



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I'd like to begin this by congratulating Christian Sotto, Angela Pierce, and Curtis Swann for entering and performing at a regional speech competition.



Angela and Curtis (along with Ben Egerton) performed their speeches in Assembly last week. It was awesome to see such self-confidence in our young students. Curtis's speech about our attachment to technology was particularly good! We've shared Curtis's speech further on in this newsletter.

I've attended two important and very useful meetings this week. The first on Tuesday was with a cluster of schools that are all working towards PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning). I came away with a pile of useful resources and ideas that will help us progress towards our own PB4L launch next February.

Then on Wednesday Mrs Helen Ward, myself, and Miss Jasmine Quinn trekked across to Dunedin for a meeting about Vocational Pathways.

OECD figures show that any country that has more than 15% of its young people leaving school without basic qualifications has a greater number of social issues within its society. In layman's terms, the more young people without qualifications the more unemployment, crime, and poverty there is.

Vocational Pathways is an initiative set up by the MOE to try and ensure that all our young adults leave school with a basic qualification at NCEA Level 2. It is being set up to try and encourage schools and tertiary education providers to work together to encourage students to think about their education but more importantly, their future career pathway. I would encourage you and your son/daughter to check out [www.youthguarantee.net.nz](http://www.youthguarantee.net.nz) for more information.

Because of the size of our cohort we already do a lot of the personalised learning that Vocational Pathways advocates but we are aware as a school that we can do better. Watch this space for new developments over the next few months.

*How would your life be different if ... you stopped making negative judgemental assumptions about people you encounter? Let today be that day ... you look for the good in everyone you meet and respect their journey – Steve Maraboli, from "Life, the truth, and being free".*

This quote struck me as being particularly pertinent at the minute at WAS. After two days away at meetings I came back to find that some of our students had been rather unkind to each other and that we have had some very upset students as a consequence. Being mean to others is often a sign of a lack of self-worth and self-respect. Our self-esteem is so low that the only way we can feel good about ourselves is to make someone else feel bad. Whereas if we do what Steve Maraboli says and 'look for the good in everyone' we will actually feel better about ourselves.

### School Badges

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

#### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

##### Max Baird

- For achieving Stanine 9 in PAT Maths

##### Christian Sotto

- For achieving Stanine 9 in both PAT Maths and PAT Listening

*Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal*

## School News

### WAS AWESOME CERTIFICATES

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



**Jayjay Tamou – Yr1** – For achieving his personal learning goal of being able to spell all the words on essential list 1. Awesome work Jayjay, you are a superstar!

**Jackson Irvine – Yr2** – For achieving his personal learning goal of getting to level 11 in his reading. Awesome work Jackson, you are now reading at level 12!

**Eric Williams – Yr2** – For becoming a more independent writer. Well done Eric for being brave and having a go. It's great to see you using all the skills you have learned.

**Brooke Stratford – Yr4** – For outstanding achievement in spelling. Brooke takes responsibility herself for learning her spelling words and the excellent progress she has made reflects her hard work.

**Ben Egerton – Yr8** – For the confident and well organised speech he has been working on and presented.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

You will have received your child’s school photo proof and order form last week; if not, please check at the bottom of their school bag ☺. Sports team proofs are on display at the School Office and are able to be ordered also.

*If you would like to order photos, please have the order form and payment back to the School Office by Friday 29 August.* If paying by cheque, please make it out to Geoff Horrell Photography.

*Many thanks, Gillian Hammond*

### SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE

- 2 skirts Size 12
  - 1 skirt Size 14
  - 1 jersey Size 16yrs {approx a 10-12 women’s size}.
- \$25 for the lot. Please phone Karen: 027 4875099.

### SCHOOL BUS NOTIFICATION

For the safety of our students and staff, if your child travels to and from school on a bus, it is **your** responsibility as a parent/caregiver to notify the school office that your child will not be going home on the bus. A quick call or text to the office (027 8272253 or 03 2266285) is all it takes.

The expectation is that **all** bus children are to go home on the bus **unless** the school has been formally notified by parents / caregivers or whanau.

We’ve had instances where buses have been held up because we’ve had to search for bus children, only to discover they’ve been collected by a parent or gone to a friend’s place after school. There have also been instances of staff members driving around the town looking for children who are unaccounted for.

*Mrs Donnah Cleaver, Bus Controller*

## 2014 Timeline

Mon 3 Feb to Thurs 17 Apr	TERM 1 (11 weeks)
Mon 5 May to Fri 4 July	TERM 2 (9 weeks)
Mon 21 July to Fri 26 Sept	TERM 3 (10 weeks)
Mon 13 Oct to Fri 12 Dec	TERM 4 (9 weeks)
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day

## From Our Teachers

### YEAR 7/8 FOOTBALL

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all players for their excellent performance this year!

The team has had a superb debut season in the College Football League and can be proud of their achievements. For the first time, Waiau Area School has competed in a Southland-wide tournament against schools that are up to 17 times larger in terms of student population and we have enjoyed an incredible amount of success!

Next year, we are planning to build on our success and enter two teams into the College Football League; a Y9-13 Premier Reserve Team and a Y7/8 Team.

Waiau Area School’s Junior Football team celebrated the end of the season with a prize-giving ceremony, movie and supper at the Waiau Film Club last Friday. The last game of the season was scheduled to take place against Aurora Toa during the same afternoon but unfortunately this had to be postponed due to the weather. The end of season break-up went ahead as scheduled with certificates awarded to all players and trophies presented for extraordinary performances.

All team members voted for two Player’s Player awards, with Sam Stratford winning “Player of the Season” and Moon Roe earning “Most Improved”. Mrs Debbie Stratford also earned an award for “Best Supporter” and was presented with a certificate signed by the whole team!

As the last fixture is still to be played, the “Golden Boot” for the season’s top goal-scorer could not be awarded as there are several players who could claim the title in the final match! Well done to all players, and special congratulations to Sam and Moon for their outstanding performance all year.



### Southland Junior College Football 2014

+		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
1	James Hargest	5	5	0	0	56	5	51	15
2	Aurora Toa	4	4	0	0	49	0	49	12
3	Waiau Area	6	3	0	3	39	25	14	9
4	Verdon Dominics	6	3	0	3	39	40	-1	9
5	S B H S	5	3	0	2	21	24	-3	9
6	Verdon Marists	5	1	0	4	14	43	-29	3
7	Blue Mountain	4	1	0	3	8	41	-33	3
8	Aurora Taniwha	5	0	0	5	6	54	-48	0

## 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*

## MALAYSIA TRIP 2015

In 2015 some of the senior students of Waiau Area School are embarking on a huge journey to Malaysia, accompanied by teachers and parents. In order for this to happen we need to look at some serious fundraising.

So to help us along, if there are any dairy farmers who would like to help achieve our goal, you can, by donating a weaned bull calf that we can sell at Lorneville later in the year. Also any sheep farmers who would like to help can do so by donating one or more old ewes at weaning time.

If this is something you think you can do then contact Wendy Adams on 03 2266383 or cell 021 02749936. We will then contact you later in the year to arrange pickup.

## Y7-13 "ATTITUDE" VISIT

### FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

As mentioned in the school's Draft Health Curriculum Statement Meeting last term, students from Y7-13 will participate in an age-appropriate seminar from Christian Gallen, an "Attitude" presenter. These presentations are always very well received and are delivered with the utmost tact and respect. There will be no charge for students to attend these presentations.

Y7/8 – Get A Life (parents and dealing with your family)

Y9/10 – Sex with Attitude (sex and relationships)

Y11/12/13 – The Pits (mental health and depression)

***If you do not wish for your son or daughter to be involved with these presentations, please contact the school so alternative arrangements can be made.***

*Mr Richard Bennett, HOD, PE/Health*

## WESTERN CLUSTER SPEECH COMPS

During this term the year 5-8 students have been conducting speeches within their classrooms and presenting them to the classes. From this, Christian Sotto, Holly Hammond, Curtis Swann, and Angela Pierce were selected to go on to the next stage.

On Tuesday evening Christian, Angela, and Curtis went to Takitimu Primary School to participate in the Western Cluster Speech Night. Christian did us proud by coming third in the event. Well done!

Here's Curtis's speech which qualified him for the Western comps:

### **Nomo Phobia**

*Hi I'm Curtis Swann and I'm going to tell you the effects of Nomophobia. So if you remember your First Hatrick in Rugby, First 6 in Cricket, First homerun in Baseball, First slam dunk in Basketball, First penalty kick that you successfully scored in Soccer, when you were a toddler playing in the mud, face covered in chocolate fudge, with your toy cars. You get your first bike for Christmas and all you do is ride it all day, everyday, any day, anywhere, everywhere 24/7. The days you wanted to fulfil your dreams. Doctor, police officer, musician, magician, halfback in the All Blacks, soldier or marine. Demolition of the completion was looking down at a screen. Nomophobia they call it. Or No-Mobilephone-phobia. It's like the drug in your coffee, coca cola, alcohol or toffee. It's more addicting than caffeine. You get distracted on this machine and you get carried away from life and the key to just be an ordinary human being and travel the world like big fat gypsy and it's not coming to you just by looking at this thing. It's like a mental illness. It's affected 66% of the world population. C'mon guys it's just animation. Look it up in the urban dictionary: the anxiety some people feel when they can't get access to their phone, can't get a signal from a cellphone tower, run out of battery, or forget to take their phone. It's a virus with a cure that is yet unknown. It has symptoms like losing your phone which causes panicking, sadness, feeling sick in the tummy, or gladness. But only 5% of nomophobics live life like humans. By Curtis Swann.*

*Miss Jaime Dickson, Rm3*

## Library News

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 orders due by 1 September.

This week we have had new books from Scholastic.

Magic School Bus, Basher Science 4 pack, Cork on the Ocean, Really Rotten Experiments, Famous Five Library, Scooby-Doo Picture clue Readers, Concept Cars, Super Grammar.

### Cool Websites

<http://www.basherbooks.com>

<http://www.scholastic.com/magicschoolbus/>

<http://www.supergrammar.com/>

**"Read Everyday – Lead a Better Life"**

*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).

### WAIU SWIMMING CLUB AGM

Being held at the Waiu Hotel on Wednesday 27 August at 7.30pm. We are after a Secretary and some more committee members. So please step up and keep our swimming club running. We hope to see you there.

### WESTERN YEAR 6 NETBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the **Western Year 6 School Zone team** that competed in and were **WINNERS** of the **Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament** held in Stadium Southland on 7 August. What an excellent result from an awesome team; so great to see the smaller zones competing well against the larger zones. Congratulations also to the Western Year 5 team that were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their age group.

The Western Y6 Team was selected from the Western Primary School tournament that was held at Riverton. Players represented were from Riverton, Thornbury, Otautau, Hauroko Valley and Waiu Area Schools. Practices were held at Otautau prior to the event and the team looked forward to the challenge that lay ahead. The team improved with every game, and played very well in the final; a very well-deserved win.



Thank you to the team manager Veronica and all of the parents for their support. As coach of the team I am extremely proud of you all – it was a fantastic result. (Scores below)

Game 1 Pool A	Western 12 – Lower Mataura Valley 2
Game 2 Pool A	Western 10 – Phoenix 3
Game 3 Pool A	Western 11 – Wakitipu A 8
Quarter Final	Western 8 – Wakitipu B 1
Semi-Final	Western 8 – All Saints 1
<b>FINAL</b>	<b>Western 10 – Central 5</b>

*Carolyn McIntosh, Coach*

**TODD BARCLAY**  
CANDIDATE FOR CLUTHA-SOUTHLAND  
Invites BOT members, Parents and School Leaders  
to a meeting to chat about Education with  
**HON HEKIA PARATA**  
FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2014  
Join Hekia and Todd from 6pm  
Bring along a group of parents from your school  
Venue: Thomas Green, Hokonui Drive, Gore  
RSVP numbers from your school  
by 5pm Tuesday 26 August to:  
[justine.abemethy@national.org.nz](mailto:justine.abemethy@national.org.nz)  
**National**  
Authorised by Todd Barclay | 2 photos: Todd, Hekia

### TUATAPERE/ORAWIA COMBINED NETBALL BREAK-UP

This is to be held at the Waiu Town and Country Club on Sunday 31 August at 4.00pm. We look forward to presenting team photos, certificates and trophies to each team. Come along and enjoy the successes of the 2014 netball season. Feel free to stay and enjoy a meal afterwards.

### TUATAPERE PLUNKET FUNDRAISER 7.30PM – FRIDAY 29 AUGUST

Come and join us at the Waiu Film Club (Orawia Road, opposite School Gym) for Movie Nite! ("Girl's Night" type movie.) \$5 entry. Nibbles will be provided. Any queries, please contact Jaimee Chamberlain on 027 3782336.

### HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMME: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

The dates for the next programme have been confirmed – so put them in your diary! They are as follows:

#### **Invercargill**

Date: Monday 29 September – Friday 3 October

Venue: Various, throughout Invercargill

#### **Winton**

Date: Wednesday 8 October

Venue: BNZ Central Southland Events Sports Complex

#### **Riverton**

Date: Thursday 9 October

Venue: Aparima College Gymnasium

#### **Te Anau**

Date: Friday 10 October

Venue: Real Journeys Fiordland Events Centre