



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

A busy sporting couple of weeks for our students, staff, and parents. Last Friday I was disappointed not to be able to attend the WAS Junior swimsports. I've heard from both staff and parents that it was a great day and well organised. Can I take this opportunity to thank the staff who helped organise the event. I would also like to thank the parent volunteers who turned up to time-keep on the day; we really couldn't have done it without you this year.

We also had students, parents, and staff at Southland Athletics. Our students performed very well, with both Ben Egerton and Cameron Johnston qualifying for Otago-Southland Champs.

On Monday we had our second swimsports where Seniors competed against each other, and Thursday saw 29 students attend Western Athletics in Nightcaps.

In between all this sport we had 'Sexwise' by Theta – a group who endeavour to bring teenage sexual health and relationship issues to a wider audience. The students found it funny, entertaining, and thought-provoking. The Southland Times came to see the performance and talk to our students about how worthwhile it was. This was followed up on Monday with a visit to the Invercargill Family Planning Centre to find out about what services are available to young people.

With all these activities taking place please check the newsletter for events and dates for the diary. Also check Facebook for event updates. For parents of Senior students, can you also check and sign their diaries/planners. Teachers do send important snippets of information via the planner. And finally, for parents of students of ALL ages, please can you check their bags for notices!

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

SCHOOL SPORTS BADGES:

Badges for outstanding achievements at recent sporting events were awarded at yesterday's Assembly:

Angeline Crowe

- Breaking the Athletics record for 9yr old Girls 200m

Peter Devery

- Breaking two Athletics records: 8yr old Boys 100m & 200m

Jay Egerton

- Breaking the Athletics record for 8yr old Girls High Jump



Jasmin Hutchby

- Breaking five Swimming records: 9yr old Girls 75m Medley, 25m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke, 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle

Flynn McCallum

- Equal Athletics record Under 12 Boys High Jump

Hana Moir

- Breaking the Athletics record for 9yr old Girls Discus

Christian Sotto

- Breaking the Swimming record for 10yr old Boys 25m Breaststroke

Tanei Tamou

- Breaking three Athletics records: 10yr old Boys 100m, 200m, and Shot Put

Jorja Unahi

- Breaking the Swimming record for 10yr old Girls 25m Backstroke

WAS AWESOME CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at this week's Assembly:



Ashton Edgerton – Yr2 – For achieving

his personal learning goal of reaching Level 13 in his reading. Well done Ashton, you have worked hard to achieve your goal!

Lee Edgerton – Yr4 – For being an active participator in all classroom activities and discussions.

Harrison Erskine – Yr4 – For working hard on his spelling patterns and applying his knowledge in his written work. Very impressive Harrison.

Brooke Stratford – Yr4 – For excellent effort in writing and for taking pride in the presentation of her work.

Emily Templeton – Yr3 – For identifying 2D and 3D shapes and for being able to describe all of their properties.

Sofie Templeton – Yr1 – For achieving her personal learning goal of reaching Level 14 in her reading. Well done Sofie, you have worked hard to achieve your goal!

Luca Unahi – Yr1 – For achieving her personal learning goal of reaching Level 5 in her reading. Well done Luca, you have worked hard to achieve your goal!

Total House Competition Points To Date

Dean – 1441 Longwood – 1492 Rowallan – 1277

A big thanks to Mrs Margaret Thomas who did the record-keeping at both our Athletics and Swimming sports days. We really appreciate your help Margaret!

PARENT/CAREGIVER CONTACT INFORMATION

On one day last week we had three instances where we couldn't get hold of family or caregivers of students. One teacher spent 30 minutes trying to track down someone who could take responsibility for a child after school because plans had unexpectedly changed.

Luckily none of the instances were for medical emergencies or the like. However, it again reiterates how ***we must be notified*** when:

- ❖ you get a new cellphone/landline number;
- ❖ custodial arrangements have altered;
- ❖ emergency contacts have moved on.

In a real emergency situation, this could have drastic consequences! All it takes is a phone call to either Kiwia or myself, to check what's on our SMS, or for you to quickly swing by the School Office one day. It would be much appreciated ... *Cheers, Gillian Hammond*

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

A reminder to all parents/caregivers, if you are coming onto the school grounds, please swing by the Office to let us know you are here. This is for health and safety reasons.

PTA FUNDRAISER –

SCHOOL AID DISASTER PLASTERS

At the start of Term 2, the PTA will be running a fundraising drive selling School Aide Disaster Plasters; latex-free sticking plasters.

School Aid donates 40% of the sales back to our school. All kids who participate in this fundraiser go into the draw to win prizes, including one major prize of a long-nose skateboard for the best seller.

All money raised will go to the PTA which, in turn, helps all students of Waiau. If you or your child are interested in being sellers, please get in touch with the school office and the PTA will be in touch with you in due course.

Lost!

A pair of sz12 black/blue sandals from the swimming pool. If they have mistakenly made their way to your house, please return them to school ASAP and we will get to the rightful owner.

THREE WAY CONFERENCE – TUESDAY 31 MARCH

A letter was posted out to all families this week explaining the new reporting process, i.e. three way conferencing, as mentioned in the previous newsletter.

NB:

- ◆ Conferences will involve the parent(s), student, and teacher.
- ◆ Conferences will be in 15-min blocks from 3-7pm.
- ◆ School will close at 1.20pm on this day.
- ◆ Buses (except Clifden) will run at 1.20pm.

- ◆ Yrs1-6 will meet in their classroom; Yrs7-13 will meet in the Library.
- ◆ If you cannot make it on 31 March, you will be contacted to make an appointment later that week. Please contact Kiwia ASAP at the School Office to make your appointment/s.

Malaysia 2015 Quiz Night

Wednesday 25 March @ 7:30pm
at the World Famous Waiau Hotel

- Raffle table available (donations hugely appreciated).
- \$10 entry per team – max. of 4 quizzers in a team.
- 1 x novelty round on Speight's bottle cap questions!
- Auction to be held at conclusion of quiz (major prizes include Hump Ridge Track access & accommodation; Waiau Jet Boat Ride; PGG Wrightson's farming equipment!)

BRING YOUR QUIZ BRAINS AND YOUR WALLETS TO HELP SEND WAIAU STUDENTS TO MALAYSIA!

PTA Fundraiser

The Great Tar Half Mile Challenge
6 Week Challenge - Starts 25 March - Walk or Run
Each week you will be timed!
Your challenge is to beat your time!
\$10/6wks Adult or \$2 weekly
\$5/6wks 5-15yrs or \$2 weekly
Contact Kirsty on 2266570.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Ex-student Ngahere West who was awarded a National Certificate in Sport & Recreation Level 2 at December's Community College of Southland Graduation. Well done Ngahere!

Board of Trustees Newsletter

Term 1 – 2015

Wow ... nearly at the end of the first term already. It has been a busy start to the year for our board and I am sure the same for you all.

We have updated the Charter which is a strategic plan similar to a Business Plan. It identifies our priority areas/goals over a three year period, with an action plan to ensure progress toward these goals. The main part of this is around Student Achievement, and what will be done to improve or accelerate student achievement progress. The Charter is our main policy document and a legal requirement. It is sent to the Ministry of Education and

then as a Board we monitor (the principal reports to the Board each month) throughout the year and we report to the Ministry and community again at the end of the year. If you would like to view this document please call in to the school office.

Our priority areas in summary are:

Aim 1: To improve student achievement and success in relation to both National Standards and NCEA by delivering educational programmes that are student-centred and engage all students in learning.

Aim 2: To have effective communication, and foster positive relations, with the parent and wider community.

Aim 3: To have an effective strategic governing Board.

We have viewed and analysed the recent student achievement information in relation to National Standards including NCEA (yr11-13), we are pleased that the results overall have improved however we have put plans in place to do better. We have identified target groups and areas of focus; this is also supported by professional development for teachers. The whole education environment is continuous improvement; we are continually reviewing what is being done and how effective it is, and making changes or improvements as we go.

We are holding three way conferences on Tuesday 31 March. This can make a huge difference if each understands what can be done to help learning; it is not just up to the teacher. Support at home to reinforce learning along with the student taking responsibility for their learning with some clear next steps, means everyone working together will make much more of a difference. So please come along and support your child's/ren's learning. On the property front we have recently completed a walk around the school and the school houses to identify the maintenance to work through; painting will soon be started in school. Our caretaker Paul does a fantastic job keeping us in line in this area. On Monday we had a very positive meeting with the MOE in relation to a way forward with our building projects; we have some exciting stuff happening here. We are just finalising the details, I will let you know more as soon as we have confirmation ... watch this space ...

I hope that you and your child/ren have had a great start to the year and enjoy the up and coming holidays.

Mrs Wendy Adams, Chairperson

2015 Timeline

Wed 4 Feb to Thurs 2 Apr	TERM 1 (8 weeks)
Mon 23 March	Jerome Kavanagh visits
Wed 25 March – 7.30pm	Quiz Nite – Waiau Hotel
Fri 27 March	Rm1 Art Trip to Southland Museum & Art Gallery
Tues 31 March – 3-7pm (School finishes at 1.20pm)	Three-way conference (students/parents/teachers)
Mon 20 Apr to Fri 3 July	TERM 2 (11 weeks)
Mon 20 April – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 27 April	ANZAC Day observed
Wed 29 April – 7pm	BOT Meeting

Wed 6 – Fri 8 May	Southern Zone Area Schools Tournament – Twizel
Fri 8 May – 7pm	Lesley Elliott – Guest Speaker – School Hall
Mon 11 May – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 18 May – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 18 – Tues 19 May	yr4-8 Red Cross People Savers Course
Mon 1 June	Queen's Birthday
Mon 8 June – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 15 June – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sept	TERM 3 (10 weeks)
Mon 20 July – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 27 July – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 10 August – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 17 August – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 14 September – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 21 Sept – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 12 Oct to Tues 15 Dec	TERM 4 (9½ weeks) (Tentative end date)
Mon 19 Oct – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 26 Oct	Labour Day
Mon 16 Nov – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 7 Dec – 7pm	BOT Meeting

From Our Teachers



A big thanks to Environment Southland for letting us observe the electric fishing survey at the Boundary Creek entry to the Waiau River.

SOUTHLAND ATHLETICS

On Friday 13 March, a team of nine athletes travelled to Surrey Park Stadium to participate in the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. The athletes competed in a range of events (in some pretty average weather conditions!) but all participated in a great spirit and represented the school with pride.

Congratulations to Ben Egerton who qualified to the Otago-Southland Championships in the U14 Boys Javelin and Shot Put and to Cameron Johnston who came 2nd in

the U14 Discus to earn qualification in his favourite event. Good luck for Saturday 21 March.

Many thanks to Helen Scott for being Team Manager and to Dawn Egerton and Joanne Broomhall for providing transport for our athletes.

Southland Athletes:

Cheyenne Waihape	Moon Roe
Felix Egerton	Ben Egerton
Cameron Johnston	Eric Ward
Brook Hutchby	Bailey Harding
Jack Sobels	

Mr Richard Bennett, HOD PE/Health

SWIMMING SPORTS

The whole school participated in the Waiau Area School Swimming Sports on Friday 13 and Monday 16 March and both days were an enormous success! Students from yr1-8, who have been participating in Swim Safe lessons every day for the past two weeks, put their skills to the test against each other in a range of events. Senior students aimed to earn points for their House and battled it out to be declared age-group Champions.

A huge number of whanau, parents, grandparents and caregivers came along to cheer on the students and to enjoy the day. Thank you very, very much to everyone involved; from the community consultation and programme writing in the preceding weeks, to time-keeping/record-keeping/marshalling on the day and everything in between – these great occasions cannot happen without your help.

Longwood House claimed bragging rights across both days for their aquatic prowess and they take over the lead from Dean in the House Competition!

Record Breakers:

Special mention goes to Jorja Unahi and Christian Sotto who each broke a record and to Jasmin Hutchby who broke a total of 5 records!!

Jorja Unahi	10 year-old girls 25m Backstroke	22.31s
Christian Sotto	10 year-old boys 25m Breaststroke	25.88s
Jasmin Hutchby	9 year-old girls 75m Medley	01:32.21
Jasmin Hutchby	9 year-old girls 25m Breaststroke	29.86s
Jasmin Hutchby	9 year-old girls 25m Backstroke	23.17s
Jasmin Hutchby	9 year-old girls 25m Freestyle	20.62s
Jasmin Hutchby	9 year-old girls 50m Freestyle	48.37s

Swimming Champs:

7 years old and under girls	EMILY TEMPLETON
7 year old and under boys	HUNTER DEVERY
8 Year Old Boys	PETER DEVERY
8 Year Old Girls	BROOKE STRATFORD
9 Year Old Boys	BRYCEN ERSKINE
9 Year Old Girls	JASMIN HUTCHBY
10 Year Old Boys	CHRISTIAN SOTTO
10 Year Old Girls	JORJA UNAHI
11 Year Old Boys	FLYNN MCCALLUM
11 Year Old Girls	TEKO MANGION
12 Year Old Boys	SAM UNAHI

12 Year Old Girls	ANGELA PIERCE
13 Year Old Boys	CAMERON JOHNSTON
14 Year Old Boys	BAILEY HARDING
14 Year Old Girls	AMANDA BALDWIN
15 Year Old Boys	LYALL EGERTON
Senior Boys	LIAM EGERTON
Senior Girls	HAYLEY ADAMS

House Points – Swimming

Dean – 345 Longwood – 623 Rowallan – 453

Congratulations to all swimmers, record breakers, and champions and good luck to Christian Sotto, Jasmin Hutchby and Jay Egerton who are competing at the Southland Swimming Championships in Invercargill on Sunday 29 March.

Mr Richard Bennett, HOD PE/Health

(Loads of photos on our Waiau Area School Facebook page)

Community Notices

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

LOST! Between Te Wae Wae Road and Waiau Area School – tailgate from a Mazda Bounty truck.

Please return to Wendy Adams or phone 03 2266383.

Babysitter Wanted: Hi, I'm looking for a babysitter from around August 2015 onwards, to put our 8 year old son, Slade, on the school bus in the morning and then after school care until about 5.00pm, and full-time during the school holidays. Money negotiable. Lilburn area. Please contact either Jane Bowness or Jason Luff on 027 9656196 or 027 3582975.

Chimney Sweeper: If anybody wants their chimney cleaned, please get in touch with Cheryl Baldwin on 03 2266314.

WAIU STAR JUNIOR RUGBY

FIRST TRAINING for C & D grades (under 7 - rippa; & under 9 - tackle) is on WEDNESDAY 25 March, 3.30pm at Waiau Area School. (The following training will also be on Wednesday, and thereafter on Thursdays.) New Hoodies are available for the kids this year, as are mouthguards as usual. Please note that \$20 subs will also be due. Registration enquiries to coaches/managers, or call Roger Paterson (021 25 99 287) or Jasmine Withers (027 501 7355).

ANZ FutureFERNS Junior Netball: We invite all Year 1,2,3 & 4 budding netball players to our new, exciting & fun Taster sessions on Sunday 29 March at the Sports Complex, John Street, Winton. No need to register & no cost. Any enquiries please contact Vicki-Lynne Hubber 03 2362 896 (after 7pm), 021 214 9278; email sv.hubber@woosh.co.nz to register for our winter programme.

Vicki-Lynne Hubber, Central Southland Netball Centre

A & B GRADE RUGBY: Anyone wishing to play A or B Grade Rugby, training at Nightcaps Rugby Grounds, 3.30pm Thursdays. All welcome. Any queries ph Netta Wilton on 0212560911 or email: wilton.whanau@gmail.com