



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

There have been a lot of things happening at Waiau Area School over the last two weeks, for both staff and students.

### **Students**

Our more senior students came back from Area Schools Tournament buzzing about the sports, activities, and of course the social life! Six of our students were selected for Nationals so well done to Ngahere West, Grace Drain, Hayley Adams, Coleen Ebron, Elkanah Tupua, and Marissa Johnston.



Now it's full steam ahead fundraising in order to get them to Nelson for the Nationals comp.

It was lovely to hear from a parent at Roxburgh who wrote especially to compliment the three students from WAS who stayed with them. They commented on their good manners and good humour. It is

always a relief to know that students represent the school well when they visit other schools / communities.

Some of our younger students were out after school on Tuesday playing in a soccer tournament (or football as us Poms would say 😊). Thank you again to the parent volunteers who took their children into Invercargill to the tournament. It is great that our students are interested in and willing to try a number of different sports (Mr Bennett and Mr Pearce seemed particularly pleased).

It was also great to see participation in cross country on Wednesday. Cross country doesn't have a lot going for it as a sport – running through mud and grime, always run in winter, etc. So it was impressive to see so many students give it their best shot!

### **Staff**

Staff have had a busy couple of weeks as well. While students were at home having fun on Friday, the staff were out having a day of professional development.

The Primary staff spent the day at Hauroko Valley School moderating students work for National Standards. This moderation process allows staff to discuss and then be confident about their judgements when assessing students work. More than one member of staff remarked about what an excellent opportunity it had been, that the process had indeed given them confidence in their judgements. They also noted that the issues they had were shared by teachers across the schools.

The Secondary staff had to go slightly further afield, travelling to Lumsden for the day. One of the keynote speakers for the day was John Hogue from the ministry of Education. John was there to talk about 'Vocational Pathways'. This is an initiative which the MOE are pushing to ensure all students have the opportunity to achieve. It also allows for 'contextualised learning' – in simple terms, making assessment more relevant to the interests and strengths of each student.

This is something that ERO commented on in our last inspection as being a strength in the school – but one that needs to be developed.

Staff also had the opportunity to meet and moderate in their subject clusters.

Last week also saw Mrs Helen Ward and myself up in Nelson for the Area Schools Conference. This was an excellent opportunity for us to meet with staff, BOTs, and Principals from schools 'just like ours'. It was also an opportunity to look at what is going on in other school as far as education and innovation is concerned. I attended workshops on shared learning environments, technologies such as video conferencing, appraisal, and achievement.

What this all demonstrates is that staff, of any age and experience, can always learn something new and that as a profession we are always looking for opportunities to extend our knowledge and experience. This will no doubt be reflected in the classroom in the coming months.

Can I take this opportunity to congratulate Curtis Swann, who was highly commended in the Junior Vocal section of NZ Gold Guitar Awards, as well as being a finalist in the 'Junior Country Rock' section. Many of us saw Curtis perform on the ukulele at 'Kids 4 Kids' and I said then he was destined for stardom! Well done Curtis!!

*Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal*

## School News

### WELCOME TO NEW STUDENT

This week we welcomed Leah Paton and Christian Sotto to Miss D's Room 3 class. Both Leah and Christian are Year 5 students. We also welcomed back Luke Temoko (Yr4) to Mrs Cleaver's Room 2 class. We hope you all enjoy your time here with us!

### WAS AWESOME CERTIFICATES

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



**Tanae Diack – Yr1** – For making some great progress with his reading and writing. You are beginning to read and spell lots of new words by yourself. Well done Tanae, keep up the great work.

**Quinn Palmer – Yr2** – For progress made in writing. Quinn has become a willing, independent writer who is producing some pleasing results. Keep up the great work Quinn!

**Lee Edgerton – Yr3** – For his excellent attitude in all learning areas. Lee is a polite and hard-working student who gives 100% to whatever he does. Well done Lee you are a shining example to others.

**Connor Egerton – Yr6** – For setting goals that are achievable and working towards them with enthusiasm.

### Attention Parents/Caregivers

**All school trips are going to have to be paid for in advance from now on. So far for Term 2 only, the school is nearly \$1400 in debt from parents not paying for extracurricular activities and associated travel costs.**

**NO PAY, NO GO, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### SCHOOL TARTAN SKIRTS

Our School PTA recently purchased a quantity of the triple tartan skirt that is a compulsory uniform item for yr7-13 girls. The skirt usually retails at \$60, **but the PTA will be selling them for only \$20.** Available from the School Office.

### SHAVE TO SAVE

**7.30pm – Monday 9 June – School Hall**

Come along on the night to witness Miss Dickson, Mr Bennett, Mr Maloney and Sam Stratford having their heads shaved 😊.

Donations can be made to the school office or on the night.

*All money raised will be donated to the Southland Cancer Society.*

## From Our Sports Coordinator

Six of our students attended yesterday's Western Primary Cross Country in Invercargill. From this we had two students, Shontelle Stratford and Eric Ward, qualify to attend the Southland Primary Cross Country on Friday 13 June at Gorge Road. Congratulations!!

*Miss Rachael Poole, Sports Coordinator*

## 2014 Timeline

|                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mon 3 Feb to Thurs 17 Apr  | TERM 1                               |
| Mon 5 May to Fri 4 July    | TERM 2                               |
| Mon 9 June                 | Shave to Save – 7.30pm – School Hall |
| Thurs 31 July              | PTA AGM – 3.15pm – School Library    |
| Mon 21 July to Fri 26 Sept | TERM 3                               |
| Mon 13 Oct to Thurs 11 Dec | TERM 4                               |
| Mon 27 Oct                 | Labour Day                           |

## Board of Trustees Elections

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| 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 two weeks ago and nominations closed yesterday. We received eight nominations so we will now be holding an election. Voting papers will be sent out by 10 June.

If you have any queries, please get in touch.

*Miss Rachael Poole, Returning Officer*

## Don't Assume You're Immune

Do you have a 16 or 17 year old who is leaving school this year to move on to work, further study, or travel?

Whatever their plan, now's a good time for you to check that they're up to date with their immunisations. Immunisation is their best protection against many serious preventable diseases. And the good news is that most immunisations are free until they turn 18 years old.

And it's not too late for girls to be protected against cervical cancer if they missed the HPV immunisation in Year 8.

Have a chat to your family doctor or nurse about immunisation, or take a look at this website (<http://getimmunised.org.nz/>) with immunisation information for you and your son or daughter.



As an incentive for 16 and 17 year olds to find out more information about immunisations, HPA is running a competition where they can win an iPhone 5c by visiting the Get Immunised website.

*Message from the Health Promotion Agency*

## From Our Deputy Principal

Congratulations to those students who are building their NCEA credit base. I must admit, I love getting notification from staff or other providers that our students are well on the way to achieving their goals. We are nearly halfway through the academic school year – actually past halfway for our yr11-13 students – and it seems timely that school reports are organised to be sent home for the end of this term.

At present we have a small number of senior students attending trade courses at SIT on a weekly basis. This experience prepares them for career decisions for the

future. If your child is unsure of their career path direction, they may be interested in doing one of these courses.

Over the next four weeks on a Monday, we will be having guest speakers in to talk to our students on a range of topics. Our first guest speaker is a former student, Lewis King.

With the cold weather settling in, there has been a noticeable decline in the correct wearing of the school uniform. ***This is through the whole of the school from new entrants up to yr13s.*** As set down by our school Board/Commissioner, our students are required to wear correct school uniform, and our staff are required to enforce that rule. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** for **NOT** wearing the correct uniform, or wearing the uniform correctly. If you need clarification on what the uniform consists of, please contact the School Office. If cost is an issue, please contact the School Office also.

I would just like to say, what an awesome three days the staff had at Roxburgh with our students. Their behaviour, participation, and all-round politeness was a credit to them and their families. I was stopped several times over the course of the three days with the comment "You're the lady from Waiau aren't you?", this would then be followed by a positive comment either from a referee, a host family, or the general public saying how tremendous our students were.

I just want to say a big thank you to those parents who sent their children to school when the buses weren't running on our recent Snow Day. We had a great day with those students here.

*Mrs Helen Ward, Deputy Principal*

## From Our Teachers

### A HAT-TRICK OF HAT-TRICK HEROES!

Waiau Area School got off to a great start in the College Football League on Tuesday evening with a convincing 11-0 win over Aurora College. Three Waiau players each scored three goals (a "hat-trick"), which illustrated the superb team-work that was demonstrated throughout the match.

Lucas Gutsell (Room 3) opened the scoring with an impressive first-time strike from Max Baird's (Y7/8) through-ball. Mahaki Rodgers (Y9/10) was next on the score-sheet as he dribbled past several defenders and put the ball in the back of the net. Lucas then notched his second goal before Sam Stratford (Room 3) smashed home a left-footed effort following an excellent header from Eric Ward (Y7/8) in mid-field. Sam and Mahaki both scored again before half-time to make it 6-nil at the break.

Several players were switched around for the second half to develop an appreciation of the requirements of different positions, with Jacob Stratford (Y7/8) taking



over the goal-keeping duties from Bailey Harding (Y9/10) and the first-half strikers playing in defence.



Shontelle Stratford (number 10) takes on the Aurora defence at the ILT Turf in Invercargill.

Ben Egerton (Y7/8) kept the score-board ticking over with two strikes in quick succession after the re-start. Mahaki completed his hat-trick with an awesome shot from outside the penalty box that sailed into the goal. Ben grabbed his third goal after a long period of attacking pressure in the opponent's half and Sam finished the match off with a well-deserved goal to secure his hat-trick.

Congratulations to all players and huge thanks to Mrs Debbie Stratford and Mr Pearce for being our volunteer drivers and sideline supporters!

*Mr Richard Bennett, HOD Health/PE*

## SQUASH COACHING

Starting Monday 9 June, from 3.30-4.30pm. Any school students interested please come along to the Waiiau Squash courts. \$2 per session. If you have any queries, please contact Miss Jaime Dickson ([jd@was.school.nz](mailto:jd@was.school.nz)) or Mr Richard Bennett ([rb@was.school.nz](mailto:rb@was.school.nz)).

## PTA Update

PTA supplied a free sausage to everyone who completed in the Cross Country. Well done to all participants, it was great seeing all the effort you put in!

- ➔ **For Sale from the School Office:** Boys School Socks – \$10pair; yr7-13 Girls Tartan Skirts – \$20.
- ➔ **Movie Afternoon:** *Despicable Me 2* – Friday 20 June 3.15-4.45pm, at the Movie Theatre across from School, Gold Coin Entry and popcorn and drink supplied.
- ➔ **AGM:** Thursday 31 July – 3.15pm in the School Library.

*Mrs Kirsty Erskine, Secretary*

## Achievements Outside of School to Celebrate ...



### NZ Gold Guitar Awards

Well done to **Curtis Swann** who participated in the above and achieved:

- ✦ Highly commended in the Junior Vocal section.
- ✦ Finalist in the Junior Country Rock section.

You can watch Curtis on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6LMZrbPHLg>

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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletters@was.school.nz).

### TUATAPERE PLAYCENTRE

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR REQUIRED

Are you creative, energetic, fun-loving with a positive attitude and do you enjoy working in a friendly environment?

We are looking for a warm caring person to join our team as our Early Childhood Educator. We currently offer two sessions per week (3½ hours per session) with additional non-contact time. This position would require the applicant to hold a relevant Early Childhood, Playcentre course 3 or 4 or a Primary Teaching Qualification.

For a job description and application form contact Megan O'Brien at Southland Playcentre Association, (03) 2142033 ext. 4 or email: [employment@playcentresouthland.co.nz](mailto:employment@playcentresouthland.co.nz). Applications including application form, letter and CV to be submitted by Monday 23 June 2014.

## RINSE RETURN RECYCLE!

FREE COLLECTION EVENT FOR RECYCLING OF  
EMPTY PLASTIC CONTAINERS

D T Kings Transport, 3 Half Mile Road, Tuatapere

Saturday 14 June, 9am-1pm

Scouts BBQ from 11am

Every container accepted for recycling earns 50¢  
for local scouts!