



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

*"Respect ourselves, Respect others,
Respect property"*

On the first day of term we had Jenny Broadhurst and Jill Ridden in doing a survey for PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning). One of the questions they asked students was what the school rules were. All of the students questioned could say what they "could and couldn't do", but none of them mentioned the statement above. Yet "Respect ourselves, others, and property" is at the core of what we **expect** from all our students.

Respect ourselves – what it looks like:

- keeping ourselves safe
- be proud of who we are
- be positive

Respect others – what it looks like:

- being polite, saying please and thank you
- listening to what others have to say
- accepting others for who they are

Respect property – what it looks like:

- keeping the school tidy by not littering
- being careful when handling other people's things
- being careful using school equipment

These are all expectations that everyone in school can, should, and will meet!

As a staff we will be focusing on these expectations more carefully over the next few weeks. There have been incidents across the school over the last couple of weeks that indicate some students are **choosing** to ignore all expectations!

Even after sessions with John Parsons we have had students potentially putting themselves at risk.

Some of our senior students are showing a distinct and profound lack of respect for staff and other students.

However I would like to stress this is still a small minority!

I was fortunate enough to get hold of a last minute ticket to Kids 4 Kids on Monday night. What a



fantastic night was had by all! Our students did us proud; they sang with confidence and behaved impeccably. Special mention should go to Curtis Swann who got up and did a ukulele solo with Jackie Clarke. He was brilliant! A star in the making. 😊



Can I take this opportunity to thank Miss Dickson, Miss Quinn and Mrs Cleaver for organising students. Can I also thank all the parents who helped ferry students to and from the event and finally can I thank the students for participating, and with such commitment. It's not easy getting up on stage! You were all awesome!!!

I would also like to thank Mrs Stratford who took our students to the Jump Jam Leadership Workshop at Donovan Primary on Wednesday. It has been 'all hands on deck' this week at school, with several of our staff out at Area Schools Tournament so we couldn't have provided this opportunity for students without parental support.

As I write this, we have just had news that our Area Schools team have arrived safely in Roxburgh after an early start. The team have presented their 'item',

which was a haka led by Tahuna Wanakore. We look forward to bringing you results from this tournament in the next newsletter.



I have had discussions with a number of parents since I arrived at Waiau about opportunities outside of school for students. Being a rural school we do not have all the facilities and opportunities that bigger/city schools have. When opportunities do arise (such as Jump Jam, tournaments, sporting activities, etc) we do endeavour to provide the chance for students to participate.

Unfortunately there is often a cost for these activities, some of which we have to pass on to parents. We have a choice as a school – to either provide fewer opportunities so that we can carry all the cost or provide the opportunities and pass on some of the cost. We have chosen the latter path, believing that breadth of opportunities is important. As mentioned in the first newsletter of this term, however, non-payment of the school activity fee or costs associated with your child participating in extracurricular events may see your child/children miss out on these opportunities.

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

WAS AWESOME CERTIFICATES

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



Ashton Edgerton – Yr1 – For making a fantastic start to his schooling at Waiau Area School. Ashton has settled in fantastically and has picked up our classroom routines quickly! Well done Ashton!

Bailey Miller-Shepherd – Yr3 – For decoding very difficult words correctly, looking up their meaning in the dictionary and sharing his knowledge which enhances the learning of others in Room 2.

Brooke Stratford – Yr4 – For always being on task and giving her best effort in all learning areas.

Jade Shepherd – Yr6 – For being a valued member of Room 3 and for sharing great leadership during her time at Waiau Area School with Friday Sport and lunchtime activities.

Cappi Cleworth – Yr8 – For taking risks in his writing and experimenting with ways to create a picture in the reader's mind.

Bailey Harding – Yr9 – For persistence towards personal excellence in all subjects.

Shon Cleworth – Yr11 – For constantly working hard.

Regan Cleworth – Yr12 – For excellent work in Foods.

Coleen Ebron – Yr13 – For achievement in Calculus.

SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are always happy to receive uniform items that your child/children have outgrown to be able to pass on to new families to the district. If you have any clothing you would be happy to donate, please drop off to the School Office. It would be much appreciated. ☺

SCHOOL BLAZER FOR SALE

Size 104cm, Excellent Condition, \$60.
Contact the School Office if keen on buying.

Teacher Only Day – Friday 30 May

Next Friday our Primary teachers will be having Professional Development on National Standards and moderation, focusing on writing and numeracy. Secondary staff will be meeting with subject specialists across rural Southland to complete moderation as well as engaging in PD about Youth Guarantee, Achievement and Pathways.

This Teacher Only Day follows on with Queen's Birthday on the Monday, making it a four day weekend for our students.

MIND THE BUS!!!!

Parents/caregivers please remind your littlies of the dangers of running or riding bikes along the footpath where the school buses exit the school onto Orawia Road. There was a VERY NEAR miss last week ...

WAIAU AREA SCHOOL PTA UPDATE

The WAS PTA (Parent Teacher Association) meets once a month – often in the School staffroom at 7.30pm, occasionally at Last Light Lodge or Waiau Hotel Café. Everyone is welcome to attend a PTA meeting. Currently we do have a President vacancy, but coming along to a meeting does not mean that you need to fill this position.

Up and Coming – In the near future we are hoping to organise a BINGO night, and are looking into selling pizza and pies, more information will be about as these ideas progress!

If you wish to make sure you are informed about meetings or have any questions please contact me on 03 2266570 or at philandkirsty@woosh.co.nz.

Mrs Kirsty Erskine, PTA Secretary

Board of Trustees Elections

Call for Nominations by	22 May
Nominations Close	5 June
Voting Papers Sent by	10 June
Voting Day	19 June
Count Votes	25 June
Board Takes Office	26 June

Parent rep nomination forms and information were posted out to parents/caregivers this week. Elections for the Student rep position are now open; students Year 9 and above are eligible to nominate and vote. Staff rep elections will also be held following the above timeline.

All interested parties are invited to attend a presentation by Mr Chris Shaw and Ms Elizabeth Hannah at 2.00pm on Monday 26 May in the School Library.

If you have any queries, please get in touch.

Miss Rachael Poole, Returning Officer

2014 Timeline

Mon 3 Feb to Thurs 17 Apr	TERM 1
Mon 5 May to Fri 4 July	TERM 2
Mon 26 May	BOT Info presentation — 2.00pm School Library
Tue 27 May	Rm3/4 trip to Otatara
FRI 30 MAY	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Mon 2 June	Queen's Birthday
Wed 4 June	WAS Cross Country
Mon 21 July to Fri 26 Sept	TERM 3
Mon 13 Oct to Thurs 11 Dec	TERM 4
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day

Just IMAGINE Reaching Your Potential

I was reading a magazine we get in school called 'Tearaway' (www.tearaway.co.nz) when I came across an article about 'reaching your potential'. As not all students or parents read the magazine I thought I would summarise some of the points the article makes. The article is based on strong psychological / neurological research.

1. Research suggests that the human brain cannot always tell the difference between what is true and what is imagined!
2. We can therefore trick our brain into thinking something is true – by visualising the positive outcome of a situation we can actually make it happen when the situation arises in reality. Our brain already thinks that it is going to be a positive outcome, so it is positive.
3. There are benefits to having faith (in its broadest terms), being optimistic and in setting goals.
4. Visualising positive outcomes gives us control. We can let go of things that we cannot control and work on the things that we can control.
5. It takes preparation – you need to think about things before they happen and plan for them, rather than being reactive / leaving things to chance.
6. Old habits die hard! They become hard wired into our brains. They become automatic. Fine if it's a good habit, not so good if it's a bad habit. Visualising positive changes to a bad habit help build new neural pathways.

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right!" (Henry Ford)

"I am the greatest, I said that even before I knew I was." (Muhammad Ali)

If you want more information there is book called 'Imagine – Using mental imagery to reach your full potential' by Dr Lydia Levleva.

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

TEACHER: Johnny, what is the chemical formula for water?

JOHNNY: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

JOHNNY: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Achievements Outside of School to Celebrate ...



Highland Dancing Exam Results

- ✚ Well done to **Jay Egerton** – Initial exam passed with a credit Plus.
- ✚ Well done to **Courtney Erskine** – Preparatory exam passed with a credit.

If your child/children has out of school successes that you'd like to have celebrated in our school newsletter, please feel free to drop a note in to the School Office, or email newsletters@was.school.nz.

Community Notices

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

WAIIAU VALLEY VICTIM SUPPORT GROUP

Would like you to support them on their upcoming Quiz night. This will be held at the Waiiau Hotel on Wednesday 30 June at 7.30pm. Any donations will be gratefully accepted. Members are reminded that the next meeting will be at 5.30pm – also on the same day – 30 June .

With thanks, Ann Sutherland, Secretary

BOXERFIT BOOTCAMPS ARE COMING TO ORAWIA



If you want to get fit quick, gain strength and increase your energy levels this is for you. Burn fat fast and have fun doing it. Tuesday and Friday 6am. Thursdays 7pm. Choose two sessions a week for five weeks. \$135 or \$120 returning bootcampers. Starting Tuesday 27 May. Contact Miriam on 021 2960040.