



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### "The Heat Is On"

At our first Board of Trustees meeting last week, I reported on student achievement in both our primary and secondary school for the year to date. The Board and I were reassured to see that all students were making progress. The data also showed that the interventions we have put in place are having an impact. Having both targeted TA support and reading recovery in the primary school is ensuring that our students get the help they need to achieve their goals. We have also been fortunate to gain funding, targeting our year 11-13 students at risk of not gaining NCEA numeracy and literacy. We have a teacher for 10 hours a week who is working with individual students and subject teachers to ensure that the academic needs of those students are met. As of the beginning of term 3 we also have extra TA support. This support will be used across classes and students who have perhaps not received support before. The TA will principally be working with years 5-9.

For some of our senior students the "heat" really is on! Although for a lot of them November still seems to be a **very** long time away they have been told by any number of staff that it is in fact only 12 weeks away! For some of them those 12 weeks will not be enough to complete all their work unless they 'put a wriggle on'!! Students can do one of two things – collapse under the pressure, or rise to the challenge. Their teachers are here to support them in that rise and to try and help them ease the pressure – but this will only be successful if the students themselves put in some effort.

Last week saw the PB4L team head to Invercargill for the next lot of training. The purpose of the day was to look at meaningful ways of encouraging positive behaviours in **ALL** students. One of the key issues in PB4L is consistency – having consequences that are used by everyone in the school at all times. One of our challenges will be developing a system that suits all of our students from age 5-18. This is one of the challenges unique to Area Schools but it is one we embrace. Staff have already begun

discussing with students what they think meaningful recognition of positive behaviour could look like. This is something we will all be working on over the next few weeks.

Speaking of positive – it is really great to see some of our students getting involved in the wider community. A few of our older students decided that they wanted to help people in the community. They themselves approached some of the elderly residents asking if there were any jobs they needed doing. For the rest of this term they will be spending a couple of hours a week visiting and helping the community. Where is the learning in this you might ask. The learning and the achievement wouldn't appear on a piece of paper but the impact on the students' life has the potential to have a huge impact. They are developing relationships with a broader spectrum of people, they are developing the key competency of 'relating to others'.

Finally a message from both the school and the police – it is a legal requirements that individuals riding a bike wear a helmet. We both have concerns at the moment about the number of students who come to and from school on their bikes without a helmet. The police will tackle this by warning and then imposing fines. We as a school are going to look at banning individuals from bringing bikes to school if they aren't wearing a helmet. More often than not students have helmets but are **choosing** not to wear them. Every time they do that, they are playing Russian roulette with their lives!

### School Badges

It was my pleasure to award achievement badges to the following students at last week's Assembly. Well done to you all!

#### SPORT & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

##### Hayley Adams

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 2 Mathematics
- For being selected to the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament
- **Gold Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Netball Team at the National Area Schools Tournament

**SPORT ACHIEVEMENT BADGES****Coleen Ebron**

- For being selected to the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament

**Jay Egerton**

- For competing at the Southland Junior School Swimming Champs

**Holly Hammond**

- For being selected to the Year 6 Western Netball Team

**Marissa Johnston**

- For being selected to the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament

**Shontelle Stratford**

- For representing Western Zone at the Southland Primary Schools Cross Country Champs

**Elkanah Tupua**

- For being selected to the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament
- **Gold Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Basketball Team at the National Area Schools Tournament
- **Gold Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Football Team at the National Area Schools Tournament
- **Gold Excellence:** Selected to the New Zealand Football Team at the National Area Schools Tournament

**Eric Ward**

- For representing Western Zone at the Southland Primary Schools Cross Country Champs

*Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal*

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## BOT Update – August 2014

As a Board, we would like to keep the parents / caregivers of our students, informed on what we are up to. So with that in mind, we will be putting a report in the newsletter once or twice a term.

Our meetings are open for parents/caregivers to attend. However if you have something particular that you wish to bring up, it must go through the chairperson, at least one week prior to the next meeting.

We had our first meeting last week at which our Chairperson, Property and Finance people were elected. Our principal gave a very informative report based on our Strategic Aims. We received some really good data on student achievement throughout the whole school. It was clear that the students who need the extra help are receiving it and that student achievement is lifting throughout the school. As a Board we are committed to supporting the Principal, Staff and Students to see that our aims are being met.

I would like to welcome Leanne de Vries to our school. Leanne is our support person appointed by the Ministry

of Education to assist the Board for a period of time. Her knowledge is invaluable to us.

We are currently looking at holding some sort of social event at the school involving the Board, Teachers, Students, Parents/Caregivers and the wider community. If you have any ideas give us a buzz. We value your contribution. Finally if there is anything you wish to discuss feel free to give your Chairperson a call or make an appointment with your Principal.

**Your Board:**

- Dale Egerton (Finance)
- Dave McCallum (Property)
- Karl Tamou
- Ricki Egerton
- Simon Pearce (Staff Rep)
- Anna Hammond (Student Rep)
- Wendy Adams (Chairperson) –  
Home phone 2266383; Cell 021 02749936

*Mrs Wendy Adams, BOT Chairperson*

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## School News

**WAS AWESOME CERTIFICATES**

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



**Hunter Devery – Yr2** – For making an excellent transition into Room 2. You have impressed me Hunter with your mature attitude in all learning areas, especially writing. Keep up the great work.

**Tahlia Kennedy – Yr2** – For making an outstanding transition into Room 2. Tahlia is already excelling in all learning areas and producing high quality independent work. Well done.

**Kassadee Scott – Yr4** – For making a great start to the term. Kassadee is working hard towards her goals and is able to read her speech with good pace, volume, and enthusiasm. Well done!

**Ethan McCallum – Yr7** – For the significant improvements you are making in your reading skills and becoming more confident in your reading.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS****MONDAY 11 AUGUST**

We look forward to seeing happy smiling students on Monday, dressed in correct school uniform that is clean and tidy, with shoes polished 😊. Weather-permitting, the photos will be taken outside, otherwise the Hall will be used.

If you'd like family photos, these will be taken at 1.00pm; please notify the school office ASAP if you are wanting these.



## AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

To follow on from the successes of our students at the South of the South Tournament and then Nationals, we thought we would give you an idea of how the Area Schools Sports Tournament works.

There are four Zones throughout New Zealand. Our school is in the *South of the South* Zone with just six schools; Roxburgh, Catlins, Maniototo, Lawrence, Twizel, and Waiau. The *Top of the South* (the rest of the S.I.) has 13 schools. *Central North Island* has 24 schools. *Northland* has 13 schools.

Each Zone has their own tournament and from that they choose two Netball Teams, a Rugby Team, and players for Volleyball, Basketball, Football, and Golf.

Occasionally other sports are brought in. They then attend the National Tournament which is alternated between the South Island and North Island. At this they select a South Island and North Island Team for every code. They then play off against each other and choose a National Team for each code.

So as you can see we have a lot less students to choose from and on that basis it is an awesome achievement to get through to South Island or National level.

Well done to you all; we are very proud!

### FOR SALE

1 x Sz16 WAS black jersey. Very good condition, \$15.  
Contact Gillian at the Office if interested in buying.

## A WORD FROM THE LOCAL POLICE ...

They will be cracking down on people not wearing bike helmets and licence conditions for students who drive vehicles to school.

Apparently bike helmets are on special this week at The Warehouse for only \$9!

You have been warned ...

## 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. If you have any clothing you would be happy to donate, please drop off to the School Office. It would be much appreciated. ☺

**2014/2015 Entertainment Book**  
On sale now at the School Office – \$55.  
Funds raised (\$11 per book sold) going towards helping our Senior students get to Malaysia in 2015.

## SCHOOL SOCIAL

On behalf of the students who went to the National Area Schools Tournament in Nelson, I would like to thank everyone who attended the school social fundraiser on Wednesday 24 July.

We raised about \$250 and it was really great to see the Junior Kids all dressed up in their “Frozen” character costumes. Everyone looked and dressed amazing so it was really hard to pick the “Best-Dressed Award”, it was a tough decision but we can all agree that Marshall Jarman stood out the most in his “Olaf” costume! Well done to Marshall!

It was also fantastic to watch all the kids who were dancing their butts off on the dance floor; great effort from Jaylah Harvey-DeClifford and Max Harvey for getting the “Best Girl & Boy Dancer” of the night. Good job guys!

We would also like to thank all the staff involved and the parents who helped with the canteen.

*Coleen Ebron, Yr13*

## HEAD LICE

These little creepy crawlies are making their presence known again. Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair and treating as appropriate if head lice are found.

### What to look for

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings.
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shafts.
- There may be unusual itching on the head or neck.
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (head lice bites).

### Myths

- Head lice jump or swim from person to person.
- Only dirty people have head lice.
- People with dark-coloured hair get head lice more than other people.
- Head lice prefer certain blood types.
- Children get head lice from classroom carpets or animals.

**The TRUTH is: head lice only CRAWL, they only feed on BLOOD, they only live on HUMAN heads.**

*Many thanks, Staff of WAS*

## NETSAFE RESOURCE

This week we received a copy of a resource compiled by NetSafe, *Staying Safe Online. Cyber-safety Tips from NZ’s Leading Online Companies*. It is such a valuable resource that we have included a copy for our school families with this newsletter. NetSafe also have an incredibly informative website which is worth a visit:

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

## Housekeeping Matters

### SIGN IN / SIGN OUT REGISTER

A reminder that if students arrive late to school in the morning, they must SIGN-IN at the Office.

Students leaving the school grounds during the day must SIGN-OUT at the Office.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the School Office ASAP in the morning. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that we advise them of the reason for a student's absence, i.e. sick, doctor's appointment, etc, so please don't be offended when we ask.

If we aren't advised of a student's absence and have been unable to contact a parent/caregiver, the student will be marked as Truant.

### BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Students are not to be on school grounds before 8.20am and should be off school grounds by 3.15pm.

### CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS OR QUERIES

A reminder to parents/caregivers of the process to follow if you have queries, concerns or complaints:

- Your first point of contact should always be your child's Homeroom Teacher.
- The concern may then be referred on to either the DP (for yr7-13 students) or AP (for yr1-6 students), if necessary.
- An issue/concern will be referred on to the Principal as the final means of clarification/resolution, again, if necessary.

### SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

'Like' our Facebook page, Waiiau Area School, to keep up-to-date with what's happening at school.

Reminders of upcoming events and important information are included on the page.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

The website ([was.school.nz](http://was.school.nz)) is where you can check out the calendar of events, important school documents such as the Charter, Annual Report, etc, and newsletters.

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This is published fortnightly on odd weeks, i.e. Week 1, 3, 5 etc.

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

When you change address / phone numbers, please ensure you advise the School Office so that we can update our database.

## 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
Mon 11 August	School Photos
Mon 13 Oct to Fri 12 Dec	TERM 4
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day

## From Our Teachers

### CAPITAL E THEATRE



Capital E Theatre group are a touring theatre company that hold productions in NZ, Australia, and Asia.

We have the opportunity to take our yr1-9 students to the Civic Theatre in Invercargill on 16 October to give them a theatre experience.

At this stage we want to get an idea of how many tickets to book. We sent a form home over a week ago, needing an indication of interest. The forms were due back on Friday 8 August. If you haven't returned your form yet, please do as soon as possible so that we know if this opportunity is all go.

*Mrs Donnah Cleaver, Assistant Principal*

## NCEA FEES

Parents / caregivers, please be aware that fees were due on 1 August. It would be much appreciated if payment could be made to the school office ASAP. If you qualify for financial assistance, please complete the form you were sent on 24 July and return it to the school office, along with payment.

*Mr Paul Maloney, Principal's Nominee*

## FOOTBALL COACHING

On Tuesday 29 July, John from Football Southland came and gave football coaching sessions to all the classes at WAS. All the children had a brilliant time and John was fantastic. Here are some pictures of Room 1 having a blast during their coaching session.

*Mrs Gemma Bennett, Rm1*



## Y7/8 FOOTBALL V VERDON COLLEGE

Following on from Southland Football's coaching visit at WAS last week, the team was keen to try out their new skills. We arrived at Verdon College with 10 minutes to go before kick-off and Captain Ben Egerton elected to play into the sun in the first-half, with the knowledge that it would be lower in the sky for Verdon at the change of ends.

The gamble paid off, with Mahaki Rodgers opening the scoring after two minutes, neatly converting a through-ball from Eric Ward. Eric made the score 2-0 to Waiau

five minutes later by making an intelligent run to the near post to slot home a superb cross from Sam Stratford.

Verdon showed great determination and scored two quick goals in reply, which shook Waiau's confidence. With one minute to go before the break, a free-kick was awarded just outside of the Waiau penalty area and Verdon's striker blasted it past the goal-keeper to make it 3-2 to Verdon at half-time.

Verdon were first to score after the re-start, with another free-kick into the top corner. Cameron Johnston switched from goal-keeper to outfield and made an immediate impact, winning the ball in mid-field and passing to Mahaki who scored his second goal. Verdon retaliated swiftly with a great individual goal from a player who dribbled through the defence and put it away to make it 5-3 to Verdon.

Sam Stratford deservedly scored a goal after some excellent individual play and Cameron Johnston was next on the score-sheet with a first-time shot to make it 5-all! Jacob Stratford continued the momentum and was stoked to notch a goal for himself, before his brother Sam launched a rocket into the roof of the net to put Waiau two goals ahead. With two minutes to go, Sam scored his third goal to make the victory secure. A great result from an awesome performance – looking forward to the last game of the season against Aurora on Friday of next week.

**Result: WAS wins 8-5**

*Mr Richard Bennett*

## RAISED BEDS

We are making raised beds across the road for our technology project. We have planned what to make and were wondering if people had some materials that they could donate to us to make our gardens. We need:

- wood to make the raised beds
- topsoil to fill them up with

*Kind regards, Rm 2/3 Raised Bed Group*

## Library News

**Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 orders due by 1 September.**

### New Books

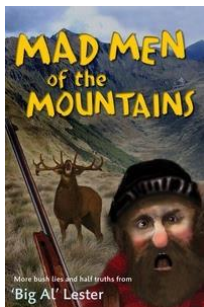
*This Way of Life* by Sumner Burstyn.

This beautiful book is full of colour pictures and a great read. In an isolated and stunning rural NZ setting, Peter and Colleen Ottley-Karena raise their 7 children on the thin edge between freedom and

disaster. Winner – Best documentary Qantas Film & TV awards. Winner Best Director Thomas Burstyn, Qantas Film & TV Awards: [www.thiswayoflifemovie.com](http://www.thiswayoflifemovie.com)

[www.facebook.com/thiswayoflifemovie](http://www.facebook.com/thiswayoflifemovie)





*Man Men of the Mountains* by 'Big Al' Lester. Once described as 'Barry Crump meets Fred Dagg', 'Big Al' Lester is the modern-day master of the hunting genre.

*Double Trouble – Prank Alert, Skateboard Stars, Dinosaur Danger, Midnight Mischief*

Twice the fun, double the trouble, exciting new chapter series for boys. Check out the website for activities:

<http://doubletrouble.net.au/>

*“To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting” Edmund Burke*

*Miss Joanne Fraser, Librarian*

## Achievements Outside of School to Celebrate ...

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).

### Waiau Star Prize giving

16 August 2014

1pm: Senior Photos

2pm: Friendly Senior Rugby Game

North Tuatapere (Country) vs South Tuatapere (Town)

Ripper Rugby at Half Time

*All welcome to play, so bring your boots for a good laugh and a fun game!*

4.30pm: Club Prize giving

Potluck Tea to follow Prize giving. *Please bring a plate 😊*

DJ Lazer playing until late! Raffles! Bar open!

Courtesy Coach available!

All Welcome!

### SCOUT MEETING

Thursday 14 August @ 7pm @ the Scout Den. All welcome.

### WAIAU VALLEY VICTIM SUPPORT

- Quiz night at the Orepuki Tavern on Thursday 14 August at 7.30pm. We would love everyone to come and support us. It will be a great fun night out.
- AGM on Monday 25 August at 8pm at Waiau Hotel Café Bar. A general meeting will precede this at 7pm. Members are requested to bring a small plate. General public are welcome to attend our AGM.