



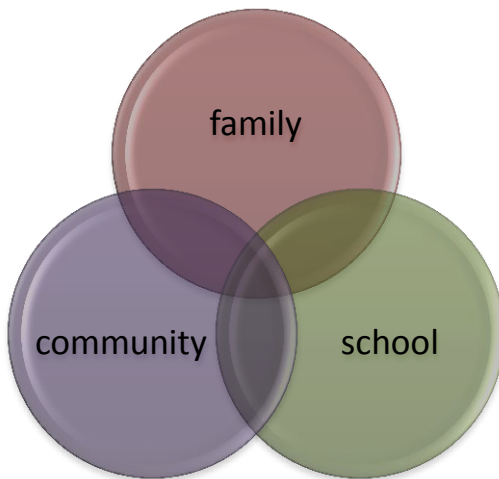
From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last week saw myself and a number of my staff head up to Hamilton for a PB4L Conference. As I sat and listened to and participated in a number of workshops it suddenly struck me that while I have mentioned PB4L to students and parents in newsletters, I haven't really explained what it is.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is a framework for staff, students, whanau and community to use to encourage our young people to behave in a way which maximises their chances of academic success and allows them to develop the social skills that they will need to function in society. PB4L isn't a 'programme', it isn't a 'one size fits all' programme for all schools. Instead the staff and students of WAS have been working on aspects of PB4L and what it will look like at WAS. What our positive expectations are and what our acknowledgement of the positives will be.

Sphere of Influence



So far we have been focussing on what we can do in school but in order for PB4L to be successful we need the family/whanau and wider community to be involved. Look out for some open meetings next term about how you can support your son's/daughter's learning and social development. The research tells us that family/school partnerships see:

- a rise in achievement
- better attendance

- higher levels of homework completion
- more positive student motivation
- improved attitudes about schoolwork

PB4L also ties in with recent MOE guidelines *Bullying prevention and response: A guide for schools*. On page 9 of this document it says "Real change happens when students, staff, parents and whanau, and other members of the community share responsibility for making their school a respectful and inclusive environment. Establishing a schoolwide expectation for mutual respect and demonstrating what that means in practice makes a difference".

This is the last newsletter in what has been a very busy term for both staff and students. There have been lots of positives to take out of the term, such as our successes in a number of sporting events and more significantly the comments from others about the positive behaviour of students who represent us outside the school. I've also been impressed with some of the work our students across the school have been doing over the term. I've heard some excellent and very thought-provoking speeches from some of our younger students as well as some great imaginative pieces of creative writing. It has also been reassuring to see some of our NCEA students achieve Merits and Excellences in their various internals.

Preparation for term 4 is already underway. Our Senior students will be under a great deal of pressure over the next few weeks as final deadlines approach, while our younger students will be preparing for a number of camps and other activities linked to their learning.

Ms Elizabeth Hannah, Principal

School News

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We have had two new students join Mrs Cleaver's classroom this week.



Naomi and **Lily Mitchelmore** have come to us from Christchurch. We hope you enjoy your time here with us girls. 😊

WAS AWESOME CERTIFICATES

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



Taelah Haines – Yr3 – For completing more and more of his work independently. Taelah you are such an amazing example to others in our classroom. Thank you.

Brycen Erskine – Yr4 – For working really hard in his writing. Brycen it is very exciting to see you willing to take risks now, resulting in some pleasing results. Well done.

Katie Unahi – Yr4 – For using outstanding language features in her fractured fairytale. Katie it was a pleasure to read your story. Well done for all the effort you put into it.

Ethan Clark – Yr5 – For putting an amazing lot of effort into his work. Ethan wrote a fantastic fairytale and has moved up a reading level. Well done!

ANOTHER REMINDER ... SCHOOL START TIMES ...

As we have mentioned before, it's great to see students keen to get to school in the morning, but please be mindful that **they shouldn't be on school grounds before 8.30am**. Staff are busy either planning for the day ahead or involved in staff debrief meetings and, as such, don't have the time to be looking after your child / children.

Students will be asked to return home if they continue to arrive too early. Harsh perhaps, but for staff and student health and safety, this may become necessary.

JUNIOR STUDENTS – LUNCHTIME

From the start of Term 4, Junior students will be required to sit still to eat their lunch for 15 minutes in designated areas linked to each classroom. A bell will sound for the end of that eating time and they will have to show staff that they have eaten sufficient lunch.

This will hopefully combat students skipping food for play time and improve the amount of litter around the school grounds.

NEXT PTA MEETING

1.00pm, Tuesday 23 September

School Library, Everyone Welcome.

We are still on the hunt for someone to step up and be the President for the PTA (but coming to a meeting will not give you the job!). ☺

*Apologies/Questions to Kirsty Erskine at
philandkirsty@woosh.co.nz*

NEXT BOT MEETING

7.00pm, Wednesday 24 September

School Staffroom

All welcome

*Did You Know ...?
Minutes from BOT meetings
are public documents and,
as such, are able to be
viewed at the School Office.*

WESTERN TOUCH TERM 4 – OTAUTAU

If your child has signed up to play in the above competition, this is a reminder that the \$15 player levy is payable before the end of Term 3. Payment will ensure your child/children will be eligible to play.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE FOR WAIU AREA SCHOOL

At the last Board meeting, a new Complaints Procedure was passed. We have attached it here for your convenience; plus it is also published on our website. Please read so that you are up to date with the procedure for reporting complaints.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ERO'S PARENT BOOKLETS?

The Education Review Office (ERO) publishes a series of five booklets for parents and caregivers. They want to find out how useful the information is to parents, how the booklets can be improved, and if parents would prefer to receive the information in a different way.

They're starting with a survey of *How is my child doing?*

To take part in the survey go to www.ero.govt.nz – Featured Publications. The survey runs until the end of September and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Meanwhile if you would like a copy of one of the booklets email info@ero.govt.nz.

Purchase Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser this spring to earn \$\$\$ for your local community. We'll donate \$1 for every tonne you buy!*
Nominate your cause at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz

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)
Tue 23 September – 1pm	PTA meeting School Library
Wed 24 September – 7pm	BOT meeting School staffroom
Thur 25 September – 7pm	BOT meet and greet Waiau Hotel Lounge Bar
Mon 13 Oct to Fri 12 Dec	TERM 4 (9 weeks)
Wed 15 October – 7pm	BOT meeting School staffroom
Fri 24 October – 7pm	Hangi / Family Day
Mon 27 October	Labour Day
Wed 26 November – 7pm	BOT meeting School staffroom

From Our Teachers

2014 YEARBOOK

Want to be a covergirl/coverguy? There is a competition running, open to ALL students from Year 1-13 to design the 2014 yearbook cover. You'll remember the incredible design by Elkanah Tupua last year - make sure you're in the running for that kind of fame this year!

Here are the rules:

1. Cover must be designed to take up an A4 sheet.
2. Design must contain the following 'Waiau Area School', '2014' and our slogan 'Live to learn, learn to live'.
3. Entries need to be handed (or emailed) to Ms Smart by the end of Week One next term.

The winning design will grace the cover and win the prize of an art-pack. Runner-up designs will be used on the back cover and also receive a prize.

Ms Jen Smart

INTERNATIONAL MOTIVATOR TO VISIT



On 17 October an international motivator will be visiting our school. Rakesh Pandey has been recognised as New Zealand's leading expert in the area of study skills and motivation. Over the last few years he has featured on TV One News and interviewed by other nationwide television programmes as a result of being involved in the

creation of an innovative solution for getting higher grades in NCEA exams called NCEA eagle. Google it if you want to find out more.

Rakesh has a reputation of telling students in their own language "how it is". Results quickly follow when

students learn how to get higher grades the easy way by changing a few habits and attitudes he says. Humour, he finds is a powerful way to get it across.

The day long interactive seminar will teach our students how to study far more effectively. They will learn how to predict the most likely questions that will turn up in their exams and then how to create revision notes that are unforgettable. The most amazing thing that they will learn (he promises) is that study is fun when you have no fear. Any student he believes can get merits and excellence if they work the system.

At the end of the day he is inviting Parents (and students) to come along to hear about how families can work together so students are motivated to study and parents know how to be supportive. He will also be bringing along a few motivation and study tools that will be available for purchase.

Mrs Helen Ward, Deputy Principal

Library News

School Holidays are always a great time to catch up on some great books. We have recently had a heap of new books, and Blackmount School have generously donated a huge number of books also.

The PTA meeting is on the Tuesday 23 September during lunchtime. So I was thinking after the meeting it would be an awesome opportunity for parents to find some books for their children to read over the holidays. If you don't make it to the PTA meeting parents are welcome with or without students to come in after school till 3.30ish Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the end of the Term. For more information please feel free to ring school Library between 10am–3pm.

Southland District Council's October School Holiday Programme

Inspired by Andy Griffiths' and Terry Denton's books. Join us and create a Many Storied Tree House! Ages 5-14yrs. Register with your library now. Ph: 0800 732542.

Lumsden Monday 29 September 10.30-12.30

Te Anau Thursday 2 & 9 October 10.30-12.30

Winton Thursday 2 & 9 October 10.30-12.30

Riverton Friday 3 October 10.30-12.30

Otautau Wednesday 1 & 8 October 10.30-12.30

Wyndham Tuesday 30 September 2.00-4.00pm

Invercargill City Library

Art Fun School Holiday Programme

Monday 28 September - Friday 10 October.

There are also movies so check out the website if you are interested – go to

<http://www.ilibrary.co.nz/kids/school-holiday-programming/>

“I'm wondering what to read next.”

— Matilda, Roald Dahl

Miss Joanne Fraser, Librarian

STUDY

Monday's & Thursday's after school
3.15- 4.15pm



This is an opportunity for all Year 11-13 W.A.S students to take advantage of extra tuition and support from their teachers. It is also an opportunity for Te Kura students to have teacher contact time.

S.I.C time on a Friday will also be compulsory study, extra tuition and catch up!!!

Achievements Outside of School to Celebrate ...

If your child has out of school successes that you'd like to have celebrated here in our school newsletter, please feel free to either email newsletters@was.school.nz or drop a note in to the School Office.

Community Notices

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

Speak Up & Sing Out OCTOBER 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!!

Facilitated by specialist registered teachers Miriam Erikson and Alice Fraser. Limited spaces so book now to ensure you don't miss out!!!

When: Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 October 2014. **9am-3pm**

Cost: \$100 for three days or \$40 for Wednesday only.

BOOK NOW: Miriam Erikson 0276004631 miriam@sayitclearly.co.nz

Many thanks, Miriam Erikson and Alice Fraser

WAIU SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming Club starts on Thursday 16 October. Registrations are now open. Please contact Dale for a form – 027 3106199 or daleegerton@xtra.co.nz – or be at the Pool at 5pm on 16 October.

TUATAPERE COMMUNITY POOL

Opening Saturday 27 September.
Come along for a free swim and sausage.

PIPIN' HOT

7pm, Saturday 27 September
Civic Theatre, Invercargill
Tickets available from ICC Booking Office,
Civic Admin Building, Esk St.

Stewart Island Holiday Adventure for Year 6, 7 & 8

Berths Available

6-10 Oct 2014

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Aboard the yacht Elwing
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to make it happen



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