



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is great to walk out of a BOT meeting (Feb 15 2016) and have many

positive thoughts .

The discussions at the meeting were about student achievement, National standards reporting, how best to support children with learning needs, very successful 2015 NCEA results, new facilities to support teaching and learning, a draft charter ,a budget for 2016 that is the right colour (black, not red!) and some scoping around community input and consultation.

All this by a BOT with student learning at the centre of their focus and an opportunity to further invigorate community school with new leadership.

Class sizes are small, teachers know their students and their needs and the BOT are keen to support individuals by employing a full time teacher aide with a specific focus on targeted students and their numeracy and literacy needs across years 1-6.

The composite year 7-10 class of 25 students effectively receives 40 hours of teacher time each week by having two specialists in that class at one time.

NCEA results and statistics can be viewed through many lenses but our senior students did very well in 2015. **All our student who had the opportunity to complete a full course at the appropriate level passed! We had 100% success rate where 5 students gained their level NCEA certificates.**

You will all receive a survey in the near future that allows you to comment on the appointment of a new Principal and the proposed "change in class" of the school.

There will be a public meeting in the library on March to specifically hear your comments about the change of class proposal.

Remember to try and support the children of the Waiau Valley on Wednesday 24 February when both WAS and Hauroko meet for their summer athletics day. Remember the named hats and water bottles please.

Kind Regards

Kevin Orlowski

Employment Opportunity:

Teacher aide hours are available at W.A.S. Please email expressions of interest to admin@was.school.nz
A positive attitude to helping young people learn will be a key requisite.

2016 Timeline

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| Tue 2nd Feb to Fri 15th Apr | TERM 1 (11 weeks) |
| Athletics Day With Hauroko | 24th Feb 2016 |
| Western Primary Swimming | 25th Feb 2016 |
| ERO visit | 29th Feb 2016 |
| S.I.T Visit to Seniors | 3rd March 2016 |
| Kapahaka | 2nd March 2016 |
| End of Term One | 15th Apr 2016 |
| Term Two Starts | 2nd May 2016 |

School News

Was Awesome certificates

Congratulations to the following Students who were awarded certificates at Assembly:



Luca Unahi: For making a great start in numeracy this year - Luca is learning number knowledge to 1000 and to solve her two, five and ten times tables.

Quinn Palmer: For excellent work presentation. Your colourful work caught my eye Quinn. Well done, very impressive indeed.

Ashton Edgerton: For setting an excellent example to others in Room 2 when Mrs Cleaver was away. Your behaviour was outstanding Ashton, I am so proud of you.

Jay Egerton: For making a fantastic start to the term and setting an excellent example for the new students

Holly Hammond Y7-10: For a superb start to 2016 and solid commitment to classwork.

Shania Deans Bryant Y11-13: Positive attitude towards Wilderness Academy an excellent performance on Gateway placement.

Note: Our newsletter is now published on Mondays, Deadline for notices is Thursday 12:30pm email to newsletters@was.school.nz or drop off at office.

Check out our photos from Room 1 when we visited the Life Education Bus. The students learnt about making good friends.



WAIAU SWIMMING CLUB

Waiau Swimming Club AGM - Tuesday 1st March, 7.30pm at the Waiau Hotel.

Apologies to :Kirsty Erskine

philandkirsty@woosh.co.nz 032266570

HPV Immunisation Programme 2016

Consent forms have been issue to the year 8 girls ;

Proposed Vaccination Dates:

Round 1; 23 March

Round 2: 18 May

Round 3: 7 September

2016 Western Tennis Satellite Tournament - as part of the Ensign Cup!
Saturday 28 February, Otautau Courts
8:45am Reporting time, 9.00am Start time
Age groups: 8 Boys, 10 Boys Novice, 10 Boys, 12 Boys, 14 Boys, 16 Boys, 8 Girls, 10 Girls Novice, 10 Girls, 12 Girls, 14 Girls, 16 Girls
For more details go to: <http://www.tennisouthland.co.nz/tournaments--events.html>
Entries close 5pm 24 February 2016

Athletics

Wednesday 24th February 8.45am

Remember sunblock and healthy lunch.

Helpers for this day are required please contact Richard Bennett at Waiau Area School .



WAIAU STAR RUGBY CLUB – JUNIOR

Rugby season is quickly rolling around. For any students wishing to play this season we are taking Registrations at Athletics Day at Waiau Area School this Wednesday or you can contact Sheryl Horrell 2254404 or 0272894578. Training is likely to begin Mid March. We are also looking for coaches and managers for these teams. If you are interested please contact Sheryl.



CAKE STALL

WHEN: FRIDAY 26TH FEB 12 O'CLOCK

WHERE: OUTSIDE THE 4 SQUARE

WHY: RAISING FUNDS FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE.

MUFFIDAY

Wednesday the 2nd of March

Gold Coin Donation

Raising Money for the Come Dressed in PURPLE

Spot prizes for best dressed



PUB QUIZ

WAIAU HOTEL

Monday 7th March

7:30pm

\$10 for a team of 4

Raising Money for the

Quiz Hosts Jan & Dave Babb

Our local Doms



JENNIAN HOMES STEEL CLUB

(Formerly known as the Jennian Homes Junior Academy)

Want some specialist netball coaching?

Then join the Jennian Homes Steel Club!

Suitable for players from 8 –14 years

Mondays – Invercargill and Winton

Tuesdays – Gore

Fridays – Wyndham

Terms 1, 2 and 3 2016

For full details and to register visit www.netballsouth.co.nz

HAVE YOUR SAY

As a girl, we want to know what matters to you and what you think about!

If you are aged between 7 - 17
txt 'GIRLVOICE' to 4046
 and fill in your details to be in the draw.

Be in to win some cool vouchers!

This survey opportunity is supported and funded by Girlguiding New Zealand but is not, and will never be a recruitment campaign. Girls do not have to be members in order to participate. The poll asks for honest and anonymous views only where stated. *Prize draw is required for all eligible entries. The poll and prize draw will be held by Girlguiding New Zealand. All questions asked will be age appropriate, interesting and relevant and parents are welcome to do these with their child. All information will be confidential and used only for the purposes of reporting on its representative views. *Prize draw will include cash. The draw is open and will be held on the other side of the year to a third party.

Are you raising funds for a community project?

Like us on Facebook to stay up to date with latest news!

Date: Tuesday 8 March 2016

Kohi Kohi Cottage

Tuatapere Community Pool

Blackmount Community Centre

For an appointment

Email dianne@ctos.org.nz call 0800 500 185.

For further information on the Community Trust visit www.ctos.org.nz

The Community Trust is coming to

Riverton, Otautau, Tuatapere, Nightcaps & Ohai and we can meet with you to discuss:

if your project is eligible for our funding

how and when to apply

completing an online application form



**WANTED
FOSTER PARENTS**

Would you foster a Southland child who needs a home?

Child, Youth and Family are looking for couples, singles and/or families interested in becoming foster parents - giving local Southland children what every child deserves a safe, stable and loving home.

There are children in your community who need homes, children who have had traumatic starts to their short lives and children who could thrive in a loving family.

These children need caring and committed people, willing to give them a place in their family. To give them the opportunity to reach their full potential We are looking for people who can see past the behaviours, understand they need love, quality care and certainty about their future.

They need parents to value them, help them develop a healthy sense of identity and give them all the opportunities that many Southland kids take for granted.

If you are interested in finding out more about children in your community in need of a loving home please contact Isla Hardy

Telephone number (Freephone) 0508 326 459

Telephone number (Direct line) 03 948 4427

Cell phone number 029 650 0661

E-mail Isla.Hardy001@cyf.govt.nz

Tui Top Challenge

13th March, 2016

For competitors from Tuatapere to Tim-buk-too so that includes you!

Raising money for the Evans family

givealittle/cause/help4chelsea

@ Waiiau Area School Grounds- Tuatapere

Teams of 4 to take on the challenge

– From young to old!

For more information check out facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/1743200935911085/>

Tui Top town challenge or call Dale 2266 865



LUNCH ORDERS

(Orders to be put in the School Office box by 10.00 am at the latest)

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY (ONLY)

PLEASE NOTE: ORDERS FOR HOT FOOD WEDNESDAY ONLY

Meadow Fresh Flavoured Milk (Chocolate Strawberry) \$1.80

Cool Change \$1.50

Snack Packs \$3.00

Fruit (Apple or Orange or Banana) .80

Muffin Large \$2.60 (Strawberry & Banana, Double chocolate, Chocolate Caramel, Blueberry or Banana Chip)

Mousetraps \$2.50

Toasted Sandwich Cheese with 1 x filling (Ham, Onion, Pineapple or Mushroom) \$4.50

Chicken & Salad Wrap \$5.00

Butter Chicken \$5.00

Macaroni Cheese \$5.00

WEDNESDAY ONLY

Hot Chips \$2

Hot Dog \$2.50

Hoki \$4.00

Hot Dog & Chips \$4.00

Chicken Nuggets & Chips \$4.00

Hoki & Chips \$5.00

Toppers Chicken Cordon Bleu or Bacon & Cheese or Lasagne \$3.50