



For the Community of WAS

As I write, my time as Commissioner at Waiau Area School is coming to an end. During the coming week, votes will be counted in the election for the parent-elected trustees and the new Board will take office. To all new trustees, whether parent-elected, staff-elected or student-elected, and to our Principal Elizabeth, I send my very best wishes. I hope that you enjoy making a contribution to the governance of the school and to the education of the young people of this community.

It was with some trepidation that I drove over Blackmount in September 2012 for my first meeting at the school as Commissioner. No one in the school, even at that time, knew who the new Commissioner was going to be; and I did not know any of the people at school either. During that first meeting, it was clear to me that the school has many strengths, in its staff and in its students, and in the community around it.

Each trip over the hill has been enjoyable for me. In particular I have enjoyed working with Principals Steven Mustor, Kevin Orlowski and Elizabeth Hannah, with the staff especially when understanding what was needed to move the school forward, and with the community when exchanging views on many issues and when preparing for a new Board to come into office. My meetings with students have been less frequent, but I have enjoyed seeing many students at work and at play.

As the new Board settles in, there will be some nervousness I am sure. With a little give-and-take though, things will work out well for the school. I, for one, will be watching with interest to see what the future holds.

Again, my best wishes to you all.

Chris Shaw, Commissioner

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last week witnessed the start of a new era at WAS. After nearly two years with a Commissioner it now has a BOT. I am very much looking forward to working with Wendy Adams, Dale Egerton, Ricki Egerton, Karl Tamou, and David McCallum. Being a BOT is a huge ask and I have a great deal of respect and admiration for anyone taking on the role. These five individuals will help steer the school in the right direction over the next few years. For next to no remuneration they will drive the new developments within the school, being ultimately

responsible for buildings worth several million dollars, being responsible for around 20 staff and most importantly, being responsible for all your sons and daughters. So welcome and I hope you enjoy your new role.

One of the difficulties parents and the community as a whole have with a BOT is understanding what their role is. The BOT govern the school, they ensure that we comply with all the legal requirements as well as driving the 'vision' of the school. The Principal's role is to manage the school. If as a parent you have a concern about the day to day issues in the school it is important you use the channels within the school.

Term 2 was a shorter term than normal, at 9 weeks – but I think if you ask any staff member or student, they will tell you it felt like a very long term. Our staff and students squeeze so much into their weeks that it makes them all very tired by the last Friday of term ☺. This term we have had tournament, we've had football matches, netball tournaments, futsal tournaments, Jump Jam, squash to name but a few. These are all on top of the normal day to day lessons. All of these extras take time and effort to organise and so can I thank staff for all the extra time they put in. Can I thank the parents for ferrying their children and others around to the various events too.

You Can Do It! This is the title of a poster in our staffroom (www.youcandoit.com.au). Every time I look up at the poster I am reminded of what our roles are as teachers and parents. According to the poster our core purpose in education is to develop young people's social and emotional capabilities – and this is certainly true! If we can develop:

- Confidence
- Persistence
- Organisation
- Getting along
- Resilience

Then your sons/daughters success would be a certainty, whatever their academic ability. In order to develop these five abilities, research suggests we develop '12 Habits of Mind':

1. Accepting Myself
2. Taking Risks
3. Being Independent
4. I Can Do It!
5. Giving Effort
6. Working Tough
7. Setting Goals
8. Planning My Time

9. Being Tolerant of Others
10. Thinking First
11. Playing By The Rules
12. Social Responsibility

At WAS we try and provide every opportunity we can to develop these habits within our students. In my final newsletter of Term 2, I want to focus on 'Social Responsibility'. This is a broad area that includes CARING, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, TOLERANCE, and INCLUSION.

There have been a number of occasions this term when I have been concerned by the lack of caring in the school community and this is usually connected to a lack of honesty, respect, and tolerance. So I will finish with one last statement to think about: "Be kind to each other, you don't know when you will need that kindness repaid".

I hope all staff and students have a restful and safe break, and parents I hope you enjoy having your sons/daughters at home! ☺

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

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 AGM

Thursday 31 July – 3.15pm in the School Library

* SCHOOL PHOTOS *

Monday 11 August

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

I would like to welcome the following people to our Board of Trustees:

- Wendy Adams
- Dale Egerton
- Ricki Egerton
- Karl Tamou
- David McCallum

It was great to have a choice of eight nominations and I would like to thank all the people who were willing to stand up and support our school through allowing themselves to be nominated for the Board of Trustees.

Miss Rachael Poole, Returning Officer

From Our Teachers

Y7/8 FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

WAS vs SBHS

Another big crowd welcomed Southland Boys High School to Tuatapere on Tuesday 24 June for the Waiau team's fourth match of the season. The game started at a frenetic pace with both teams having a number of chances early on. Resilient defence and excellent goal-keeping kept the scores very low for the majority of the match until SBHS broke the deadlock and went two goals ahead just before the break. Mr Pearce, who refereed the match, was able to put down his whistle at half-time to give a much-needed team-talk and implemented some strategic substitutions. This stirred the troops into action and the second half was played in a more collegiate spirit, enabling Waiau to score a Goliath-like goal courtesy of Jackson McCallum.

Final score: SBHS won 2-1.

WAS vs BMC

Although ostensibly a "home" game for Waiau, the teams met in Winton in the fifth round of the College Football league, to limit the travel time for Blue Mountain College. Like WAS, this is the first time that BMC have entered a team into the competition and they are definitely enjoying the experience, playing in a positive spirit and learning more about the game each week.

Captain Mahaki Rodgers led from the front, setting up the first two goals by feeding an inch-perfect delivery to Eric Ward on the five minute mark followed by another great pass a minute later for Sam Stratford to score. Lucas Gutsell enjoyed a lot of freedom in the mid-field, making several mazy runs through the BMC defence, three of which he was able to score from to complete a first-half hat-trick, and a total of five for the whole match.

Jacob Stratford, another hat-trick hero, put in a Man-of-the-Match performance, demonstrating some incredible footwork and excellent awareness by scoring and setting up a number of goals; the most noteworthy of which involved Jacob dribbling into the penalty box, committing the defenders towards him and laying the ball off to Max Baird who cracked a first-time shot into

the top corner. Cameron Johnston played the first half in goal and was eager to have a run on the out-field in the second half. Cameron celebrated his first game for the school by scoring a top corner beamer that never looked like missing the target. Christian Sotto took over the goal-keeping duties from Cameron and was pleased to keep a clean-sheet after some excellent reaction saves. A superb team performance, well done to all players and huge thanks to Dawn Egerton for driving and to Dan Stratford for dusting off his whistle and refereeing the game!

Final score: WAS won 14-0.

BADMINTON CLUB

Term 3 – Thursdays 5.30-7.00pm

All players welcome –

All abilities – All ages

Come and have a hit. Gold coin donation to cover cost of shuttles and lights.

READING TOGETHER AT WAIU AREA SCHOOL

A newsletter was recently sent home with our yr1-3 students to explain the Reading Together programme to parents/caregivers. We are planning to implement this programme into our school during term 3.



The workshops will be held in the School Library on Wednesday evenings from 6.00-7.15pm, commencing on 6 August. There will be tea/ coffee and snacks to start. No worries with childcare as we will have a crèche available in Room 1. If you are interested in attending these workshops, please complete the slip on the letter and hand in to the school office ASAP. If you have any queries, please email me at: dc@was.school.nz. Further information can be sourced by visiting www.readingtogether.net.nz

Mrs Donnah Cleaver, Assistant Principal

COLLEGE GAMES FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 3 July, the Y9/10 class participated in the Southland Secondary Schools College Games Futsal Tournament and celebrated their inaugural entry by winning the Championship Cup! Coached by Ryan McLellan and Josh Culbertson, the mixed team of 7 players demonstrated superb team-work, resilience and flair as they battled other Southland schools on their way to the final. Waiau finished the group stages as

winner of their pool and went on to play the top teams from Pools A and B. After dispatching their opponents in the semi-final, WAS faced Aurora in the grand final and were stoked to be 1 nil up, from a great strike by Jackson McCallum, with one minute to play. A free-kick was awarded to Aurora just outside the penalty area and this was smashed into the goal with the last kick of the game to make the scores level at the end of normal time. Five minutes extra time followed, with the possibility that penalties would have to be taken if the teams couldn't score before the final whistle. With 2 minutes left on the clock, the ball was played to Mahaki Rodgers who fired a first-time shot past the Aurora goal-keeper. 2-1 to Waiau! The tension was palpable as the last few seconds seemed to take forever to pass until the whistle sounded and WAS were crowned College Games Champions! Huge congratulations to all players and thanks to Ryan and Josh for coaching the team to victory.

Team: Mahaki Rodgers, Felix Egerton, Amanda Baldwin, Jackson McCallum, Jarred Middlemiss, Bailey Harding, Moon Roe.

Mr Richard Bennett, HOD PE

NZ INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

If you are popping through to Dunedin over the break:

When: 5-13 July

Where: At over 20 venues across Dunedin including the University of Otago, Mitre 10, Dunedin City Library, Otago Museum and many more.

What: Over 120 events for all ages, from Kindy kids to adults – 90% are free!

Check out the website: <http://www.scifest.org.nz/>

Miss Anita Collett, HOD Science

Achievements Outside of School to Celebrate ...



Central Western Rep Rugby

Well done to **Sam Stratford** and **Lucas Gutsell** who have both been selected for the U38kg Central Western Rugby Rep team.

Community Notices

WAIMATUKU SOUTHERN SCENIC HIGHLAND PIPE BAND – CELTIC SPIRIT

2.00pm – Sunday 6 July – Scottish Hall, Esk Street, Invercargill
General Admission – \$30

Featuring: Waimatuku Pipe Band, Invercargill Rock n Roll Club, Allan Black (Piano Accordion), Highland Dancers

TUATAPERE PLAYCENTRE**** We have a new educator ****We are now opened in Term 3 on
Mondays & Wednesdays 9am-1pm.Please come and visit us. Contact Brooke Gardyne on 2266846 for
more information.**SOUTH ZONE JUNIOR NETBALL ACADEMY**Registration are available from the School Office for the above being
held in Term 3:**Invercargill** — Mondays, Stadium Southland — 28 Jul—23 Sept**Winton** — Mondays, Central Southland Sports Centre — 28 Jul—23 Sept

For more information phone Netball South: 03 2171303 or

Email: Hannah.coutts@netballsouth.co.nz

\$20 PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Affordable Family Portraits

Tuatapere Playcentre has arranged for a professional photographer from Jack 'n' Jill to take photos of children, family and friends.

At:
The Playcentre
23a Orawia Rd

On:
Sunday 3rd August

Contact:
Brooke on: 226 6846

Every \$20 collected is retained by the Organisation

Simply tear of name and number below and phone for bookings and any enquires.
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Our \$20 Entitles you to:

- A free portrait sitting
- A free 10x13 Portrait print
- Digital portrait files and lots of great print options available
- Portrait prints from only 99 cents!
- \$20 go directly to the fundraising cause

Fundraiser is open to the community - all support is welcome.

at files, additional prints and photo products are not to purchasing the digital files. 10x13 \$20 portrait must be chosen on the viewing day only.

FAMILY TIMES

The latest edition of Family Times, New Zealand's number one parenting publication, can now be accessed on line at <http://www.familytimes.co.nz/> It is packed with wide ranging, topical and interesting editorial for parents and caregivers, national and local events, activities and entertainment, great ideas for the holidays and fun competitions for everyone!

TUATAPERE NETBALL CLUB UPDATE

We are now at the start of our 3rd round for the season, which is the competition round. All teams have been playing well and I am confident of some good results. This year, in order to keep our players in their correct grade for their skill level, we decided to trial all our junior players with Orawia. After some discussion, it was decided to have three teams under the Orawia umbrella and three under Tuatapere's.

The Orawia Teams are:

Future Ferns 2: Coached by Debbie Chandler and Ellen O'Brien managed by Kirsty Erskine.**Future Ferns 1:** Coached by Karyn Mackie and Rachael Poole managed by Dale Egerton.**6th Grade:** Coached by Trudy Slee managed by Sharon Hampton. The Tui Teams are:**5th Grade:** Coached by Lisa McCracken and Veronica Wylie, managed by Roseanne Allan.**3rd Grade:** Coached by Dayna and Hayley Adams, managed by Cheryl Baldwin.**Premier Reserve Grade:** Coached by Wendy Adams.

Our Prem Res. Team is playing its 1st competition game on Thursday night, against Drummond at the Winton Complex at 6.30pm. Come and support the team. The 1st competition game for all other teams is on Saturday. I will try to get some results in the newsletter throughout the last round.

Good luck to all the teams. Play hard and play fair.

Cheers Wendy Adams, President, Tuatapere Club

WAIU STAR SENIOR RUGBY TEAM UPDATE

The Waiiu Senior Team is coached by Pete Van Dam and Gerard Adams and managed by Aaron Challis. This is a building year for the team as they have come down from 1st division and have a relatively young team; although there are a few old boys in there, helping the young fellas out. Over the last few weeks they have had some good wins and seem to be getting better all the time.

The competition has now split in to the top 6 and bottom 6. Waiiu is now playing off in the bottom 6 and played their 1st game against Midlands on Saturday of which Waiiu won 27 to 15. They play at Balfour on Saturday and then they are home against Woodlands on 12 July. There are a number of past Waiiu Area School Players in this team. So come down and support your team and see who you can spot.

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Information Evening:
Find out about
studying teaching
in Invercargill

Wednesday 23 July at 7pm, at our
campus 100 Nelson Street, Invercargill

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