



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to all our students, including two new students who are settling in well to life at Waiau Area School.

Term 1 was a busy term with a lot of positive things happening in the school, right up until the very last day. Term 2 will no doubt prove to be just as busy! Already we have 30 senior students on a training schedule across a range of sports codes in preparation for the annual Area Schools Tournament in Week 3. The Tournament is being held in Twizel this year and so not only do they have a full on programme of sport and cultural activities to prepare for they also have a 6-7 hour road trip to look forward to!

At the end of this term some of our more senior students will be heading off to a once in a lifetime trip to Malaysia. It is an amazing opportunity for students at such a small school as ours and is all down to the vision and hard work put in by two of our teachers (Simon Pearce and Richard Bennett). For two weeks students will be able to soak up the sights, smells and sounds of a completely different culture from their own and I for one look forward to hearing their tales when they get back! The students, their parents and staff have worked hard over the last 12-15 months to fundraise for the trip and there are still a couple of months or so to go on that score. If you ask any one of those involved they will tell you what a time consuming process it has been. It will all be worth it and the staff are already talking about Europe 2016!

For young people to successfully negotiate the challenges of childhood, adolescence and schooling they require a healthy positive sense of self-esteem and self-confidence. Developing and maintaining resilient habits and growth mindsets in our students is something that we need to focus on in our every action and every word every day to ensure they develop a belief in their self-worth and value as a person.

We need to encourage conversations and activities at home, at school and in the community about understanding the importance of feeling good about themselves and then more importantly doing good things as a consequence. This will enable them to develop as young citizens with spirit and confidence. Role modelling and using positive language in our interactions with students is a sound platform for them to consistently approach everything they do positively.

While it is perfectly natural for them to experience self-doubt, we need to assist them in managing these thoughts. Being vigilant and always on the lookout for warning signals that their self-esteem is declining and then acting to

remedy it, will keep their wellbeing in an upward direction. Some alarm bells include:

- a reluctance to try new things
- adopting a "victim" mentality of blaming others for their performance
- losing their assertiveness, presence and 'shine'
- feeling that their best isn't good enough
- being obsessed with unimportant and irrelevant things
- becoming temperamental and thinking inconsistently
- not enjoying the challenge of striving to continually make their best better
- preferring to be alone more than usual and on social networking excessively.

As soon as we begin to notice any of the above, we need to act immediately to assist and coach them to address the causes to their loss of self-esteem and self-confidence. It's all about helping them to not only "do the right thing" but also "do the thing right".

*Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal*

## School News

### WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS:

We welcome Trelise Robinson who has joined Mrs Cleaver's Room 2 class as a Year 3 student, and Mike Herrick who has joined our Year 9/10 cohort. We hope you both enjoy your time with us!

### Saturday 25 April – ANZAC Day

**Orawia Service – 7am**

**Tuatapere Service – 10am**

We encourage students and their families to attend the Tuatapere service, including the march to the Library for the laying of the wreaths. *Students to be in full school uniform please.*

### ANZAC Day Observed

**Monday 27 April – School Closed**

### BIBLES IN SCHOOLS – YR1-6 STUDENTS

**Beginning Thursday 30 April 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)

\*\*\* DATE FOR DIARY \*\*\*  
**TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 29 MAY**  
 (Followed by Queen's Birthday on the Monday)

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



From the mufti day last term, we raised nearly \$100 for World Autism Awareness Day. Thank you to all students who contributed!



Full Assemblies are now being held on Mondays, even weeks, at 2pm. First full assembly for the term will be on Monday 11 May.

**Chopper Mufti Day Fundraiser**

On Friday 1st May, 2015, a nation-wide school mufti day will be held to raise funds for the Westpac Chopper Appeal.

Bring along a gold coin donation to support your local Lakes District Rescue Helicopter. Your support will help keep the life saving Rescue Choppers in the air.  
 Thank you for your support!

**Chopper Appeal**  
 Please donate  
 chopperappeal.co.nz

All funds raised will benefit the Lakes District Rescue Helicopters.

LAKES DISTRICT AIR RESCUE TRUST

## PTA News

### HALF MILE CHALLENGE

A big thank you to everyone who has been participating and encouraging others with the Half Mile Challenge. This has been lots of fun! The last run will be on Wednesday 29 April. See you there!!

### LESLEY ELLIOT NIGHT

PTA are asking for helpers to make sandwiches for the supper being served after Mrs Elliott's presentation. The sandwiches will be made here at Waiau Area School, at 1.30pm on Friday 8 May. Many hands make light work! The PTA will also be serving tea/coffee on the night.

### MOVIE NIGHT

- Friday 1 May @ 3.30pm "Paddington Bear"
- Waiau Film Club (beside the swimming pool)
- \$2 entry pp, includes popcorn and drink

## 2015 Timeline

Wed 4 Feb to Thurs 2 Apr	TERM 1 (8 weeks)
Mon 20 Apr to Fri 3 July	TERM 2 (11 weeks)
Mon 27 April	ANZAC Day observed
Wed 29 April – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Thurs 30 April – 7.30pm	Quiz Nite – Waiau Hotel
Fri 1 May	Mufti Day – Gold coin
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 – 7.30pm	"A Boy Wonder" – School Hall (students free)
Mon 18 May – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 18 – Tues 19 May	Year 4-8 Red Cross People Savers Course
Thurs 28 May – 12.30pm	Whole School Cross Country
Fri 29 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY
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

## Community Notices

If you have a Community Notice to advertise, please email it through to the school at [newsletters@was.school.nz](mailto:newsletters@was.school.nz).

### “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.**

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.**

Register by 1 May by contacting Alison:  
**Text 027 2114923 Email [ionefarm@outlook.com](mailto:ionefarm@outlook.com)  
 or 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*



### LET’S TURN TUATAPERE PINK PINK RIBBON BRUNCH

**Last Light Lodge  
 Sunday 17 May @ 9.30am  
 \$25 (includes \$5 donation to NZBCF)  
 Guest Speaker: Pip Egerton**

Dressing up is not essential... But is so much fun!  
 Reservations essential. RSVP to Last Light Lodge on  
 2266667 or Karen 2266082 or Kirsty 2266570

**Pink Ribbon items will be for sale.  
 Spot Prizes • Raffles • Best Dressed Prizes**

### NETBALL IN THE WAIU 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.

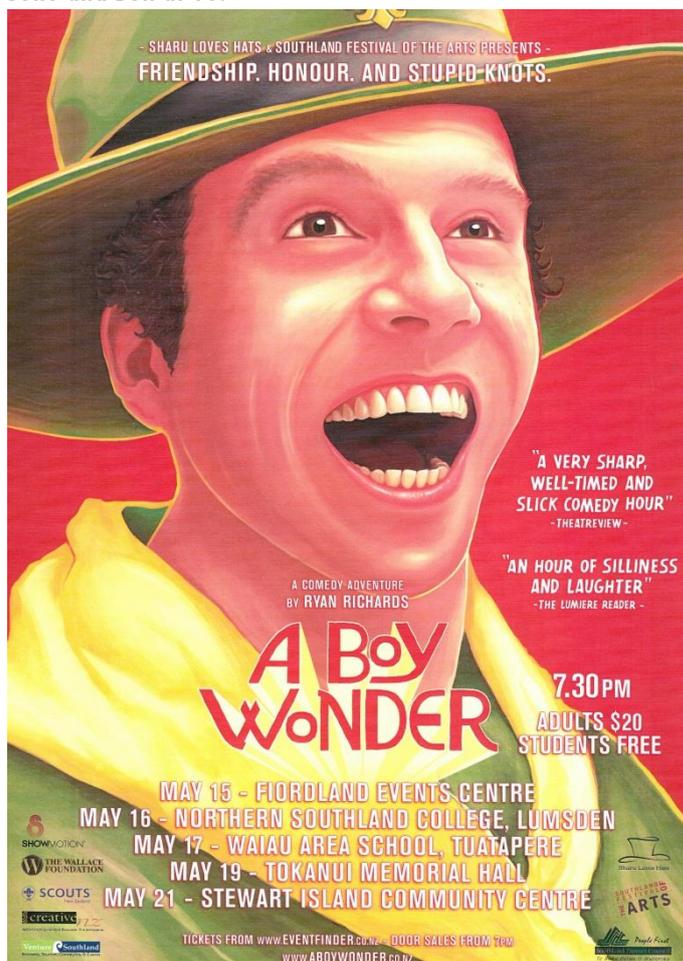
[g.adamz@woosh.co.nz](mailto:g.adamz@woosh.co.nz) or [wairaki@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wairaki@xtra.co.nz)

### 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 Waiau 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](http://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 Waiau Area School netball courts on a Wednesday from 3.30-4.30pm. These will commence from Wednesday 6 May. There will be a cost of \$10/player to cover equipment expenses.

Registrations to Trudy before 4 May on 225 8899 or [wairaki@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wairaki@xtra.co.nz). I will be taking these fun sessions, but am really keen to have some parent help!

*Trudy Slee*

**HOCKEY**

There has been a fantastic response to the idea of having hockey in the district so we're very excited to tell you we are organising a competition for the Year 1-6's this term.

**Monday nights from 3.30pm starting in Week 3 – Monday 4 May – Waiau Area School Netball Courts**

All players will need a mouth guard, shin pads and a hockey stick. There are hockey sticks available if you don't have one by the time hockey starts but you will need a mouth guard and shin pads.

It is about teaching kids hockey skills, developing a love of a great game and having some fun!! We will have training for everyone from 3.30-4.00pm, then children will be put into 6 aside teams and games will commence from 4.00pm. Please have the children there as promptly as you can.

It is not too late for others to join up but it would be nice if you could let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you and we look forward to a great season of bringing hockey back to the Western District. If you know of anyone who would like to help out coaching, refereeing or being part of it, please encourage them to join us there. Sue and I will be in touch next week with those that have their names down already.

*Rosanne Allen 2255842 / Sue Minty 2254885*

**HPV vaccination survey – participants wanted.**

**Parents and caregivers of children and young people aged 9-23** years are invited to participate in a survey investigating knowledge and attitudes around HPV vaccination. The survey is anonymous and should take 5-10 minutes. Please access the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9K657Z7parentscaregivers> or request a hard copy by calling 04 979 3106.

The researcher is a PhD candidate at the Centre of Public Health Research, Massey University. For further information please go to <http://publichealth.massey.ac.nz/home/research/recruiting-projects/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccination-study/> or contact [k.page@massey.ac.nz](mailto:k.page@massey.ac.nz).

# JENNIAN HOMES Junior Netball Academy

**Netball South's popular academy programme is back for 2015!**

The Jennian Homes Junior Netball Academy provides quality coaching experiences to young netballers aged 8-14 years old of all abilities.

Learn the fundamentals of the game – movement, fitness, ball skills, shooting, attack, defence, tactical and technical awareness – all while having fun each week!

**PLUS** - you'll get an exclusive Jennian Homes Junior Netball Academy training t-shirt to show you're a member of our awesome team.





**2015 DATES FOR TERM TWO**

- South Otago - 28 April to 16 June
- Invercargill - 4 May to 29 June
- Winton - 4 May to 29 June
- Gore - 5 May to 30 June
- Queenstown - 6 May to 24 June
- Dunedin - 6 May to 24 June
- North Otago - TBC

- \$100 per participant

Confirm your spot today! Spaces are limited!  
Check out [www.netballsouth.co.nz](http://www.netballsouth.co.nz) for more information and registration forms.

*Your personality. Our expertise.*