



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I thought I would start this week's newsletter with a topical as well as educational quote:

"You can't kick goals if you can't see the posts"

– Graeme Alford

Those watching the football World Cup at the moment will be well aware of how true this is, as will those of you watching the All Blacks vs England test matches. It also applies to life in general though, and in education in particular.

The most successful people in life are the ones who have 'goals' (or using the above analogy, 'goal posts'. The best way to succeed in life is to set yourself a goal and head towards it, keeping it in sight at all times. Sometimes life has a way of leading you away from your goal posts and sometimes you may need to re-evaluate your goals, but without them we are random and directionless.

When I first came to rugby mad NZ eight years ago I had a group of teenage boys who had opted to play football (soccer) on 'Wednesday afternoon sport'. It was hilarious to watch them play football from the sidelines. All 20 field players (goalies don't leave their box) chased after the ball, kicking it from one side of the field to the other then all dutifully chasing after it, like the Pied Piper of Hamlyn. No-one ever looked up to see where there was another player from their own team, or where the goal posts were!

Once they got over their rugby vs football arguments, and dealt with the fact that I was a woman who knew her football, they began to listen. They set themselves a goal – to learn the rules of football and to play a decent game.

When you ask very young students what they want to be when they grow up, they are nearly always **very sure** of what it is they want to be, whether it be a truck driver or a doctor. But then as their experiences broaden so does their sureness about what it is they want to do, there are **soooo** many options after all. By the time they become teenagers they often have absolutely no idea about what it is they want to do – or how to get there.

I have had several conversations with parents about their children over the last couple of weeks which have directly or indirectly been linked to 'goals'. They need to start looking at what and where they want to be in five years' time and they need to start developing a plan of how to get there. Look for those goal posts!

Ways in which we as a school are supporting this process:

- ✓ Mentor groups were formed so that staff could have a closer relationship with students moving through their education. In turn developing closer communication between teacher, student, and whanau.
- ✓ The students have been encouraged and given the opportunity to explore career pathways.
- ✓ Individualised programmes of work and assessment that are tailored to students' interests, strengths, and future pathways.
- ✓ And they are currently involved in a number of career talks from people within the community about future plans and how they got to be where they are today.

You can help as parents by encouraging them to think about where they want to be in the future and how they think they can get there. There's a great 'careers' website for them to look at too but it's about encouraging them to keep their focus.

Going back to the quote at the beginning ... it was great to see our junior students playing a football game at home last week. It was even more heartening to see so many **LOUD** supporters on the sideline. There is some real talent out there in that junior squad. The enthusiasm is spreading (the World Cup's helping) and I and other staff now risk life and limb walking across the quad to the staffroom as so many are playing 'footie'. 😊

It was also heartening to see so many at the quiz on Wednesday night. The generosity of the community knows no bounds. \$569 was raised for students to attend the National Area Schools tournament in Nelson which is being held during the first week of the July school holidays.

Can I thank Mrs Tupua especially for donating the Rugby 2011 World Cup memorabilia for a raffle

prize or two. I tried the jacket on because it was my favourite colour, but it doesn't fit – so it's going to have to be first prize in the raffle instead. I can vouch for it being a lovely winter jacket! There is also a rugby ball-shaped book of top rugby players, John Kirwan's in it, but I resisted snaffling that too, so it's second prize in the raffle.

And finally on the community fundraising front, we as a staff were all totally overwhelmed by the generosity and support for the head shaving event – raising funds for **local** cancer charities. You helped us raise over \$1700! Aaron Challis donated \$200 just to shave off Mr Bennett's beard! Well done to all. This is a cause **very** close to our hearts and I feel truly blessed to be working and living in such a generous and committed community.

That same community has also put forward eight candidates for the BOT elections – good luck to all the candidates. I am looking forward to this next chapter at WAS. Congratulations to Mr Simon Pearce and Anna Hammond who were elected unopposed as Staff Rep and Student Rep respectively.

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We welcome back to Waiau Area School Umay Ubatay (yr10) and ZJ Ubatay (yr7).



We also welcome Shania Deans-Bryant (yr10) and Chelsea Evans (yr7) to our school. We hope you all enjoy your time here with us!

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

A reminder to all parents/caregivers/visitors – please sign-in at the School Office if you are going to be on-site for a period of time. This is essential for health and safety reasons. In an emergency situation we need to know who is on the school site.

PTA AGM

Thursday 31 July – 3.15pm in the School Library

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

A big thank you to the Tuatapere 4 Square for supplying yummy school lunches for our students. A few reminders to parents and students; lunch orders are to:

- be **named**;
- have the **correct** amount of money included;
- be **handed** in to the School Office by 10.30am at the latest.

Please be aware that orders with insufficient money will not be processed.

School Social

Date: Thursday 3 July

Time: 4.00-6.00pm for Juniors (yr1-6)
7.00-9.30pm for Seniors (yr7-13)

Cost: \$5 for Juniors (includes drink & lollies)
\$3 for Seniors

The Junior Social is open to all yr1-6's in the Waiau Valley.

Theme for Juniors:

FROZEN

Area Schools Nationals Fundraiser

The Highlanders Go Back To School

Every purchase over \$50 of Tru-Test Group products (Stafix, Pel, Tru-Test, Hayes) at participating RD1 stores gives our school one entry into the draw to win a variety of prizes, including an exclusive visit by four Highlanders players.

Go to www.tru-test.com/highlanders-school-promo for details.

PTA FUNDRAISER

Montana Bakery Fundraising Order Forms need to be returned to the School Office by Monday 23 June please.
Delivery date: Friday 4 July.

*** SCHOOL PHOTOS ***
Monday 11 August

LOST PROPERTY

Please check this when you can – quite a few jackets, socks and school polar fleeces there ...

2014 Timeline

Mon 3 Feb to Thurs 17 Apr	TERM 1
Mon 5 May to Fri 4 July	TERM 2
Mon 21 July to Fri 26 Sept	TERM 3
Thurs 31 July	PTA AGM – 3.15pm – School Library
Mon 11 August	School Photos
Mon 13 Oct to Thurs 11 Dec	TERM 4
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day

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

Voting closed on Thursday 19 June; we are awaiting postal votes to arrive before we count votes next Wednesday. We look forward to advising our new Board of Trustees in due course.

Miss Rachael Poole, Returning Officer

From Our Teachers**NCEA FEES**

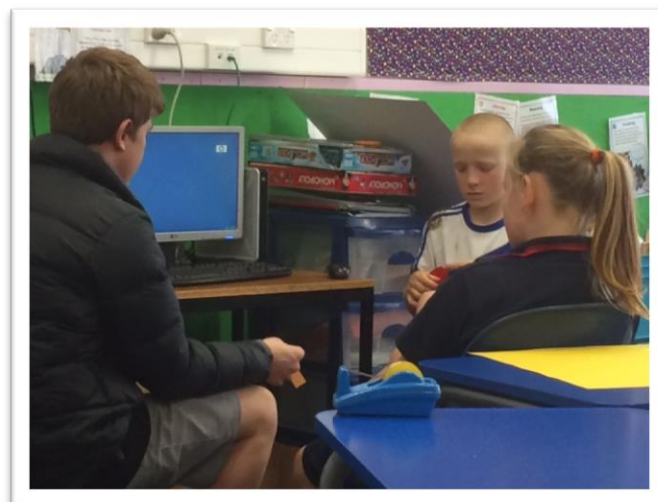
All students doing NCEA courses this year will need to pay their NZQA fees in order to receive their credits. This is for internal AND external (exam) credits. No fees – no credits. The fees are \$76.70 per student.

HOWEVER, fees can be reduced to just \$20 if:

- You receive a Work and Income or Studylink benefit OR
- You have a Community Services Card OR
- You have two or more children sitting NCEA this year

Ask at the office for an Application for Financial Assistance form. Fees are due by 1 August.

Mr Paul Maloney, Principal's Nominee



Year 9/10's sharing their weaving skills with the year 5/6 class. We have some potential teachers in the making!



Community Notices

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

UPCOMING FREE BUDGETING AND HOMEMAKING SESSIONS

12 June	Soap Making – Part 1
19 June	Healing from the Kitchen Cupboard
26 June	Craft and Conversation
10 July	Gift Making – Hampers
24 July	Soap Making – Part 2
14 August	Meet, Chat, & Potluck Supper
28 August	Planning a Meaningful Christmas
11 September	Break Making
25 September	Get Your Garden Growing
9 October	Technology-free Games
23 October	Massage Basics
30 October	Gift Making – Decorated Wreaths

Venue: 'Much More On Main', 57 Main Road, Tuatapere. Contact: Elizabeth Chittock on 03 2266301 or at elizabethchittock@hotmail.com

JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Fully interactive and extensive singing and drama holiday programme for students Years 1-8 who would like to have fun while learning the arts of singing and drama.

*voice development *microphone work *mime, improvisation, short plays and musical theatre ... and much more!!

Phone the specialist registered teachers below for more information or to make a booking. Limited spaces so book now to ensure you don't miss out!

When: 9am-3pm Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 July

Cost: \$40 per day or \$100 for three days

Miriam Erikson 0276004631 miriam@sayitclearly.co.nz or

Alice Fraser 0212054412 alicejade27@gmail.com

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CAMPS OVER JULY AT CYC WAIHOLA

This year CYC Waihola has been running 'sweet as' holiday camps for kids and teenagers for 50 years! To see more about about our upcoming July camps go to our website at www.cycwaihola.org.nz.

Waiau Star CLUB DAY 21 June 2014

All Waiau Teams playing at the Domain. Juniors in the morning and seniors kicking off at 3pm against Central Pirates/Star.

Dress up theme: The letter "W" or "S"

Prizes for the best dressed!

Evening BBQ

7.30pm: An auction of the senior jerseys from last season

DJ Lazer playing until late! Raffles! Bar open!

Courtesy Coach available! All Welcome!

GARAGE SALE

10AM–4PM, SATURDAY 28 JUNE

SOUTHLIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH BUILDING – TRURO STREET, OREPUKI

FURNITURE, CLOTHES, CAKE STALL, KITCHENWARE

"A BARGAIN FOR EVERYONE"! SEE YOU THERE.

THORNBURY SCHOOL STUBBLE Paddock RACE

SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2014

SIGN IN FROM 10.30 – RACING STARTS AT 11.30

NATHAN RONALDS

RIVERTON WALLACETOWN HIGHWAY

SENIOR JUNIOR & PEEWEE TRACK AVAILABLE

\$20 ADULTS \$10 KIDS

JUNIOR BIKES AVAILABLE FOR USE

\$10 PER 30 MINUTES

HOT FOOD AVAILABLE

APPROPRIATE HELMETS & BOOTS TO BE WORN

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Paul Diprose on 0272277197 or

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FUNDRAISER FOR SENIOR PLAYGROUND