



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

It was a real shame that the wet weather prevented our 30+ yr7-13 athletics squad from travelling to Menzies on Wednesday for the Country Schools Athletics. The students were really looking forward to applying their skills at inter-school level. Unfortunately there is no postponement date.

This week the lead management team engaged in a two day workshop on our school vision, strategic planning of our school, and roles and responsibilities. These sessions are invaluable and necessary to strengthen the leadership team and to further strengthen school practice.

This week I spoke to our yr11-13 students around STAR and Gateway opportunities. STAR and Gateway provide an exciting opportunity to increase students' engagement in active learning as they come to recognise the relevance of their school work to their future plans. We are dedicated to growing these programmes.

On Tuesday night Sonny Tonihi presented the first of many Te Reo courses to a very eager group of attendees. This was a very fun evening and was enjoyed by all. This course is a Level 2 NZQA programme and starts at the very basic level of Te Reo. If you are interested, we invite you to come along for a look. Sessions are held in the School Library and take place on Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm.

I am pleased by the variety of extracurricular activities currently provided for our students:

- Yr1-6 – swimming lessons provided by Sport Southland
- Room 2-3 – Run, Jump, Throw lessons provided by Sport Southland
- Yr11 students – waka ama and alternative learning experiences
- GATE programme – Gifted and Talented programme for yr5-8 students who show giftedness or talent in leadership or athletics (provided by REAP).

Teacher on Sick Leave

It is unfortunate that Miss Anita Thomson-Hopwood has had to go on sick leave for the next 5 weeks. Although this cannot be helped it does present a problem for us. We are acting with urgency on getting a replacement teacher for the next 5 weeks. Currently we are sorting through options that will best serve our students and cause the least disruption to the whole senior school timetable. It is hoped that we will reach a resolution over the coming week. In the interim we will seconder a reliever to the position and Mr Mustor is likely to intervene and take the Level 1 English students. I apologise to parents concerned for this inconvenience.

At Waiau Area School we are dedicated to meeting the needs of all students and fostering their interests and skills.

Noho ora mai (stay well).

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

From the Office

Welcome ...

A big welcome to our two new entrants who joined Miss Gemma Edgerton's class this week: **Harrison Erskine** and **Taelah Haines**. Happy school days boys!!

Menzies Cancellation

With the cancellation of Menzies I need to either refund your money or credit it to your child's school account to be used for upcoming school events/fees. Please advise your preference by contacting me at the School Office. If I don't hear from you by 12 March I will automatically credit the money to your child's school account. *Cheers, Gillian*

Lost and Found Property

Please could you check your child's polar fleece to make sure they haven't accidentally picked up another student's ... we have a couple of students whose **named** polar fleeces have gone missing.

Also, we've accumulated a bit of lost property over the last few weeks. Come have a look when you're next at school to see if anything belongs at your home.

From the Student Council

School Social

As we come to the end of week 5, you'll be happy to know that on **Wednesday 21 March** we are holding a school social. Details:

Theme: Cowboys and Indians

Times: yr1-6 – 4.30-6.30pm

yr7-13 – 7.00-9.30pm

Price: \$5.00 [pre and door sales]



Sausages will be provided for both seniors and juniors.

Lollies, fizz and juice will be available for sale from the Canteen throughout the night. Permission slips will be handed out within the fortnight.

*Kind regards, Simon, Max, Hollee, Nicola,
Logan & Jessica (Student Council)*

From the Lead Managers

From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti ...

GATE Programme

This week, eight students from years 5-8 participated in a Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programme run by Southern Reap. Run by people who are specialists in their own field, the programmes are tailor made for students who display exceptional skills, abilities or may have untapped potential.

This term, five students are selected to participate in specialist athletics training with Mr Lorne Singer. They will

be instructed on the finer skills of throwing, jumping, and running. Three other students will embark on a Leadership course with Mrs Shirley Pratt. The aim of the programme is to develop youth leadership capabilities and empower students with the skills and positive experiences to their own life and school.

We wish our students all the best with their learning opportunities and thank Shirley Pratt and Southern Reap for providing these amazing experiences.

SwimSafe

The SwimSafe sessions continue to be very popular and positive. Thanks once again for the overwhelming parent support at the sessions. Great to see all the children wearing their caps. Fantastic.

Junior School Assembly

The next Junior assembly will take place on Friday 9 March in Room 1. Parents, caregivers and families are most welcome to attend.

Information for Parents. What are KC's (Key Competencies)?

Key competencies are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future. The New Zealand Curriculum identifies five key competencies:

- Thinking
- Using language, symbols and text
- Managing self
- Relating to others
- Participating and contributing

Paul AK, LM Yr1-6

Waiau Area School – BOT Election – Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare

Anderson, Troy duly elected.

*Signed, R Poole
Returning Officer*

Careers

It has been such a busy term already. This year I am taking on the challenge of supporting the students to develop a career plan for their future.

I am planning on meeting with each student from year 10–13 at least twice a term or on a more regular basis if I am able to support them with a more direct request.

We constantly receive information about different career options and pathways which will eventually be displayed in the library corridor (we are on the move there at the moment). If anyone is trying to find me for support I am currently available last period and I am generally located in my classroom (room 5).

Kind regards, Miss Quinn

New Uniform

We're starting to see more and more of the new uniform being worn by our students, and how smart they look in it too. Thank you Olivia, Shaina, Jasmine, and Damian for agreeing to have your photos taken – you're great role models.



Library News

March is NZ Book Month – the campaign is “Books Change Lives”, featuring celebrity ambassadors: Annabel Langbein, Emily Perkins, Tamati Coffey and Sir Peter Jackson. Four million book vouchers will be distributed for New Zealand Book Month which can be redeemed at bookshops all over the country. Vouchers can also be downloaded from the following website: <http://nzbookmonth.co.nz/>

Reminder: Scholastic orders to be in by Friday 9 March.

The library has been used a lot this week for study and also research of disasters.

Miss Fraser

New School Sign

What do you think of our impressive new school sign? Over the next wee while you'll be seeing further improvements in school signage, including sprucing up the existing *Te Kura a Iwi o Tuatapere* sign.



FUN SCIENCE FACT FROM THE LAB ... DID YOU KNOW?

That there are no muscles in your fingers only tendons!

Action Shots from Last Week's Athletics



Relay 4 Life

It would be great to have a group of senior students to walk some laps in the Relay 4 Life next weekend 10-11 March. If interested, please see Tayla McKenzie. Tayla will also have an official collection bucket here at school on Wednesday 7 March – a gold coin donation would be much appreciated. Money raised in Southland stays in Southland.

Answers to Mr Maloney's Puzzles

Here are the answers to last week's puzzles.

- 50 lettuces.
- He must have bought 7 \$8 CDs and 4 \$11 CDs. So he bought 11 CDs altogether.
- There is no missing dollar. The \$2 stolen by the porter should be subtracted from \$27 to get \$25, not added to what the 3 men have paid. Of the original \$30, the 3 men have \$3, the porter has \$2 and the manager has \$25.

How many of you got all three correct??? ☺

PTA News

School socks are for sale at the School Office for \$10 pair. Enclose money in an envelope with your child's name and size required.

Watch this space! Last night the PTA booked Nigel Kennedy, the hypnotist, to come and perform again. So many people wished they had come last year so watch for updates and posters.

We need more committee members, so please come along and support the PTA so we can raise funds for things that are needed around our school. **NEXT MEETING: 28 March**

Christine Murch

South Island Country & Town Swimming Competition

Lewis McKay (Year 7) represented Southland at the competitions held on 18/19 February at Cromwell Swim Centre.

Although he had no placings, Lewis achieved personal best times for all his races.

Boys 11-12 50mts Backstroke	43.61
Boys 11-12 50mts Freestyle	37.87
Boys 11-12 100mts Backstroke	1.34.05

He also swam in two relay races for the Southland Team. Overall it was a fantastic weekend with excellent results and Southland coming home as the regional winners for 2012.

2012 Term Timeline

Tuesday 31 Jan to Thursday 5 Apr	Term 1, 2012
Friday 9 March	Southland Secondary School Athletics – Surrey Park
Friday 16 March	Yr7-13 Swimming Sports
Saturday 17 March	Secondary Schools Otago/Sthld Athletics Champs – Surrey Park
Tuesday 20 March	Western Primary Athletics – Takitimu School
Friday 23 March	Yr1-6 Swimming Sports
Friday 30 March	Yr 1-13 Cross Country
Tuesday 3 April	Country Secondary Schools Swimming Yr7-13 – Gore
Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June	Term 2, 2012
Monday 16 July to Friday 28 Sept	Term 3, 2012
Monday 15 Oct to Friday 7 Dec	Term 4, 2012 (tentative end date)

Message from the Bus Controller and Mr Sewpersad

90% of accidents involving school children and buses are attributed to students crossing the road after a bus has dropped them off!

Students hopping off the school bus must wait for the bus to leave and ensure they can see the road clearly before walking across (approximately three power poles in length).

Students' concentration can be distracted by using cell phones at the time or with parents waiting on the other side of the road.

Please parents, cross the road to wait for your child on the same side the bus drops them off.

Drivers passing a stationary school bus (in either direction) must not exceed 20km/h!

Community Notices

If you have a Community Notice to advertise, please email it through to the school at newsletters@tcc.school.nz and we will ensure it goes into our newsletter.

Babysitter Needed

Every Tuesday from 5.30–9.15pm – Orawia area. If you are interested, please give Diane Newton a call on 2255007.

INVERCARGILL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 4 March 2012

11.00am-2.30pm

Southland Boys High School

Gymnasium & Field

181 Herbert Street, Invercargill

Bring along a picnic and enjoy a day of fun activities for the whole family. Crafts, games, face-painting, music, bikes, bungy and lots more. ALL FREE!

Please contact Avril at the Community Workers office on 2266483 – if there is enough interest a bus will be organised to go in.

Waiau Squash Club 2012 Season

Keen to play squash? We would love you to be part of our club. If you only feel like a social hit or if you would like to play men's or women's competition we can accommodate you. We need numbers for competition teams ASAP. For more information phone:

Mens Club Captain: Nathan Parris 2266747

Womens Club Captain: Debbie Fowle 2255052

A social evening will be held at the squash courts on Friday 30 March 2012 from 6.30pm.

All new and current players welcome come along for a friendly game and a drink or two! A small plate for supper would be appreciated, look forward to seeing you there.

Athletics Club

Athletics Club has started in Otautau for a trial until the end of Term 1. If you are interested we would love to have you.

When: 5.30-7.00pm Thursday (till the end of the term)

Where: Otautau School or if wet Otautau Sports Complex

If you like more information give Debbie a ring on 2255052 or email d.fowle@xtra.co.nz

Plunket Appeal

Appeal Week is coming up, 5–11 March

If anyone is interested in helping to collect this year please contact Teri 2266096.

**Behind a Happy Baby is a Happy Family,
Behind a Happy Family is Plunket.**

Waiau Star Rugby 2012

Are you wanting to play rugby this season?

**Come and play for Waiau Star –
Home of the Western Banner!**

"Senior Grade" - Contact David McCallum 0274655794

"Under 18's" - Contact Gerry Adams 03 2266383

"Schoolboy" - Contact Debbie Fowle 03 2255052

Also trying to get a **"Senior C"** team up and running this season - if interested contact Glenn Thomas 0272749773.

Touch Southland Trials

9.30am – Sunday 11 March Turnbull Thomson Invercargill

U9mx U10mx 10.00am

U11 boys & girls 10.00am

U12/13 Boys & Girls 11.00am

U14/15 Boys & Girls 12.00noon

U16/17 Boys & Girls 1pm

Everybody who plays in a Touch Southland module is welcome. For more info go to the Touch Southland website www.touchesouthland.co.nz



New to the area or considering early childhood education options? Why not consider:

Tuatapere Playcentre

23b Orawia Rd
Tuatapere

Open 9-12 noon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Open Day Monday 5th March 2012 from 10am till 12 noon

Come along for a look and join in on some fun activities

To find out more about Playcentre contact Tara Williams on 0272707703 or just call in at any of our session times

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