

## WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2011

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#### The Principal's word Kia ora koutou

We were honoured to host the Prime Minister at Waimate High School on Thursday afternoon. John Key spoke to a packed hall of Waimate High School students and members of the public. The school was a-buzz with security people prior to the big event. Everything ran to schedule and on arrival our guest was welcomed by Head Girl Lisa McGirr and Brodie Wilton. I was really proud of our students. They made a great effort to put their 'best foot forward'. I received a number of comments about how well our students performed and the impressive quality of their questions.

The Prime Minister's speech included some hard hitting messages about the importance of a positive attitude, urging that success in life is related more to attitude than ability. He warned students about the effects of binge drinking and smoking, and talked about advances in technology that will increasingly influence their lives. Lisa and Brodie did a great job introducing and then thanking John Key. He was presented with gifts of local produce: a possum/merino scarf and gloves purchased from Waimate Knitwear and a bottle of wine donated by Te Kiteroa Estates.

Three students, Sam Mehrtens, Stacey Burnett and Shaun Snoxell asked some great questions. Afterwards students enjoyed the opportunity to chat with John Key and to have their photos taken.

The visit was arranged by Jacqui Dean our Member of Parliament and we were very happy to provide the venue. As members of the public were also invited, unfortunately it was not possible for us to have all of our students present in the hall for this event even though I would really have liked to be able to include everyone.





A number of our students were particularly busy during the holidays:  
Congratulations to Miquel Perello Garcia on his selection to play in the South Island Basketball Tournament Team and very well done to our Waimate Boy's team on their third place at the South Island Basketball Champs which qualifies

them for the nationals. More detailed results are below.



Cameron Smith and Cody Johnson participated in an Army Careers Experience at the Burnham Military Camp during the holidays. Our Students were among 90 selected from a wide range of applicants from New Zealand schools.



Accompanying this newsletter is a letter from our Board Chairman, Martin Cochrane, explaining that the board is carrying out consultation with our parents, staff and students. It is important that you read it and complete the survey that will accompany next week's newsletter.

It is essential that we obtain information from as many people as possible as this will inform board planning and development of our school. We want to provide for our students the best possible learning environment and your ideas about this will be carefully considered. To encourage the maximum return of surveys from parents, the office will be issue a \$5 canteen voucher for every form handed in. This must be signed by the parent and returned to the office by 16 August.

We note with sadness the recent death of Mr David Somers, who was Head of English at Waimate High School for 30 years from 1961 – 1991. He was extremely well-read, an accomplished pianist and director of school productions, and a gentle man with a dry sense of humour. When he retired, he gifted to the school the beautiful velvet curtains that are on the hall stage. Both he and his wife Sorvel, for whom the school library is named, were great staff characters who will be remembered fondly by many.

Janette Packman  
Principal

### **Trophies**

All trophies presented at 2010 Prize Givings, both Senior and Junior as well as at Awards Night need to be returned to school ASAP. The Awards night is Thursday 29 September, Senior Prize Giving 10 November and Junior 8 December.

**Results of the New Zealand Championships Under 18 Highland Dancing held in Christchurch** during the holidays where Victoria Wilson, Naomi Morton and Phoebe Todd attended representing South Canterbury.

Victoria was commended in the Sword, Irish Hornpipe and Reel O'Tulloch New Zealand Championship. She also was highly commended in the Highland Reel, and very highly commended in the Sailors Hornpipe and Double Time Jig, New Zealand Championship.

Phoebe was commended in the Sean Tribhas New Zealand Championship, and highly commended in the Double Time Jig and Irish Hornpipe New Zealand Championship.

Earlier in the year Phoebe was selected into the Dunedin Regional Dance Company of New Zealand. The group will be dancing at some of

the world cup games. This is such an exciting opportunity for Phoebe.

Victoria, Phoebe and Naomi sat their Intermediate exams, with both Victoria and Phoebe attaining honours in practical and theory and Naomi attaining credit in practical and honours in theory.



**The Waimate High School A Netball Tournament** squad were treated to a session with Nicola Pettit (nee Cooney) during the school holidays. Nicola comes from the Waimate District and is a former Waikato/BOP Magic Player who has played alongside the likes of Casey Williams and Irene van Dyk in the ANZ Championship. The team was introduced to some new drills and activities which reinforced some key messages to take through the remainder of the season.

Thanks to Bridget Harrison for initiating the session, and to Nicola for taking time out of her holidays to share her expertise with us.

### **High School Basketballers Qualify for Nationals**

The Waimate High School Senior Boys' Basketball Team qualified for the National Secondary School Premierships to be held in Palmerston North from 22-27 August by finishing third in the South Island 'A' Schools Tournament held in Dunedin during the July holidays. The 'A' section is for schools with a role of under 600. The team defeated Buller High School and Fiordland College but suffered losses to Bayfield High School, Dunstan High School and Mairehau High School during round robin play. In the play-off with Bayfield for

the all-important third qualifying spot Waimate turned the tables and secured a comprehensive victory. Team members were: Glen Drake (captain), Curtis Richards, Dylan Bartlett, Elliot Wilson, Malcolm Elderton, Jayden Butcher, Miquel Perello Garcia, Lachie Robertson and Jarrad Richards. The Coach was Lindsay Robertson, the Assistant Coach was Michele Richards and the Manager was Debbie Drake. Ben Richards also travelled with the team and performed an invaluable role as the 'Stats Man'.

At the completion of the tournament, Waimate's starting point guard, Miquel Perello Garcia, an AFS student from Spain, was rewarded for his outstanding play with his selection in the South Island Tournament Team.



This is the first time a Waimate Boys' team has ever qualified for a national tournament. Whether they travel to Palmerston North for the nationals will depend on fund-raising and player availability. There are less than 4 weeks to organise this. The team are proud of their performance which was a fantastic team effort

They are a true reflection of the committed youth of the Waimate community who deserve its accolades and support.

### **South Island Secondary School Trapshooting Competition Timaru Sunday 17 July**

This was run by the Timaru Clay Target Club in ideal conditions.

Travis Profitt, Nigel Bertenshaw and Reilly Dodge represented Waimate High School.

Travis shot a Possible 20/20 in the first event, the Single Rise, to put him in the shoot off for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Fish & Game Trophy finishing a creditable 6<sup>th</sup>.

Nigel Bertenshaw was called to shoot for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> placing. Travis's final tally for the day was 86/90,

only dropping 4 points. Nigel finished with 79/90  
and Reilly 73/90.