legs scream. All in all it was an epic trip, which was enjoyed by all of us.



Thanks must go to ☺ Mr Bailey: Thanks for your many stories, sticks and the massive effort you put in to just putting up with us. We are all so glad that you didn't hop out at the stone wall.

☺Mrs Simonsen: Our driver, cook, photographer and female companion, thanks for all your help and photos.

Lastly Mr Simonsen: Thank you for showing us part of our country we had never walked, and pushing us to get up the mountain we never thought we could. Thanks also to your many tricks and cheeky fibs you told us, hoping that we would hurry up. Thank you for a great year in ODP.



Bonfire Night at Bushtown Waimate 5

November 7.30pm and Car boot sale (4pm onwards), \$5 entry per car (boot), hot food and wine stalls. Free entry to the public.

"Penny for the Guy Competition" – make a guy (like a scarecrow) and bring it to the Bonfire Night. For more information contact Joy 689 8057.

Athletics

Waimate Athletic Club invites you to come along on Wednesday nights 5.30pm, Waimate High School Sports field. Running Jumping & Throwing events. Ages 3yrs & upwards.

Uniform

Please look around home and return any WHS sports uniforms to the uniform room as soon as possible.

An account will be sent home for outstanding uniforms on Friday 11 November.

Calendar

Tues-Wed 8-9 Nov Yr 7 Trip to Christchurch

Wed 9 Nov Next years' Yr 9 & 10 Information Evening

Thur 10 Nov Exams start

Tues 15 Nov Tri Tournament Opihi/Mackenzie

Fri 18 Nov Teacher Only Day

Tues 22 Nov District Athletic Sports

Wed-Fri 23-25 Nov Year 10 Camp 1

Mon-Wed 28-30 Nov Year 10 Camp 2

Mon 28 Nov Board Meeting 7pm

Wed 30 Nov Exams End

Thur 1 Dec Prefect Interviews

Thur 1 Dec Clearance Day for Seniors

Mon 5 Dec Prefect Leadership Day

Tues-Wed 6-7 Dec Activities Day

Wed 7 Dec Athletics Sth Canterbury- Timaru

Thur 8 Dec Junior Prizegiving

Fri 9 Dec Teacher Only Day

2012 School Term Dates

Term 1 Mon 30 January – Thurs 5 April

Term 2 Mon 23 April – Fri 29 June

Term 3 Mon 16 July – Fri 28 September

Term 4 Mon 15 October – Thurs 13 December