



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Unbelievably we are very nearly halfway through the first term. The last five weeks have been a steep learning curve for both myself and some of our students!

For new entrants it has been a time of adjustment: getting into school routines for example, while at the other end of the school the year 11s are having to adjust to the level of work and commitment required to achieve NCEA. By this point in the term all of us should have a better understanding of what is expected of us and this can carry us forward to the end of the term.

Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led lives and led them well. Theodore Roosevelt

I had this quote on my wall when I was a teenager, almost hidden amongst the posters of Donny Osmond and the Bay City Rollers! It reminded me every day that the things we have to work hard for are the things we eventually treasure the most. It also reminded me that if I wanted a different life to the one I was leading (and I most certainly did!) then I had to work hard and struggle to make that happen. Our Senior students need to take on board the sentiments of the quote as they start to face the challenges of their first lot of assessments.

On a lighter note, it was good to see such a high level of participation in the school Athletics last week. All of our students pushed themselves to their limits to do the best that they could and should be duly proud of themselves. On Friday 7 March nearly 30 of our yr9-13s are going on to compete in the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics competition. And next Tuesday we will have about 15 of our 7-12 year olds going off to Western Athletics in Nightcaps. Let's keep our fingers crossed for agreeable weather conditions. Good luck to all of you!

It was heartening to see so many parents there supporting their children. Although they might outwardly think "It's not cool" to have parents cheering them on, they do in fact secretly love you being there. ☺ It was a great opportunity for me to meet some of you personally too.

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

Over the last fortnight we have had two New Entrants join Mrs Bennett's class. We welcome **Te Kauru Geary** and **Abbey Erskine** to Room 1. Happy school days! ☺

CONFIRMED ERO REPORT

The above is available to be viewed in the School Office by interested parents/caregivers.

A Gentle Reminder

While it's great to see students keen to get to school, they shouldn't be turning up until 8.20am at the very earliest ... Please remind your early birds ☺

Thank you

SCHOOL INVOICES

The above will be posted out at the beginning of next week. If you have any queries about charges etc please get in touch with me directly.

School activity fees have been kept to a minimum this year, remaining the same as 2013, i.e. \$25 per student from yr1-10. This activity fee will help cover some of the costs incurred in our yr1-10 part of the school. Yr11-13 students will not be charged an activity fee due to the number of incidental costs that occur throughout the year (NCEA fees, subject specific fees, etc).

This activity fee is not a "school donation" in disguise. We are not asking families for a "school donation" this year. We instead suggest that should you genuinely like to make a donation to the school, to do so without a request from the school.

Payment of the activity fees can be made as follows:

- Cash or cheque (made payable to Waiau Area School);
- Internet Banking: **03-1750-0350602-00. Ref: Student's name.**
- Setting up an automatic payment.

Many thanks, Gillian Hammond

2014 Timeline

Mon 3 Feb to Thurs 17 Apr	TERM 1
Tues 11 Mar	Western Athletics – Nightcaps
Before End of March	Yr1-13 Swimming Sports
Mon 5 May to Fri 4 July	TERM 2
Mon 3 June	Queen's Birthday
Mon 21 July to Fri 26 Sept	TERM 3
Mon 13 Oct to Thurs 11 Dec	TERM 4
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day

From Our Sports Coordinator

WAS ATHLETICS DAY 2014

RECORDS BROKEN

Taylah Haggerty Gilbert – 60m Sprints 7 yr girl	10.72
Hana Moir – 60m Sprints 8yr girl	10.37
Peter Devery – 60m Sprint 7yr boys	10.31
Peter Devery – 100m Sprint 7yr boy	17.12
Brycen Erskine – 100m Sprint 8yr boy	17.25
Peter Devery – 200m Sprint 7yr boy	36.81
Brycen Erskine – 200m Sprint 8yr boy	35.56
Brooke Egerton – Shotput 9yr girls	5.75m
Holly Hammond – Shotput 10yr girls	5.10m
Peter Devery – Long Jump 7yr boys	2.60m
Peter Devery – High Jump 7yr boys	.85m
Flynn McCallum – High Jump 10yr boys	1.19m



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

5 Yr	Amelia Challis	JayJay Tamou
6 Yr	Emily Templeton	Kahu Geary
7 Yr	Meadow Rodgers	Peter Devery
8 Yr	Hana Moir	Brycen Erskine
9 Yr	Jorja Unahi	Tanei Tamou
10 Yr	Holly Hammond	Flynn McCallum
U 12	Shontelle Stratford	Bruin Roe
U 13	Cheyenne Waihape	Felix Egerton
Junior	Christine Radcliffe	Jackson McCallum
Intermediate	Hayley Adams	Travis Swann
Senior	Coleen Ebron	Elkanah Tupua

Well done to you all!

Miss Rachael Poole, Sports Coordinator

WAS Athletics 2014

Waiau Area School Athletics was on Wednesday the 26th February. It is a group of Track and Field activities that you can compete in if you want to. Athletics Day was awesome! It was sunny and beautiful; a great day to go out and have a go at Discus or Shot Put or maybe even the 200-metre sprints. Parents cheered on their kids as they ran down the track, jumped or threw.

Some records were broken and some came close but the main thing was that nobody moaned, said that it was too hard for them, or gave up. Everybody had an awesome time and we would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who helped out on the day.

We are now looking forward to taking our biggest ever team to Southland Athletics in Invercargill on Friday 7th March.

Bailey Harding, yr9



From Our Seniors

WAIAU AREA SCHOOL BALL NOTICE

Theme: Narnia
 Where: WAS Hall
 When: 12 April
 Time: 8.00-11.30pm
 Tickets will be available
 from 24 March



From Our Teachers

MALAYSIA 2015 – SENIOR PARENTS

Just a quick reminder about the planned trip to Malaysia next year for our current yr11-13 students. To start the ball rolling, if you could contact the School Office by 14 March with a Yes or No as to whether you want your son/daughter to take part, that would be great. We can then begin to organise fundraising and a firmer itinerary. If you have any questions please contact me before signing up or if you missed the info evening then feel free to come in and see me. I'm hoping this will be a great opportunity for everyone and can't wait to get going.

Cheers, Mr Simon Pearce
sp@was.school.nz

YR7/8 SLEEPOVER

On Thursday 27 February the year 7 and 8 class had a sleepover at school. The purpose of the sleepover was to begin to build stronger relationships and to work as a team.



We spent about an hour taking part in team building activities and doing activities that could make us feel a little uncomfortable but we had to encourage and support each other to complete the activity.

Miss Quinn also used the opportunity to have parents come and meet each other while we were having the BBQ tea that we all helped prepare and organise. It was great to have parents call in throughout the evening.



Something else we are very grateful for is Mr Stratford bringing down his tennis ball cannon. The cannon shot the balls really high up into the air. Mr Stratford also stayed the night to keep an eye on the boys' room. We are very appreciative to him for giving up his time to do this.

Miss Quinn & the yr7/8s

Community Notices

If you have a Community Notice to advertise, please email it through to the school at newsletters@was.school.nz.

Winton Football Club Inc

The Annual General Meeting of the Winton Football Club Inc will be held on **Monday 10 March at 8pm** at the Central Southland Lodge, Winton's Middle Pub. Past and new members welcome. Enquiries to Wendy Boniface on 03 2217417 or wboniface@woosh.co.nz or 027 4270447.

Waiau Star Schoolboy Rugby Registration Day

Thursday 13 March

Waiau Area School 3.30-5.00pm

All Schoolboy Grades

For information contact Roger Paterson on
 03 225 5515 or 021 259 9287.

Winton Football Club Inc

Club Registration Day – Saturday 15 March 2014

1.30pm start – 2pm fun football activities – 3pm barbeque operating. Ages from 4 years upwards, male and female, are welcome to come along and give it a go. The club is short of players for the women's team so Mums, older sisters or female workers are most welcome, as well as men – no football experience needed, just enthusiasm to try a new sport. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings with men's games kicking off at 1pm and women's games 1pm on Sundays. Check out the website www.wintonfc.sportingpulse.net or contact Wendy on 2217417 or 027 4270447 or at wboniface@woosh.co.nz.