



From Our Principal

Farewell

It seems like the last week has been a series of farewells for me. It's a good reminder of the wide number of people who are involved in the operation of a school. I want to thank the students, parents and staff of the school for their willingness to support the initiatives that I have begun here, as well as all the community groups that have worked with me over the past two years (particularly the PTA, Pool Redevelopment Committee and the Lions). Schools are about students and their learning, and it's been fantastic to see a community make a commitment to achieving the best results it can for its young people. I look forward to catching up on the Waiau Area School newsletters, and reading about all the successes our students are experiencing.

Acting Principal

Just in case you are not yet aware, Kevin Orlowski will start on Monday as our Acting Principal. I have already met with Kevin to ensure that he can make a smooth transition to the role.

New Caretaker

With all that's been going on recently, I have overlooked one very important addition to our staff. Paul Stenhouse started as our new caretaker this term. Paul has been continuing the good work of Mr Murphy, ensuring that our school looks fantastic and is a safe place for all of the students, staff and parents. Please make a point of welcoming Paul to the school.

Mr Steven Mustor, Principal

School News

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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



Jaylah Harvey-DeClifford – Rm1 – For

being a fantastic role model to others—you always try your hardest, follow instructions and are extremely helpful and friendly to others. Well done Jaylah!

Lee Edgerton – Rm2 – For the effort and enthusiasm he applies in all learning areas. Lee achieves highly in his learning because of his willingness to question and challenge himself. Well done Lee, you are an excellent example to others in Room 2.

Frances Keast – Rm3 – Frances has shown great commitment to her work so far this term. Frances has improved and taken control of her learning. She is working to improve her work and is using exemplars and asking questions to do this.

Bruin Roe – Rm4 – For being an excellent team leader during Golden Time. Bruin was the leader of a large group of students whilst playing a team game. He encouraged fair play and co-operation within his team and made it a very enjoyable learning experience for his team. Well done Bruin.

Shiloh Tupua – 10SP – During the Aurora sports you showed excellent sportsmanship and leadership. You lead your peers with a positive attitude and enthusiasm.

Rachael Reid – 13AC – For showing positive leadership at Year 5/6 Camp. You were an outstanding role model.

JR MCKENZIE YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

Application forms are available from the School Office for those parents/caregivers who may require financial assistance with the purchasing of a school uniform.

The JR McKenzie Youth Education Fund is administered by the Rotary Club of Dunedin, and applications will be accepted from those students entering the High School part of the School (**that is, Year 7**). **Applications close on Friday 29 November.**

TOYS & PERSONAL BELONGINGS

As a school, we discourage students from bringing such things to school as toys, cellphones, ipods, etc. If your child does bring such items to school, please be aware that teachers and the school do not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

2013 / 2014 TIMELINE

29 January to 19 April	Term 1 (12 weeks)
6 May to 12 July	Term 2 (10 weeks)
29 July to 27 Sept	Term 3 (9 weeks)
Mon 14 October to Wed 11 December	Term 4 (9 weeks)
4-8 November	Book Week
Tue 5 November	Yr5-8 Western Zone Golf Tournament – Otautau
Wed 13 November	Pet Day
18-22 November	Yr1-10 Performance Week
Fri 6 December	Annual Twilight Gala
Wed 11 December	End of Year Prize-giving – School Hall
2014	
Monday 3 February to Thursday 17 April	Term 1 (11 weeks)
Monday 5 May to Friday 4 July	Term 2 (9 weeks)
Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September	Term 3 (10 Weeks)
Monday 13 October to Thursday 11 December	Term 4 (9 Weeks) (tentative end date)

School Blazer For Sale

Sz 104cm, \$60, very good condition.

Please contact the School Office.

For Sale**School Blazer, sz 112cm, Never Worn, \$70****Black Trousers, sz 77cm, Worn Once, \$20**

Please contact the School Office.

News from Our PTA**ANNUAL
TWILIGHT GALA****4.00pm till late – Friday 6 December
School Grounds**Paintball • Swimming Pool • Stalls • Games •
BBQ • Film Club • Music and much, much more ...Come along with a picnic blanket, a bottle of
wine/beer, and make a night of some
great family entertainment.If you would like to book a stall for a \$10 fee,
please phone the School on 2266285,
or Christine on 2255338.*Mrs Christine Murch, PTA Chairperson***News from Our Teachers****FROM MRS WARD – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL****Senior Students**

A very quick note this newsletter, with a very important message to our Senior students. Next week is your last week for the academic year. Some of you will be sitting external exams. To gain success you will need to study hard. It is a well-known fact that hard work gives good gains. No work gives little gains. For those of you that are doing Externals, Senior staff are available at school during your timetable classes to support you with your continued effort to gain credits towards your NCEA certificates. Please make the most of these opportunities.

Aurora Exchange

Last week yr7-10 went to town for a sports exchange with Aurora College. This was extremely successful; there were excellent results for both school, but more importantly competitors enjoyed each other's company. WAS won the Netball, Badminton, yr9/10 Touch; and Aurora won Ki o Rahi, yr7/8 Touch, and Volleyball. Soccer was a draw. The Aurora students provided us

with a delicious shared lunch which we all enjoyed very much.

Mr Mustor

The last thing I'd like to say is that I'm gutted to see Mr Mustor leave, but I wish him all the very best.

*Mrs Helen Ward, Deputy Principal***FROM MS WILSON – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL****Junior School Certificates**

Well done to the following students who had Certificates presented to them at last week's Junior Assembly:

Class	Academic	Value (Cooperation)
Rm1	Jackson Irvine & William Devery for Independent writing	Baxter Erskine
Rm2	Hunter Devery for Handwriting	Marshall Jarman
Rm3	Luke Temoko for Spelling	Jorja Unahi
Rm4	Curtis Swann for Explanation writing Dylan Phillips for Helping Juniors with skipping	Tekoa Mangion
Awarded by Mrs Erskine		
Rm4	Rachael Kane for Statistical investigations	Julie Skedgwell

Prefect Award

Lucas Gutsell & Dylan Phillips – Rm4 – Conflict resolution.

*Ms Donna Wilson, Assistant Principal***SPANISH NEWS**

This term the Year 9-10 Spanish students have been learning language through cooking. We've made the classic Spanish dish *tortilla* and Argentinean *empanadas* so far. Make sure you encourage them to cook these dishes at home for you to try!



We're also hoping to have a Spanish food stall at the upcoming twilight market. Hasta pronto!

Ms Jen Smart, Spanish Teacher

NCEA

NCEA students have now been sent their candidate slips and information about the upcoming external exams. The Exam Centre Manager briefed the Year 11 class on Thursday so they know what to expect when they turn up to their exams.

Students are revising in class for their exams, but please encourage them to work through practice exams at home. They have all the material for doing this. The staff wish them all the best with their preparations and are on hand to answer questions. Remember – the last date for submissions of internal work is November 22nd so there is still time to squeeze in those last few much-needed credits.

Ms Jen Smart, Principal's Nominee

BOOK WEEK

Did you know that reading gives you superpower? Next week is Book Week at WAS with the theme of Story Laboratory. Challenge yourself with the activities we have planned throughout the week, and most importantly get a whizzy costume together for Friday.

Teachers are dressing up and there are prizes for guessing who we are ... will we see Mr Maloney as Harry Potter? Mrs Ward as Hairy McClary? Ms Smart as Edward Cullen? There are great prizes for Best-Dressed: Smiggle vouchers, Whitcoulls vouchers, books and of course lots of chocolate.

Don't forget to check out the Scholastic display in the library throughout the week. We'd love to see parents in for the lunchtime activities too. Mr Maloney's book quiz is sure to require super reading powers....

Yours in stories,

Jaime Dickson, Jasmine Quinn and Jennifer Smart

HANGI – FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

The year 9 and 10 Maori class are in the process of organising a school hangi for years 1-10 in December. Plans are coming along nicely and the support that has been shown has been unbelievable so far; we really appreciate it. What we are really needing at the moment is more wood to keep our fire burning so if you have any old pallets etc that you want rid of we will be happy to take it off your hands. Please contact the school office if you are able to help us make this a success.

Miss Jasmine Quinn & Year 9/10 students

SENIOR TUTORIALS

Session 1 = 3.30–4.15pm | Session 2 = 4.15–5.00pm
5.00pm = Kai time

Week 4 – Tuesday

Session 1: L1 Science/ L2-3 English
Session 2: L1 English / Senior Sciences
Computer Room Open

Week 4 – Friday

Period 5: Bridging from School

Library News

On Monday 23 September we had a visit from the Librarians at Invercargill City Library and Southland District Library to promote the Summer Reading Challenge. They spoke to all students and at interval read some very cool books to our Junior School. There already has been good interest in this challenge.



There are some very amazing prizes up for grabs. For more information on this please follow the links: Year 1 to 8: <http://www.ilibrary.co.nz/kids/summer-reading-challenge/>

Between Year 9 and 20 years of age: <http://www.ilibrary.co.nz/teens/summer-reading-challenge/>

Book Week

There is a Book Fair on in the Library. Students have been sent home with the plan of events. If you are unable to make it in to view the books please give the school office a call and I can arrange a time to open for you. The books start at \$2; there is a huge variety of books.



Cool Website: <http://www.ilibrary.co.nz/>

Miss Joanne Fraser, Librarian

Community Notices

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

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR – AND IT IS FREE!

Come along to the Free Family Fun Day on Saturday 9 November from 11am–2pm at Number 9 Tay Street, Invercargill (hosted by Cornerstone New Life Church). Bouncy castle, ice cream, sausage sizzle, ring toss and much much more. Bring your family!

LIONS QUIZ NIGHT

When: 7.30pm, Wednesday 13 November

Where: Waiau Town & Country Club

Cost: \$10 per team of four

URBAN BACKYARD FARMING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 1.00–6.00PM

With Sandy & Rick Butler, at their property in Invercargill. This 4½ hour workshop covers gardening, beekeeping, milking goats, keeping rabbits and chickens. We will be making a garden bed, a simple soft cheese, looking at basic beehive management and milking a goat. A look at how to make a cheap hen house just from pallets and wire and how to keep your chickens happy, healthy and laying. Course cost is \$30 a person or \$50 a couple. South Coast Environment Centre, phone (03) 2348717, or email education@sces.org.nz

FOOD FOREST FULL DAY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 10.00AM–4.00PM

You will spend 6 hours on site, detailed tour discussing the elements of a food forest system. Then hear how it was developed and how to apply this concept to your own property, you will take away a plan/design for your own place and have information needed to create guilds / zones using plants that do well in this bio region. Tutors Robyn & Robert Guyton. Course cost is \$40 a person or \$60 a couple. South Coast Environment Centre, phone (03) 234 8717, or email education@sces.org.nz

SOUTHLAND BMX CLUB OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

ELIZABETH PARK, LIME ST, INVERCARGILL

Bring your bike and a helmet (some club bikes are available) and try out the new gate.

Stewart Island

Holiday Adventure for Year 6-8

10 Berths Available

20-24 January 2014

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Aboard the yacht Elwing
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other adventurers to make it happen



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Tuatapere Plunket STARS N' SPARKLES DISCO

3.30-5.00pm, Friday 8 November
Waiau Area School Hall

All primary and preschool children are invited to bring their Mum, Dad, Grandparent or Caregiver for a fantastic afternoon of dancing.

The disco is free for all children and their caregivers to attend. Refreshments will be available to purchase supplied by the Waiau Area School Canteen.

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