



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Another busy week at Waiau Area School...

Parents of students directly affected by internal staffing restructuring should have received a letter in the post by now. Due to a shortfall in the middle/senior part of the school we have transferred Mr Troy Anderson from the junior school to the middle school. While we are confident this move is in the best overall interest of the school, it has created a gap in the junior school. Please be assured that we are actively working to fill this gap. Unfortunately circumstances such as teachers requiring sick leave or not fronting to a position in the first instance can cause a detrimental impact to our school timetable. We acknowledge that these are out of our control and we must act on these to ensure best learning opportunities for our students.

We welcome our most recent staff member to our school, Mrs Teri Diack. Teri will be working mainly in the junior sector of the school as Teacher Aide. We welcome you in an official capacity to our school Mrs Diack.

Last Friday Karen Gill and I visited James Hargest Senior and Junior campus to review their internal upgrade project. Part of this exercise was to view the wall coverings and colour schemes that line classrooms. It is the Board's intent, with the cyclical maintenance funds that have accumulated, to commence internal modernising of our classrooms. Although in its initial stages, it is exciting to think that the long awaited classroom upgrades are just around the corner. Thanks Mrs Gill for your time on this.

Yesterday the Otago Liaison officers spoke with our Year 12-13 students about Otago University. The address was highly informative and entertaining. Beyond the social life of being a "uni student", which appealed greatly to many, one key message was the credentials needed for University Entrance (UE):

UE is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. To qualify you will need:

Approved subjects – 42 credits at **Level 3 or higher**, made up of:

14 credits in one *approved subject*

14 credits in another *approved subject*

14 credits from one or two additional domains or *approved subjects*

Literacy requirements – 8 credits in English or te reo Maori at **Level 2 or higher**, made up of:

4 credits in reading

4 credits in writing

Numeracy requirements – 14 credits in Numeracy at **Level 1 or higher**

Building on from this, we are looking at bringing in outside providers early on in the year to run study skill workshops for our NCEA students. Learning these skills will be highly advantageous for our students so that they can utilise their study time more effectively and to assist them in building more success in internals and externals.

Also this week we had a visit from Mrs Lorraine Stewart from SIT. Mrs Stewart spoke to our Year 11-13 students around STAR and Gateway experiences offered by SIT (Invercargill Campus). Resulting from this we have students who have registered interest in nursing, barista, audio production.

Many of these courses run for 10 weeks and require students to travel to Invercargill one day a week. We are committed to providing the vocational opportunities for students that will ensure they develop an understanding of their desired career path.

You will read in this edition of our newsletter the great learning opportunity Mr Richard Bennett and Mr Simon Pearce are offering to our senior students. I applaud the efforts made by both staff members to provide extra-curricular experiences to enrich our students learning. We could unpack the learning experiences and look at the skills our students are developing from these experiences and it is skills such as these that will stick with our students for a lifetime: confidence, self-esteem, commitment, perseverance, initiative, participation, contribution, managing self and relating to others just to name a few.

I wish the 17 students participating in the Southland Athletics meet in town today all the very best.

Noho ora mai (stay well).

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

From the Office

Welcome ...

A big welcome to **Keely Anderson-Kereti** who joined Miss Gemma Edgerton's class this week. Happy school days Keely!

Student of the Week Awards

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



Room 1

Ashanti West for being an amazing member of Room 1 who always tries her hardest and achieves amazing results!
Bailey Miller-Shepherd for making outstanding progress in all areas of his school work – well done!

Room 2

Jordan O'Brien for his awesome swimming this week.

Room 3

Flynn McCallum Great effort in swimming and run jump throw. Showing determination and leadership.

Jorja Unahi for being a hard-working student in Room 3. Jorja works diligently in class and is one of the first to start her work and be on task.

Room 4

Curtis Swann Curtis has made a positive start to his learning in Room 4. He has a talent and passion for writing and actively contributes to class discussions. Well done Curtis!

Jordan Payne Jordan is an eager student in Room 4. She settles to work quickly and produces detailed and fluent writing. Well done Jordan!

7/8HW

Amanda Baldwin Hard work developing reading.

Jack Dowling Great positive attitude to learning.

7/8JQ

Felix Egerton Felix has increased his reading level by a full level. Awesome work Felix you can be very proud of yourself.

Lewis McKay Settling into 7/8JQ well and for being extremely persistent with his new learning. Lewis is dedicated to his Social Science research which is outstanding.

9/10AC

Ricky Singh for full participation at Waiau Area School's Athletics Day.

George Hyde for persistence that lead to accelerated levels of work productivity in soft materials.

9/10SP

Mikayla Dowling-Poole for an exceptionally good attitude towards her studies and engagement in learning.

12/13SM

Cheyenne Carey for setting goals and acting on advice in English.

Do You Have Any ...?

... old rags, towels, cloth nappies lying around that you'd be happy to donate to the school? Our cleaners would much appreciate it if you could drop these in to the School Office. Many thanks in advance.

From the Lead Managers

From Mr Steven Mustor ...

NCEA Evening and NCEA Student and Parent Handbook

As term 1 continues, NCEA becomes more of a focus for our students and the school. We would like to invite all parents of NCEA level students to attend an information evening on **Thursday 22 March at 7pm** in the school Library. This meeting will help answer any questions that you may have about the make-up of qualifications, NCEA

certificates, fees, and assessment practices in the school. Students will receive a handbook that outlines much of this over the next few days. We would encourage you to read it prior to the NCEA evening.

NCEA Course Booklets

All NCEA level courses should have already handed out course booklets that outline roughly the course of study for the year and the credits on offer in the course. If you don't have these then ask your teacher for one as it'll help with planning your assessment opportunities throughout the year.

Attendance

It's a shame to have to be reminding our senior students about their attendance again. Unfortunately we are still finding that some students are not attending classes, preferring to use the study room instead. I need to be clear that this is not acceptable and we will treat this seriously with detentions and phone calls home.

Homework / study work

Students in NCEA level classes should expect to have at least an hour per week of work to complete outside of class. Students have study periods to alleviate some of this pressure, and should be using them for this purpose. The common room is primarily for study. Students should be aware that behaviours that limit the ability of other students to study will not be tolerated.

Agriculture and English Level 1 changes

You should already be aware that Mr Anderson has stepped in to the senior school to support our agriculture students. Agriculture is assessed and planned by Agribusiness. Mr Anderson's role with the class is to deliver the presentations, course handouts and liaise with Agribusiness.

English Level 1 will now be delivered by Mr Mustor. This course has been restructured somewhat. All of this information is outlined in the course booklet that was handed out this week to students.

Steven Mustor, LM Yr11-13

From Mrs Helen Ward ...

Athletics

Today 10 students from year 9/10 are competing in the Southland Secondary School Athletics. We wish them well.

On Wednesday 20 March 21 students from year 7/8 have been selected to compete in the Western Athletics. Notices for this day should be sent home today. Parental support would be appreciated.

Art Trip

On Monday 12 March Mrs Ferguson has arranged a trip to Invercargill so that our year 7/8 students can participate in an Art workshop. This is a great opportunity for our students and I encourage you to allow your son/daughter to attend this trip. Miss Quinn,

Mrs Ferguson and I will accompany the students. I hope to get my hands as messy as the students. I ask that all students come in complete uniform.

Uniform

I am concerned at the number of students who are not wearing the correct uniform or wearing more accessories than those allowed. To help the staff please check that your child is correctly dressed before they leave home each morning.

Staffing

As already mentioned there has been a change in staffing in the middle school. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Anderson to the Middle School. We are lucky to have a wonderful group of learners from years 7–10 and I know that all will welcome him in his new role.

Helen Ward, LM Yr7-10

From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti

Junior Swimming Sports

A friendly reminder that the Junior School Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 23 March at the Tuatapere Community Swimming Pool.

Western Athletics

Congratulations to those students who have been selected to represent the school at the Western Zone Athletics at Takitimu School on Tuesday 20 March. All consent forms and money to be in to the School Office by Monday 12 March please.

Paul A-K, LM Yr1-6

Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award

This year, students in the combined Level 1 Physical Ed/ Technology course ("Level 1 Aiming Higher") have been given the opportunity to earn an internationally recognised qualification whilst completing a variety of challenging activities.



Alongside their studies for Level 1 NCEA Achievement Standards in PE and Technology, Work & Employment Unit Standards and various "real-world" qualifications such as Outdoor First Aid, the "Aiming Higher" students can also opt to log their experiences and complete The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award.

The Hillary Award is designed across three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold, and to achieve each level students are required to complete a set number of hours in four activity areas: Voluntary Service, Learn a New Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey.

Students have been participating in, or have been preparing to take part in, a variety of physical activities, such as Waka Ama at Te Wae Wae Lagoon, surfing at Colac Bay and mountain biking at the Borland Saddle,

and they will be recording their progress in log books to ensure they clock up enough hours to reach their targets!

Throughout Term 2, it is hoped that the Mountain Safety Council will be able to provide a HUNTS programme (Hunter National Training Scheme) and students will be planning and preparing for an overnight tramp that will serve as training for their Adventurous Journey, which they must complete by the end of the year.

A range of Voluntary Services and Skills have been nominated by the students (e.g. learning a new language, coaching touch rugby, upgrading a building for use as a community centre and acquiring a driver's licence) and a number of external agencies have been facilitating the group by providing equipment and expert advice.

Mr Bennett and Mr Pearce would like to say "good luck" to all DofE students in their quest for the Bronze Award, and a huge thank you to the following people and organisations for their invaluable support:

- Karina and Tane Davis – Oraka Aparima Runaka Inc
- Louise Craig and Nathan Dawson – Mountain Safety Council
- Bill O'Leary – National Deerstalkers' Association
- Dorothy and Quinton Donald – Waiau Hotel
- Nerissa Mair – Duke of Edinburgh
- Wayne Hill – Surf Coach
- Carol Power – Te Hikoi Southern Journey Museum
- Constable Paul Frith – Police Education Officer
- Luke and Alaina Davies – Oreti Surf Life Saving Club
- Peter and Lynn Illingworth – Borland Lodge

Mr Bennett

Senior Swimming Championships (y7-13)

Re-Scheduled Date

Due to a clash with other activities, Senior Swimming will now take place on **Monday 19 March** from 11.30am onwards. Students will attend normal classes Periods 1 and 2 and meet in the courtyard at 11.15am.

Parents, caregivers, friends and whanau are invited to come along to the pool and cheer on our students. If you are able to offer your assistance as time-keeper, this would be most appreciated! Please contact the school to let us know if you can help.

Mr Bennett

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

That we use titanium in plates and pins for our bodies because it doesn't set off metal detectors.

More Mr Maloney Maths

Time to get your thinking caps on again, since you all did so well last time ...

1. In June one year there were 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. What day of the week was June 10?
2. Although Katie was very clever and went to university when she was 11, she had forgotten her 8-digit University ID number. However she remembers it includes two 4's separated by four digits, two 3's separated by 3 digits, two 2's separated by 2 digits and two 1's separated by 1 digit. She also remembers it starts with a 4 (as shown below).



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What was Katie's ID number?

3. The five tyres on a car (the four road tyres and the spare) were each used equally on a car that had travelled 10,000 km. What was the number of kilometres of use on each tyre?

Give Way Rules Are Changing 5.00am Sunday 25 March

We have recently received a letter from the NZ Transport Agency advising of the upcoming changes to two of the give way rules. Please make yourselves aware of the changes as illustrated below. Further information about the changes is available from www.giveway.govt.nz

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| <p>The left turn v. right turn rule</p> <p>This rule will apply when two vehicles are facing each other at an intersection with the same signs or signals or no signs or signals (as shown)</p>  <p>New rule from 25 March 2012</p> <p>Vehicle turning right has to give way</p> | <p>The uncontrolled T-intersection rule</p> <p>Uncontrolled means without any signs or signals telling you what to do</p> <p>This rule will also apply at driveways.</p>  <p>New rule from 25 March 2012</p> <p>Vehicle turning right from terminating road has to give way</p> |
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Library News

NZ Book Month

As part of NZ Book Month Young Adult author Sacha de Bazin will be at the Invercargill Public Library on Friday 16 March starting at 5.30pm. Hear about Sacha's debut novel about Minnie Dean. Whether you are a budding novelist yourself or an avid reader, this will be a great chance to hear a fresh perspective of an intriguing historic mystery!

2012 NZ Post Children's Book Awards

Children's Choice Award Voting – Vote to win \$1000 Booksellers Tokens (\$500 for the student, \$500 for the school). School-aged children and young adults are invited to have their say by voting for their favourite book amongst the finalists. Voting closes 27/04/12. Go to www.nzpostbookawards.co.nz to vote and find out more information regarding 2012 NZ Post Children's Book Awards.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 is now available. Some of the titles from the finalists of the NZ Post Children's Book Awards 2012 are included in these brochures.

Miss Fraser

2012 Timeline

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| Tuesday 31 Jan to Thursday 5 Apr | Term 1, 2012 |
| Saturday 17 March | Secondary Schools Otago/StHd Athletics Champs – Surrey Park |
| Monday 19 March | Yr7-13 Swimming Sports |
| Tuesday 20 March | Western Primary Athletics – Takitimu School |
| Friday 23 March | Yr1-6 Swimming Sports |
| Friday 30 March | Yr1-13 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) |

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.

Resurrection of Orepuki Sportsground

Battle of the Bays – TeWaeWae vs Colac

Friday 23 March – Casino Games Night

Saturday 24 March –

10.00am Junior Grades Touch Rugby

11.30am Wood Chopping

01.15pm Senior Schoolboy Rugby

02.00pm Ribbon cutting – addresses

02.30pm "Battle of the Bays" Rugby

05.00pm Prizegiving

07.30pm Orepuki Hall – presentations, music, supper

Contact Alastair on 03 2345005.

**PLEASE HELP TO SAVE
TUATAPERE MATERNITY HOME**

Meeting Monday 12 March, 7.30pm at
Waiau Town and Country Club, Tuatapere
We need as many people as possible to attend to show
the SDHB that we don't want to be shut down!!

**Junior Tiger – Sunday 18 March
Queens Park Golf Club**

Register at: www.juniortiger.co.nz

Also on the day – Junior Tiger Challenges:
Longest Drive, Chuck n Putt, Pitch and Splash, and
Putting Competitions.

Day's Timetable: 1.00pm: Registration
2.00pm: Shot Gun Start
4.30pm: Prize giving

The tournament categories are 11 and under (girls and boys) and 12-14 (girls and boys). Everyone who attends the qualifiers will go into the draw to win a trip for you and a family member to Disneyland in the USA.

The Junior Tiger series is for golfers of all abilities. Newcomers to the game are encouraged to come along and give it a go. And the winners of these Categories will win a free trip to play in the National Final at Manawatu Golf Club on April 15 to see who is New Zealand's next Junior Tiger 2012 and they will then go on to represent New Zealand at the World Junior Golf Championships in the USA including a trip to Disneyland with a family member.

Jenna Gainford

*Golf Development Manager, Golf Southland
027 4888037 or 03 9310082*

**OTAUTAU NETBALL CLUB'S
DUST OFF YOUR NETBALLS CHALLENGE
SUNDAY 1 APRIL FROM 3PM**

AT THE OTAUTAU SPORTS COMPLEX
KIDS (Yr1-8 mixed) – \$15 per team of 7
From 3pm (max. 2 boys on court at a time)

ADULTS (mixed) – \$35 per team of 7
From 5.30pm (max. 2 men on court at a time)

Grab your whanau, sports team, farm or workplace together and have a fun afternoon of netball whilst helping to raise funds for our netball club.

Free disco for all entered children!!!

***PRIZES FOR TOP TEAMS...BEST TEAM NAME...BEST
DRESSED TEAM* *SPOT PRIZES***

SCRATCHIE BOARD/MEAT/BAKING RAFFLES

BBQ 4SALE*CANTEEN & BAR OPEN

Entries to Tania-Rose by Monday 26 March
03 236 2525 / tamatis@xtra.co.nz

For Sale

1 x 13-month heifer Angus/cross – \$400
9 x mixed age ewes – offers
125 Massey Ferguson tractor, collector's item – \$500
3-bay dog motel – \$1000
Clothes dryer – \$100

If interested, please phone 022 6809842 or view:
40 Orawia Road, Tuatapere.

Community Trust of Southland —

Do You Need Funding for Your Community Project?

Dianne Williams, Grants Manager for the Community Trust of Southland (CTOS), will be visiting **Tuatapere (am) and Riverton (pm) on 27 March 2012.**

If your community group is trying to raise funds for a project, Dianne can meet with you to discuss:

- if your project is eligible for CTOS funding,
- how and when to apply,
- completing an application form.

For an appointment email dianne@ctos.org.nz or please call **0800 500 185**. For further information on CTOS visit our website www.ctos.org.nz

Playcentre Fundraiser



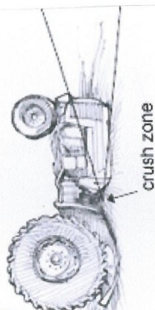
Farmers and Lisa O'Neill are joining with Plunket to inspire women around NZ to sort out their wardrobe and never to have that feeling of 'nothing to wear' ever again!

If you'd like to car pool or go via bus and want to coordinate the purchase of tickets please let me know.

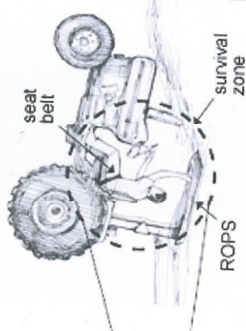
Kaylene Bennett

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MAKE SURE ALL TRACTORS HAVE ROLE OVER PROTECTION.

*When operating a tractor make sure you
wear a seat belt.*

A tractor roll over is when you are operating your tractor on rough ground and it rolls over on its side if you have a safety frame installed it should prevent squashing you under the tractor.

Try to buy a tractor that has a safety frame installed to it and this could prevent DEATH



This person's life is possibly saved thanks to the tractor safety frame. And thanks to the other person finding him.



Congratulations to William Baldwin for producing the winning Agricultural Health and Safety Poster!