



## Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to Waiau Area School! A special warm welcome to all the new families that have joined our school this year. It is such a good feeling being back at school and all I can say is what a great school we are. The kids are just wonderful and our school breathes an element of positivity – such a great start to the year.

### Goals

We have great plans for the year ahead.

The top priority of course is the education of your child and this will be achieved with no doubt through the dedication of our great staff.

Property is of high priority and the recent acceptance of a contractor to carry out property management of the \$500,000 property grant will ensure that we will complete 90% of our property plan within the next two years. We made a surplus last year which is far better than making a loss and what this means is that we are able to get to some long overdue property works. To start off we have moved our office service desk from the old office area to the administration block as part of phase one of the admin remodelling. Over the next week or so we will have the rooves of the admin block, walkways, caretaker's shed and boiler shed painted. This will certainly lift the cosmetics of our school. We are looking into the internal remodelling of our classrooms and also on how best we can achieve our goal of updating our ICT.

At the moment we are concluding our Charter documentation for this year. This will soon be available for members of our community to view. It will outline in detail our targets and strategic aims for the school.

### ERO Report

Our ERO report, which is now confirmed, is something that we should take time to celebrate. ERO have confirmed that "we" (at Waiau Area School) are well on the right track. Here are some extracts from the ERO report:

- "the board and principal have a clear vision for the school and are determined to provide students with the best possible quality of education... Teachers

ERO specifically spoke to about this all agree that the changes are, or will be, beneficial for the school and students."

- "... ERO saw many examples of good to high quality teaching practice."
- "Maori students are generally achieving as well as their non-Maori peers."
- "the majority of students are achieving reasonably well and making good progress in their learning."

The areas that ERO have identified for next step development and focus were not news to our school. Being on the right track was about knowing what we needed to work on next.

To read the full report you can access a copy from the School Office. We will advise when the report is available online.

### Uniform

The students look very well presented and we have heard nothing but praise about the new uniform. I would like to thank parents for making a conscious effort in ensuring their child is wearing the correct uniform. Thank you. We count on students being dressed according to the Board's stipulation and as mentioned in a letter circulated to parents it only makes our job harder if we have to police it and follow up on students who are not complying.

Consequences for incorrect uniform:

- students will be reminded of correct school attire;
- if the uniform is not corrected then home will be contacted, by the homeroom teacher;
- formal processes will be implemented if required;
- non-complying items will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.

In this edition of our newsletter, for your information, the Board of Trustees have placed the School Uniform Policy. Please take the time to read and familiarise yourself with the policy.

### NCEA Results

I wish to conclude my report with more celebration. Our NCEA results are impressive. These results are provisional statistics issued by NZQA. For those eligible:

## 2011 NCEA RESULTS at a glance

	Waiau Area School (TCC)	National
Year 11 NCEA Level 1 Pass Rate	81.3%	76.1%
Level 1 Literacy	82.4%	80.0%
Level 1 Numeracy	82.4%	79.2%
Year 12 NCEA Level 2 Pass Rate	83.3%	81.4%
Year 13 NCEA Level 3 Pass Rate	33.3%	74.5%

Students at Waiau Area School performed above the national performance in NCEA Level 1 along with literacy and numeracy. Students at Waiau Area School performed above the national performance in NCEA Level 2.

It is timely to illustrate the **comparison between 2011 and 2010 performance in NCEA:**

	TCC 2011	TCC 2010
Year 11 NCEA Level 1	81.3%	31.3%
Year 11 NCEA Level 1 Literacy	82.4%	27.8%
Year 11 NCEA Level 1 Numeracy	82.4%	66.7%
Year 12 NCEA Level 2 Pass Rate	83.3%	42.9%
Year 13 NCEA Level 3 Pass Rate	33.3%	33.6%

I wish to thank and commend the staff and students for all their hard work in 2011. The proof is certainly in the pudding.

Best wishes for the year everyone. Noho ora mai.

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

## From the Board of Trustees

### School Tie for Yr11-13 Students

The Board has confirmed that the school tie will be remaining as the status quo – PLAIN BLUE. This is for both boys and girls – yr11-13.

For consistency in the look and actual colour of the tie, they are to be purchased from the School Office – at a cost of \$20 each.

### Black School Shoes

Canvas, skatie, ballet shoes ARE NOT acceptable as school shoes. Black lace-ups are regulation, but for this transition year, we will also allow black buckle-type shoes. From 2013, black lace-ups ONLY will be compulsory.

### Uniform Update from Postie Plus

Following is a response from Postie's General Manager – Schooltex in relation to the delays in stocking our embroidered uniform clothing in-store:

*"Just to confirm our phone discussion that Postie will offer 20% off the logo product to all parents until we are in stock. The Invercargill store will record the parents' names and inform them when*

*we have full stock. The plan is to have logo product in store in 2 weeks' time. Thanks for your understanding."*

## Sympathies

We extend sincere condolences to Mrs Kiwia Howley over the tragic loss of her husband Wayne. We are all thinking of you and your family Kiwia at this very sad time.

## Welcome to Our New Students & Families

A HUGE welcome to the new students who have enrolled at Waiau Area School this year:

- Bailey Shepherd – yr1
- Wayne Blackler – yr5
- Leila Blackler – yr6
- Ruth Bennie – yr6
- Judith Tau – yr6
- Janiqua Tau – yr7
- Hannah Collins – yr7
- Nic Chamberlain – yr6
- Ella Wylie – yr7
- Ruth Reo – yr8
- Talisha Hemara – yr9
- Nathan Diack – yr10

And welcome back also to:

- Cheyenne Harvey – yr2
- Cody Harvey – yr4
- Shiloh Tupua – yr9
- Elkanah Tupua – yr10

## New Teaching Staff

We welcome two new teachers to the fold of Waiau Area School – Mrs Annette Ferguson and Miss Anita Thomson-Hopwood. We will have bios of our new teachers in the next newsletter.

## Opening Ceremony

A large crowd of students, staff, and members of the community braved the high winds on Tuesday 31 January for the official opening of **WAIAU AREA SCHOOL**. After inspiring words by our Principal, Mrs AK, and our Board of Trustees Chairman, Mr Chris McIntosh, the new school sign was unveiled by WAS's youngest student, Marshall Jarman (5), and oldest student, Max Baldwin (17).

For those of you who weren't at the Opening, the following is Mrs AK's speech:

*"Members of our community, Board of Trustees Members, Staff and Students, it gives me great pleasure as Principal of Waiau Area School to welcome you to what is an auspicious moment.*

*Today is history in the making. You all are part of a moment that will go down in history; the re-naming of our school.*

*The purpose of this ceremony is to unveil our new sign that effectively unveils the beginning of a new life at our school. With this brings an opportunity for us to start a fresh, to bring about a fresh focus on what we are all here for...our students. At our school we put students at the forefront and create and conduct things at our school that brings about best opportunities and outcomes for students.*

*We celebrate our vision "to work hard and be the best we can be" and our motto "live to LEARN, LEARN to live". This applies not only to students but to all key stakeholders of our school and we will breathe our motto and vision in all we do at Waiau Area School.*

*We are the only Area School in Southland and we are proud to be an area school. We hold fast to the character and uniqueness that makes us special. We are a state, rural, community based and seamless education organisation. The purpose of today and into the future is to celebrate that we are proud to wear the Area School name."*

## Technical Updates and Upgrades

The School is currently updating its website to create an informative and more user-friendly site. Stay tuned as developments unfold.

Also, we have set up a new domain name through Telecom. Once the finer technical details have been ironed out we will advise you on new email addresses etc for the school and staff. In the interim, please continue to use our tcc.school.nz domain.

## School Magazine Update

We thank you for your patience with this ... but due to events beyond our control, delays have occurred with the printing and distribution of the 2011 School Magazine. Just when we thought "Phew it's finally arrived, we can give people their copies!" ... it was noticed that collation errors had been made at the printers.

So ... unfortunately, we have to send all copies back to the printers to be unbound, corrected, and rebound. Please bear with us while we get this issue sorted. We will get your ordered copies to you just as soon as we can.

## School Library

Please be aware that the library is now open every day, ensuring that students have access to the library at interval and lunch break.



This initiative will lift study skills in the school and of course the engagement of literacy and enjoyment of reading.

## School Guidance Counsellor

Mr Lyndon Coppin is once again employed at our school to offer our students counselling support. A guidance counsellor can offer a confidential, non-judgemental opportunity for students to share their thoughts and feelings in a safe, respectful, and trusting environment.

## 2012 Bell Times

This year we have decided to change the yr7-13 area of the school to one hour long periods. This decision was made to provide students with slightly more teacher contact time in class. The hope is that more teacher time will improve student achievement.

To accommodate this we needed to change the bell and break times at the school. We decided to move to a 2-2-1 structured day. This brings us in line with most Area Schools in New Zealand.

### The new break times are:

- **11.00am-11.20am for interval**
- **1.20pm-2.00pm for lunch**

**These break times are in effect for the entire school (yr1-13).**

We did consider a separate yr1-6 break time but this would have been significantly unfair on the staff in the yr1-6 school as they would have had more duty and less break times each week than their yr7-13 colleagues. To accommodate the longer morning sessions, the junior school are taking two 5 minute breaks at 10.00am and 12.20pm.

We will monitor how these changes impact the students over the next few weeks to ensure that students are coping.  
*Mr Steven Mustor*

## Waiau Area School Athletic Champs Day

Yr1-13 will compete for the Waiau Area School age group Athletic Champion on **Tuesday 21 February**, postponement day Thursday 23 February. Blackmount and Hauroko Primary will also be attending.

**Starting at 9am** 800m for Yr7-13 and field events for primary students.

We will need parent helpers on the day, if you are willing to help out it would be much appreciated. Please contact the School Office, Mr AK or myself.

*Mrs Tania Egerton*

## Sporting Events Term 1

Please take note of sporting events for Term 1, there have been a couple of date changes.

### February

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Waiau Area School Athletics Yr 1-13  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Country Schools Athletics Yr 7-13 – Menzies College

### March

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Southland Secondary Schools Athletics - Surrey Park  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Waiau Area School Swimming Yr 7-13  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Secondary Schools Otago/Southland Athletics Champs – Surrey Park  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Western Primary Athletics – Takitimu School  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Waiau Area School Primary Swimming Champs  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Waiau Area School Cross Country Yr1-13

### April

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Secondary Schools Swimming Yr 7-13 – Gore

## Physical Education Lessons Years 7-10

To enable all students to participate safely in regular physical activity, it is important to ensure a complete change of clothes is brought to PE lessons. As per the school's uniform policy during this transition year, students will be permitted to wear red shorts and either a TCC or Waiau Area School PE shirt (when available from Postie Plus). In addition, students must bring a change of socks and footwear appropriate to the activity area.

Activity areas studied in Term 1 will be Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country. *Mr Richard Bennett*

## Head Students and Prefects

A huge welcome to WAS's Head Students and Prefects for 2012:

Dannielle (Danza) Friend	Head Girl
Simon Van Dam	Head Boy
Hollee Jarman	Deputy Head Girl
Max Baldwin	Deputy Head Boy
Nicola Diack	Prefect
Jessica Dodd	Prefect
Logan McLean	Prefect

Keep an eye out for them over the coming weeks as they make themselves known to staff, students, and parents of WAS through our Newsletter.

## Dental Bus

You will have noticed the Dental Bus parked up here at school. It will be here until approximately the end of February. Helen and Pip would like to encourage you

to be with your children for their dental check-ups. If you would like to attend, please phone 027 5557063. They have every second Friday off from 10 February. Any queries on those days, please phone 0800 570300.

## School Canteen News

Juniors must have their orders in a named envelope with class name, handed in to the School Office by 10am for me to collect. There has been an increase in price from the drinks suppliers and Cookie Time also, sorry! **NOTE: The Canteen will be closed on Monday 20 February.** *Christine Murch*

### Canteen List – Term 1

Cheese Rolls	\$1.00
Toasties/buns	\$2.00
Pizza	\$1.00
Cupcake/Muffin	\$1.50
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Couplands Pie	\$2.50
Jimmy's Pie	\$3.50
Cookie Time	\$1.20
Potato Chips	\$1.80
Pork Rib Roll	\$3.00
Icy	.50
Plain Iceblocks	\$1.80
Ice cream Iceblocks	\$2.00
Small Juice	\$2.00
Large Juice	\$3.50
Small Milks	\$2.50
Large Milkshake	
Murch made	\$3.00
Thickened	extra .20
Ice Cream	extra .50

### Daily Menus

#### Monday

Baked potato with topping of cheese, bacon bits, sweet chilli or BBQ sauce \$4

#### Tuesday

Chicken Wrap – Chicken tenders, lettuce, cheese with chilli or BBQ sauce \$4

#### Wednesday

Hot Dogs – Caramel onions (optional), frankfurter, mustard, tomato or BBQ sauce \$4

#### Thursday

Chicken fried rice \$3 or \$4 pottles

#### Friday

Nuggets and chips	\$4
Pottle of hot chips	\$2

## 2012 Term Timeline

Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 5 April	Term 1, 2012
Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June	Term 2, 2012
Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September	Term 3, 2012
Monday 15 October to Friday 7 December	Term 4, 2012 (tentative end date)

## Community Notices

### Tuatapere Netball Club

The Netball Club are calling for registrations for the 2012 season. All interested players please phone Wendy Adams on 2266383. We need to know names ASAP.

Teams available for all ages down to 5 years.

**NB:** All those who still have uniforms from last season please hand into the School Office in a named bag.

Committee for this season:

President: Wendy Adams

Secretary: Christina Vaughan

Treasurer: Vicki Unahi.

*Thank You, Wendy Adams*

### Casual Staff Required for Waiau Hotel

**Looking for Bistro Cook, Cleaner, Bar Person.**

Casual hours available including weekends and nights. Enquiries to Quinton Donald, Waiau Hotel, Tuatapere. Ph 03 2266409.

### Bistro Girl Required for Waiau Hotel

Required for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights every second weekend. Apply in person to Quinton Donald, Waiau Hotel, Tuatapere.

### The Māori Education Trust 2011/12 Scholarship Application Round is Open!

- Apply online at [www.maorieducation.org.nz](http://www.maorieducation.org.nz)
- Secondary School category closes **29 Hui-tanguru (February) 2012.**
- Tertiary undergraduate and postgraduate categories close **31 Poutū-te-rangi (March) 2012.**
- Phone **(04) 499 8041** for assistance if required.

### Tuatapere Scouts

Scouts will be starting again on Wednesday 8 February. All are welcome.

We are still looking for a cub leader, If you are interested please contact me on 2266485.

Anyone wanting to join this year just give us a ring.

*Cheers, Helen Hall, Scout Leader*

### 4X4 Rally

Chamberlain Farm @ Eastern Bush. 25 February. Scrutineering 8.30am, with mud flying 10.00am.

Classes: Standard, Modified, Greater Modified, Super Modified but any 'run of the mill' 4WD can have a go!

Drivers must be licensed with minimum age of navigator 12 years (must be competent of hooking tow stop).

Vehicles must have towing points, fire extinguisher, helmets, seat belts and tow stop.

\$30 a vehicle (enter on the day). Spectators a gold coin (a great family day out). Food for sale all day. Enquires Allister 2255665.

### Grassy Terrace Gumboot Gold Classic

- **Orawia, Saturday 3 March**

**Entries Open:** 15 holes of farmland golf on prepared greens. Fantastic prizes, gambling hole, food and beverages for sale all day. The format is similar to last year's hugely successful event with some added enhancements. Get a team of 4 together (18yrs & over).

\$80 a team. To enter phone/text Fi Addenbrooke 2255655 / 027 2925544 or Tim Boyle 2255557 / 0274359549.

### Mossburn District and Schools' 125th Jubilee

Friday 6th April - Sunday 8th April. [Register by 26th February](#) and take advantage of the Early Bird Registrations (save \$40 per person). A fun filled weekend has been organised that accommodates all age groups, this includes a children's disco.

Please note this is a Mossburn District and Schools' Jubilee. This is not just a Mossburn School jubilee but also includes those people (past and present) who have lived in the community whether they attended the school or not.

Please accept this as your personal invitation and pass this onto anyone you know who may wish to attend. For more registration details, please contact Lauren Russell 0332486292, [laurenandsam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:laurenandsam@xtra.co.nz)



## Southland Woodworkers Guild Display Day

**When:** 10.00am, Sunday 11 March

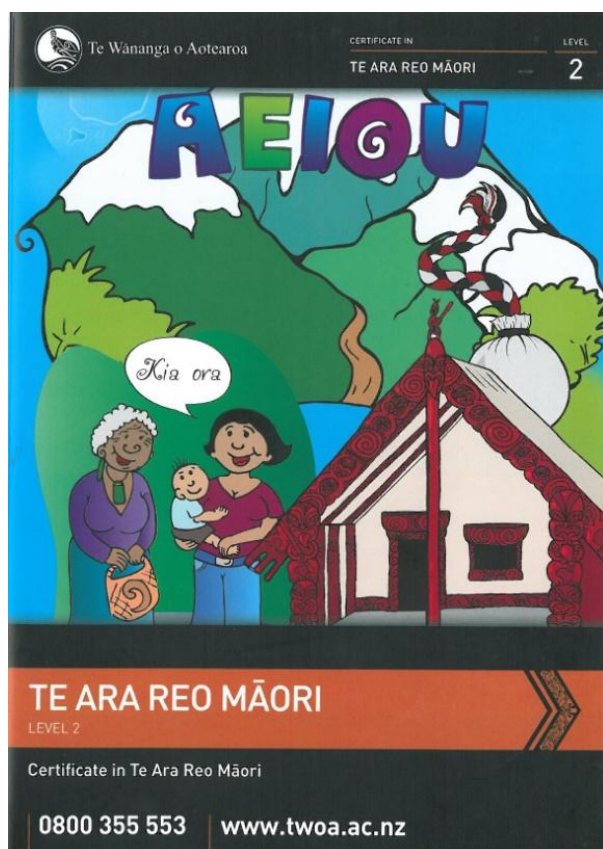
**Where:** Waiau Town & Country Club

Wood-turning, scroll saw and wood carving demonstrated. Everyone welcome. There will be articles to purchase if you so desire.

## Te Ara Reo Maori

We would like to initiate Level 2 Te Reo classes at our school.

**BUT ... WE NEED 25 PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST BEFORE THIS WILL GET OFF THE GROUND!**



The classes will be open to those aged 16 or over (those younger will require Mrs AK's permission to enrol). The classes would begin the week of 27 February and run until the end November and would be held from 6.00-9.00pm (actual day of the week will be confirmed once it is determined this course will go ahead).

There will be no costs involved with this course and it is worth 120 credits.

We have pamphlets at the School Office if you would like to learn more of what will be studied in this course.

Mark your Calendars Now

**THE GREAT  
TUATAPERE  
PLAYCENTRE BAKE  
SALE**

Friday 9th March 2011

 Time: 10am – 12noon

**Where:** In front of the Toy Library

Get in quick for some yummy home-made cakes, scones, slices and biscuits.

☺ See you all there ☺

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