



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to what will be a pivotal term for some of our students. For some it will feel like they have never been away from school. I had to chuckle at one of those Facebook 'messages' which was written by the husband of a school teacher and about her job which was 9-3 and only for half the year because of all those holidays. The gist of the sarcastic message was that in fact his wife worked long hours and through the holidays. This can certainly be said for the staff of Waiau.

Richard and Gemma Bennett, along with Simon Pearce, spent their holiday with students and parents in Malaysia. Not a bad place to 'holiday' for sure but the responsibility and stress that goes with any school trip, never mind one that goes abroad means that all of those teachers were actually 'working' during their holiday. The report back in assembly suggested that everyone who went to Malaysia had a very good time and learned lots about the country and culture while they were there. It is a testament to the staff of Waiau that this opportunity was given to students. Simon Pearce in particular worked phenomenally hard to make the trip happen and within a budget that our families could meet. I would like to thank him and Richard and Gemma for giving our students such an amazing experience.

Jaime Dickson also spent a week of her 'holidays' with a number of our students, this time up in Wanganui. National Area Schools Tournament is always an event much looked forward to by students. Again students had the opportunity to see another area of New Zealand as well as meeting students from Area Schools all round NZ. Our students were very successful up there. Elkanah was selected for the South Island Basketball team, Eric Ward made the South Island team in both football and Ki-O-Rahi and Brook Hutchby made the South Island team for Ki-O-Rahi. Special congratulations this year goes to Moon Roe for being selected for the National Area Schools Football team. Well done to everyone who participated and a huge Thank You to Miss Dickson for giving up her holiday to take the students.

I would also like to thank all the individuals and groups who supported the trips financially. These students wouldn't get these opportunities without your generosity. There are too many individuals to mention but I have to single out Tuatapere Lions Club and Tuatapere 4 Square who contributed to both trips.

As I mentioned in my first line, Term 3 is a pivotal term for some students, mainly our Year 11-13 students. They effectively have just 10 weeks in which to earn the credits they need to pass NCEA. Many of the students have left themselves with a lot to do over that 10 weeks! We will support them in any way we can to reach their goals but in the end only they can do the work. Only they can write the answers in the boxes! It is up to them! Staff will be contacting parents throughout the term to give updates about their son/ daughters.

There have been many challenges over the last 18 months at Waiau and we faced another one at the end of last term when Anita Collett was successful in her job search in Christchurch. Because of our isolation and position in the country (and a distinct lack of Science teachers generally) we did not have a suitable applicant for the Science position. Again the amazing staff of Waiau stepped forward and offered to teach Science. This enabled us to look for a more generally qualified teacher to teach in other areas of the school. So I would like to welcome Miss Joanne Dodge to the school. She is an excellent and very experienced teacher who has moved down from Christchurch to work at Waiau. I would also like to welcome Mrs Katrena Deans who has joined our team of support staff as Librarian. In the week you've been with us Katrena, you've done wonders with the Library! It's looking very tidy and orderly and welcoming.

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

SCHOOL INVOICES

The above were posted out yesterday. The invoices are laid out slightly differently from the past as we have a new Student Management System. If you have trouble reading the invoice, please come in and see me directly. The annual School Contribution has been kept to a minimum this year, remaining the same as 2013 and 2014, i.e. \$25 per student. This contribution will help cover a range of activities throughout the school. This contribution is not a "school donation" in disguise. We are not asking families for a "school donation" this year. We instead suggest that should you genuinely like to make a donation to the school, to do so without a request from the school.

If your Statement shows a balance with the line "c/f from Classic" this means you still owed money from our old Student Management System; these statements

have also been included, printed on red paper.

Payments can be made as follows:

- Cash or cheque (made payable to Waiau Area School);
- Internet Banking: **03-1750-0350602-00. Ref: Student's name.**
- Setting up an automatic payment.

Many thanks, Gillian Hammond

Our School's Annual Financial Statement Audit document for the year ended 31 December 2014 has now been completed. This is available to be viewed on our website (was.school.nz) or at the School Office.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB!

According to recent research, a well-balanced diet, particularly a healthy breakfast everyday, has a dramatic influence on the well-being of school children; ensuring healthy growth and development and strengthening the body's natural defences.

Scientists have proven that simply eating breakfast and drinking a glass of water or fruit juice before going to school improves students' concentration and behaviour!

"Eating breakfast may positively affect cognitive performance: A number of studies suggest that breakfast consumption may have a positive impact on aspects of cognitive and academic performance, particularly in children."

(Rampersaud, GC, Pereira MA, Girard BL, Adams J, Metzler JD. Breakfast habits, nutritional status, body weight, and academic performance in children and adolescents. Journal of the American Dietetic Association. 2005 May;105(5):743-760).

For more information, please visit www.breakfastresearchinstitute.org

To test this research for ourselves, we will be introducing our very own "Breakfast Club" to see if there is any truth in these claims!

It is well known that many students at Waiau Area School get up extremely early, to help around the home or to do jobs on the farm, and it is understandable that even after a hearty breakfast, they may well be getting hungry again by the time school starts at 8:50am.

We started this programme on 16 June and offered all students the opportunity to grab some toast or Weetbix on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. This was held in the Junior Work Room at 8:30am. We have applied to be part of the Sanitarium KickStart Breakfast programme and will offer free breakfast for three days a week in Term 3. To support the Breakfast Club, any donations of breakfast foods, such as spreads, bread etc will be most appreciated. Also, if any local businesses would like to sponsor the Breakfast Club, please get in touch!

Mr Richard Bennett, HOD PE/Health

New Items for Friday Lunches

The Four Square can now offer two extra items for Friday lunches:

A piece of Blue Cod – \$6 or a piece of Hoki – \$4.

A Warm Thank You to ...

Ray and Lisa Waterreus for the donation of a number of warm winter fleeces to the school.

CHANGES FOR SPORTSSTART

Jane Naylor is leaving Sportstart to set up her own business but we are still on the programme and another coordinator will be starting with them soon. Some words from Jane:

"Richard, I have loved working with you guys over the past term and will really miss my trips out to see you guys. Liz is building a fantastic culture at the school and the children and teachers I have had the pleasure of working with have been nothing but awesome."

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

Could all overdue books please be returned to the Library ASAP.

Mrs Katrena Deans, Librarian

PTA News

Waiau Area School PTA AGM

Monday 10 August @ 7pm

WAS School Library

Apologies and more information contact Kirsty Erskine 03 2266570 or philandkirsty@woosh.co.nz

HEAT UPS – Once again we are hoping that with support of parents we will be able to offer 'heat ups' for the children during Term 3. If you can

help out please fill out the form below and send it back to school on Monday 27 May, or alternately contact Kirsty – 2266570 or 021 311329 or philandkirsty@woosh.co.nz

Yes! I can help out with putting heat ups into the warmer and hand out to children from the library. (Times are roughly put into warmer at 12, ready for children at 1.20)

Name: _____

Contact number/email: _____

Day/s that suit: _____

Alternatively if you could either put heat ups into the oven or take out, please let me know.

From Our Students

MAKING BIRD FEEDERS

Today we went to the cooking room. We made bird feeders because in winter food for the birds is rare so we thought to help them. First we got cardboard rolls. Second we put jam or peanut butter on them. I chose jam. Third, we rolled them in bird seeds, then put ribbon on. I love helping nature. BY: Lee Edgerton (Room 2)



Today we made bird feeders in the cooking room. I was happy. I used peanut butter on my bird feeder. I covered it with bird seeds. In the winter the birds don't get much food. They can't get snails or worms so we made bird feeders so we can feed them. BY: Tahlia Kennedy (Room 2)



From Our Teachers

SENIOR STUDY

Senior Study available to all senior students on Thursdays 3pm to 5pm.

HELP!!!

If you have any old magazines you no longer want we would love them. If they could be dropped off at the school office that would be gratefully appreciated.

MALAYSIA TRAVELLERS

Selamat Pagi to the parents and students of Waiau Area School. We have now returned from Malaysia and are just getting back into wearing jerseys and long pants again! Sorry to have missed the snow and thank you to everyone that helped us to get away. We will be having an evening fairly shortly to show off our photos and a small movie, it will be an open invite to our school community as well as our fundraisers and supporters. If you can't wait that long until you get some ideas about what we did overseas feel free to speak to Dawn Egerton, Karen Hammond, Gerard Adams, Wendy Adams, Hayley Adams, Lyall Egerton, Brad Hammond or Anna Hammond. I'm sure we all had different experiences of Malaysia and each and every one has taken something from it. We're also starting to consider 2017's trip so if you have ideas or suggestions feel free to come in and see us.

Mr Simon Pearce

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 20 July to Fri 25 Sept	TERM 3 (10 weeks)
Mon 27 July – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Thurs 30 July	Yr10-13 Career Expo, Invercargill
Mon 10 August – 7pm	PTA AGM
Mon 17 August	School Photos
Mon 17 August – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 14 September – 7pm	PTA Meeting
Mon 21 Sept – 7pm	BOT Meeting
Mon 12 Oct to Wed 16 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.

Southland Stags vs Otago Rugby Game in Riverton

This is being held on Wednesday 5 August at the Riverton Rugby grounds. The Riverton Rugby Club are hosting this pre season match between these two teams. There will be a curtain raiser game at 11.30am between Riverton A Grade & Ohai Nightcaps A Grade school age teams. Main game will kick off at 1.30pm. Entry fee \$5 for an Adult. Students and children: a gold coin. The money taken at the gate will go towards new jerseys for the clubs school age teams.

Hockey Notice

We ended the season last term with a wonderful tournament in Invercargill. It was amazing to see the talent in action and the kids having a blast on the turf. The level of skill and confidence for first timers really is impressive. Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children to have a go at hockey. There has been such a high level of enthusiasm that we will be in touch again next year.

Rosanne, Sue and Debs

Waiau Valley Victim Support Group AGM

Waiau Valley Victim Support Group are having their AGM on Tuesday 11 August at 8pm at the Waiau Hotel Cafe Bar. All welcome to attend. This is to be preceded by a general meeting at 7pm. All members are requested to bring along a small plate for supper.

Waiau Valley Victim Support are also looking for people to join our group. Do you have an hour to spare? We hold meetings two-monthly on a Tuesday night at 5.30pm at the Waiau Hotel Cafe Bar. This entails six general meetings plus an AGM. Our members are the steering committee which form the support structure for the Victim Support Volunteers. We stress that this is Committee work only and does not involve any contact with Victim Support clients. If you would like to join us we would love to have you on board.

For further information please contact Ann Sutherland, Secretary, phone 225 5716.

NOTICE OF AGM

The South Coast Environment Society AGM will be held on Tuesday 18 August, 7pm at the South Coast Environment Centre, 154 Palmerston Street, Riverton. Everyone is welcome, we would love to see some new faces! For more information please phone 03 234 8717 or email office@scses.org.nz.

Family Earthcraft Day

Sunday 26 July – 10am – 4pm – At the Riverton Primary School Hall

Celebrating old style crafts such as: Weaving, spinning, felting, crochet, sewing, knitting etc. Come see the demonstrations, have a go and browse the sales and information tables.

ENTRY: Gold coin donation per family (**Note** There may be a small charge for some activities.)
South Coast Environment Centre, Ph 03 234 8717,
email: office@scses.org.nz

HERITAGE FRUIT TREE SALE

Friday 7 August to Sunday 9 August – 10.30am – 4.30pm. At the South Coast Environment Centre, 154 Palmerston Street, Riverton. For a list of fruit trees available please refer to our website: www.scses.org.nz and go to Heritage Fruit Trees page. One tree for \$27.50 or four for \$100 – pre-orders accepted via email or choose during the sale.

South Coast Environment Centre, Ph 03 234 8717,
email: office@scses.org.nz.

Want to get loads of free Tupperware and Host Gifts?

Why not host a party in your own home, and I'm also looking for new recruits, selling Tupperware is a great way to earn a living while working from home, perfect for at home mums!

Tupperware is still going strong in Southland, so why not get the girls together for a fun night, have a couple of wines and let me show you some of the latest and greatest products that Tupperware has to offer. I am a passionate and dedicated demonstrator based in Riverton but willing to travel throughout Southland. Phone Rachel McKay today to book your party on 0273353438 or alternatively email on scorch_rach@vodafone.co.nz.