



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The end of Term 1 is here already and as ever, we end it with an action-packed few days!

It was great to see some of our students do so well at the Southland Junior Athletics on Saturday. Unfortunately I arrived too late to see the field events but there was some serious competition in the races. I did get updates on the field events from Miss Dickson and Miss Quinn who spent all day there cheering our students on. Well done to all who competed and, in particular, those who placed within the top three of their events.

On Tuesday we had our first 'student led' conference of the year. Students across the school have been very busy over the last couple of weeks preparing for these conferences. They have been putting together examples of the work they have done so far this year as well as thinking about targets/goals that they need to set themselves for future improvement. The response to all this hard work was fantastic! We had more parents come to the conferences than normally come to a parent-teacher evening. The students engaged in the process and they stepped up to the mark in taking responsibility for their actions when required. Parents went away from the conferences knowing where their son-daughter is at academically, and where they should aim to be, ie. what next steps to take.

Can I take this opportunity therefore to thank **ALL** of those parents and students who came in and all the staff involved. Thank you too to the parents who have already made appointments for early next term because they couldn't make it on Tuesday night. Your child and teacher very much appreciate the time you gave up to come into school. The results will only be positive.

Later in Term 3 we will do the second conference which students will prepare and lead. Looking forward to the results!

The last day of the term will see some fun and frolics around school. As part of our developing a Positive Behaviour for Learning ethos in the school, we have had a real focus on both the negative and positive behaviour around the school. There will be Easter prizes for those students who have been awarded the most 'Gotchyas'. There has also been a competition between the Houses in the Senior school to see which can get the **least** number of blue slips (which record negative behaviour). The winning House got to choose what they

wanted to do today and they opted for surfing! So ... Rowallan are heading down to the beach!

We endeavour to deal with any issues of bullying or persistent poor behaviour in school – but in order to be able to deal with it, we do need to know about it! Please contact the school if your son/daughter is aware of an issue that needs dealing with. We have had a couple of incidents happening in the school; the students have been dealt with and are currently facing the consequences of their actions.

I wish you all a happy and restful Easter –with lots of chocolate!

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

SCHOOL SPORTS BADGES:

Badges for outstanding sporting achievements were awarded at today's Assembly:



Ben Egerton

- Qualifying for Otago/Southland Secondary School Athletics Champs for U14 Boys Javelin and Shot Put
GOLD EXCELLENCE: For placing 2nd in the Javelin event, qualifying for the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Champs

Cameron Johnston

- Qualifying for Otago/Southland Secondary School Athletics Champs for U14 Boys Discus

WAS AWESOME CERTIFICATES

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



Hunter Devery – Yr3 – Thank you Hunter for being a valuable member of Room 2. We wish you and your Mum and Dad well as you begin a new adventure in a new place. We will miss you.

Peter Devery – Yr4 – For representing our school so successfully in the Southland Athletics competition. You did our school and yourself proud. Well done.

Tanae Diack – Yr2 – For achieving his personal learning goal of getting to Level 12 in his reading. Well done Tanae; you have worked really hard to achieve this!

Jay Egerton – Yr5 – Jay has made good progress over this term and is becoming a more independent worker. Jay listens well in class and joins in group and class discussions. She has grown in her oral language and writing. Well done Jay; you have had an awesome term.

- Baxter Erskine – Yr2** – For achieving his personal learning goal of getting to Level 12 in his reading. Well done Baxter; you have worked really hard to achieve this!
- Harrison Erskine – Yr4** – For working hard on his spelling patterns and applying his knowledge in his written work. Very impressive Harrison.
- Lily Erskine – Yr1** – For achieving her personal learning goal of being able to spell all the words on Essential Spelling List 1. Well done Lily – you are a spelling superstar!
- Liam Pierce – Yr7** - You have made exceptional progress with your reading work. You are looking for key information to answer the questions in your reading tasks.
- Brooke Stratford – Yr4** – For excellent effort in writing and for taking pride in the presentation of her work.

BIBLES IN SCHOOLS – YR1-6 STUDENTS

Begins Week 1 of Term 2 – Thursdays at 2pm

If you do not wish your child/ren to participate, please ring or email the School Office. It will be our understanding that your child/ren are allowed to take part unless we hear otherwise.

Quiz Night - Thursday 30 April
Fundraiser for Area Schools Tournament
Waiau Hotel @ 7.30pm
\$10 a team (Max. 5 per team)

**PTA FUNDRAISER –
 SCHOOL AID DISASTER PLASTERS
 ON SALE FROM MONDAY 20 APRIL**

Prizes for top sellers:

- 1st – \$50 Rebel Sports voucher
- 2nd – \$25 Rebel Sports voucher
- 12 random prizes of caps, balls, drink bottles.

Money raised goes to the PTA which, in turn, helps all students of Waiau. Contact Dale Egerton on 027 3106199 for more details.

UKELELE LESSONS

\$2 a session; starting from Week 2, Term 2.
If interested, drop a note in to the school office.

Bake Sale - Friday 24 April
Fundraiser for Area Schools Tournament
Outside Community Gym from 12noon

2015 SOUTHLAND SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPS

The students who attended the above did the school proud with some awesome results:

- *Jasmin Hutchby* 25m backstroke 2nd, 25m breaststroke 2nd, 25m freestyle 4th
- *Christian Sotto* 25m backstroke 8th, 25m butterfly 4th, 25m freestyle 8th
- *Jay Egerton* 25m backstroke 9th, 25m freestyle 7th



Well done to you all!

Mrs Dale Egerton, Team Manager

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER OF OUR EX-STUDENTS:

MITCHELL SMITH

Mitchell has been studying towards a Diploma of Engineering for the past few years and with his hard work, has managed to obtain his Diploma this year. As a school we would like to congratulate Mitchell for his hard work and determination.

Here is Mitchell's experience:
 After finishing school in 2010, Mitchell took the following year as a 'gap year' where he was able to work and save money as well as be sure that a career in engineering was truly what he wanted to do.

The following year Mitchell enrolled in Polytech and started on his journey towards his Diploma of Engineering. Mitchell at this time was looking for employment but found it difficult with the hours and days he was studying at Polytech. It also became a time of developing independence as Mitchell went flatting with a friend and moved in with some others. He found this experience very expensive.

Mitchell spent two years studying but unfortunately missed a paper in his second year. He then had to pick up the paper he missed in a third year course and filled the rest of his studies with supporting papers. Mitchell managed to pick up a job during his days off and spent his holidays working for his family.

On reflection Mitchell wished that he had focused on his studies at school and worked harder to gain better grades. Mitchell has successfully gained a job at Invercargill Engineering.



NEXT PTA MEETING
Monday 20 April – 7pm -
School Library
All Welcome.

**** SCHOOL TARTAN SKIRTS ****
 A reminder that we have available from the School Office a quantity of new triple pleat tartan skirts. These are a compulsory uniform item for yr7-13 girls. The skirt usually retails at \$60, but the PTA is selling them for only \$20.

2015 Timeline

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| Wed 4 Feb to Thurs 2 Apr | TERM 1 (8 weeks) |
| Mon 20 Apr to Fri 3 July | TERM 2 (11 weeks) |
| Mon 20 April – 7pm | PTA Meeting |
| Fri 24 April – 12noon | Bake Sale – Community Gym |
| Mon 27 April | ANZAC Day observed |
| Wed 29 April – 7pm | BOT Meeting |
| Thurs 30 April – 7.30pm | Quiz Nite – Waiau Hotel |
| 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 |
| Sun 17 May - | Arts Festival |
| 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

ART TRIP TO THE MUSEUM

On Friday 27 March Room 1 went on an art trip to the Southland Museum in Invercargill. The trip was part of our visual arts unit on drawing portraits.



Koreena Wilks, the educator there, took the children for a three hour workshop where they drew and coloured in their own self-portraits. The children had an amazing time and the finished portraits looked amazing. Well done Room 1!

Mrs Gemma Bennett, Room 1

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND SECONDARY ATHLETICS CHAMPS

On Saturday 21 March, Ben Egerton competed in the Otago/Southland Secondary School Athletics Championship at Surrey Park Stadium, Invercargill. Competing alongside the best athletes from across the two provinces, Ben threw the Javelin a Personal Best distance of 27.97m, which secured a 2nd place finish and earned him qualification to the South Island Championships! Well done Ben, what an amazing achievement!

Mr Richard Bennett, HOD PE/Health

Event 31 Boys Javelin Throw 600g Under 14

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| Record: R 43.56m | 1991 | J Foote, OBHS |
| Name | Team | Finals |
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| 1 Ben Clixby | James Harges | 33.59m |
| 2 Ben Egerton | Waiau Area S | 27.97m |
| 3 Ben Henderson | Southland Bo | 27.72m |

SOUTHLAND PRIMARY ATHLETICS CHAMPS

Miss Quinn and I set off for town on Saturday 28 March for Southland Primary Athletics Champs. Peter Devery (100m, 60m), Tanei Tamou (100m, 200m, relay), Holly Hammond (100, 200m, discus), Bruin Roe (Long Jump), Oliver Hutchby (100m, High Jump) and Flynn McCallum (100m, High Jump) all qualified for Southland.

The athletes that went to Invercargill and competed made us proud. Bruin Roe achieved 7th place in the 12 year old boys long jump, jumping 3.88m, Tanei Tamou achieved 7th in the 10 year old boys relay, Peter Devery achieved 15th equal in the 8 year old boys 100m with 17.32sec, Oliver Hutchby achieved an impressive 2nd place in the 12 year old boys high jump with a jump of 1.35m and 18th in his 100m with 15.24sec, and Flynn McCallum achieved a fantastic 2nd equal in the 11 year old boys high jump, jumping 1.25m.

A huge Congratulations to these athletes who achieved so well and are in the top of their ages in Southland. This is a huge success.

Miss Jaime Dickson

THREE-WAY CONFERENCING

I was really pleased to see so many parents at the three-way conferences that we had on Tuesday evening at school. Here are a few comments made by some Room 3 students.

"I think that it was better than last year when it was just the parents and the teachers talking, instead of this year when the students were there too, to show and tell the parents." by Hana.

"The parents were really pleased with the children's work." by Logan.

"It was cool because the parents could actually see the work the children had been doing." by Malakai.

"They were good because I did good." by Jay.

Miss Jaime Dickson, Rm 3

Community Notices

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

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTED

Rotary Clubs are now seeking applications for motivated secondary school students interested in spending a year overseas as part of Rotary's long established, successful educational and cultural exchange.

- Students must be aged between 16 and 18 ½ at departure in January 2016.
- No family Rotary affiliation required
- Applications close 30 April

Contact Merv Clearwater - mervrye@gmail.com or (03) 4894234.

"Violence prevention through education awareness and empowerment of young people"

Lesley Elliott is coming to Tuatapere to speak

"As a legacy to Sophie it is the aim of the Sophie Elliott foundation to raise the awareness of all young people, their families and friends of the signs of partner abuse."

Friday 8 May 7:30pm in the Waiau Area School hall, an important message to all families.

From Lesley's viewpoint the content is appropriate for Year 12/13 or above but she is comfortable speaking to girls and boys from Year 10 upwards. Gold coin donation at the door, please bring a plate to share for a country supper. Please register by 1 May by contacting Alison: **Text: 0272114923**

Email: ionefarm@outlook.com

Phone: 03 226 6035.

For more information about the Sophie Elliott Foundation visit <http://www.sophieelliottfoundation.co.nz/>

Evening brought to you by Clifden Rural Women

OHAI – Flaxweaving, Term 2 with Ilse and Les

Meet weekly during the school term to practice the many skills associated with the traditional art of Maori flax weaving whilst gaining confidence in Tikanga Maori.

Term 2: Konae - four corner basket and Kete – basket.

TIMES: 10am – 2pm

DATES: 20 & 27 APR, 4, 11, 18 & 25 MAY, 8, 15, 22 & 29 JUN

VENUE: Ohai Playcentre

COST: \$20 for the 10 sessions

Please phone Tracey or Lynley at Southern REAP for more information or to enrol 0800 111 117 or 03 236 6008.

POPPY CRAFTS AND ANZAC BISCUITS

School Holiday programme at your local Southland District Library.

Dates and times as follows:

- Riverton Library 13 April 10.30 – 12 noon
- Otautau Library 14 April 10.00-12 noon
- Te Anau Library 15-16 April from 2.00pm
- Winton Library 16 April 2.00pm – 3.30pm
- Lumsden Library 17 April 2.00pm – 3.30pm

We know you have been learning lots about the ANZACs at school.

Come and tell us what you've learned over some yummy biscuits you'll make yourself. Bookings are essential so please phone us on 0800 732 542 or call in to your library.

NETBALL IN THE WAIUAU VALLEY

It has been decided that the Tuatapere and Orawia Netball Clubs will become one! Both of these clubs will close at the end of the 2015 financial year and make a new club, ready for the 2016 season.

We would like your help in choosing a new name and club colours. If you have any helpful suggestions for name and colours please email Wendy or Trudy before 30 April.

g.adamz@woosh.co.nz or wairaki@xtra.co.nz

LOST! Between Te Wae Wae Road and Waiiau Area School – tailgate from a Mazda Bounty truck.
Please return to Wendy Adams or phone 03 2266383.

SOUTHLAND FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

A Boy Wonder is a fantastical, heart-warming comedy adventure about a friendship between two scouts and their heroic journey to save everything they have sworn to protect ... Jimmy's Pies!
The Southland Festival of the Arts is proud to bring you this delightful show, which will be performed at Waiiau Area School on Sunday 17 May at 7.30pm. Children can attend the show for free, with tickets for adults costing \$20. It is recommended for children over the age of 10. Book at eventfinder.co.nz or there will be door sales from 7pm.
A Boy Wonder stars Ryan Richards, playing a tapestry of characters and is directed by Nic Sampson, writer for TV3's *Jono and Ben at 10*.

ANZ futureFERNs JUNIOR NETBALL

We invite all Year 1/2/3 budding netball players to join us in having some fun sessions with netball. These will be held for six weeks over the winter, at Waiiau Area School netball courts on a Wednesday from 3.30–4.30pm. These will commence from Wednesday 6 May. There will be cost of \$10/player to cover equipment expenses. Registrations to Trudy before 4 May on 225 8899 or wairaki@xtra.co.nz. I will be taking these fun sessions, but am really keen to have some parent help!
Trudy Slee

ILT HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMME

The school holidays are here! If you're looking for a way for your children to stay active, jump online and register them for the ILT Holiday Sports Programme run by Sport Southland. There will be a variety of different camps for the 9-12 year olds with a focus on the winter sports that are in the beginning stages of their seasons. And for the 5-8 year olds there are heaps of new and exciting physical activities, sports and games that will be run by Kiwi Can leaders.

Don't forget the BNZ Holiday Sport Programme that will be held in Winton on Thursday 9 April and Riverton on Friday 10 April. If you are wanting to register your child/ren please follow the link below:

http://www.sportsouthland.co.nz/active_children/holiday_programme



We have quite a few black jerseys / navy polar fleeces in our lost property room – as well as a pair of black lace-ups. Please pop in in Term 2 to find what may be missing from your house ...