



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Yeehaa!

This week the Board of Trustees celebrate with the community two great achievements made at our school. All I can say is that the hard work we are all putting in for the benefit of our students is really paying off. Please take the time to read the BOT portal; as a parent at Waiau Area School you should be very pleased.

All the best!

I wish Sophie Unahi, Coleen Ebron, Ricky Singh and Luke Lima all the very best in competing at the Otago / Southland Athletics Championships this Saturday in Invercargill. Reaching this level of sporting is a fine achievement and as a school we are very proud of the four students representing our school!

I wish the 42 strong team of Year 4-8 students who will be attending the Western Zone Athletics at Takitimu School in Nightcaps this Tuesday all the best in their competition.

Swimming Sports

This Monday is the Year 7-13 Swimming Sports. This year the key focus is on participation and giving it a go. It would be great to see all students give it a go. Classes will run however for those students not participating.

Teacher Only Day

A friendly reminder that we have a teacher only day planned for Tuesday 27 March. Our NCEA teachers will be travelling to Dunedin to engage in NCEA best practice workshops. The junior/middle school teachers will be engaging in best practice around spelling.

Uniform

Today I spoke with students in assembly about the need to "smarten up". For a majority of our student body a real conscious effort is being made to comply with our uniform code. We are very grateful. These students are being let down by a small group of students who think that the uniform code is different for them. As of next week students may find themselves on detention and parents may find a letter home informing them that their child is not up to code. Parents **PLEASE** assist us in **ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately.**

Have a great weekend everyone.

Noho ora mai (stay well)

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

From the Office

Welcome ...

... to **Floyd Pipson** who joined 12/13SM this week; Floyd has come to WAS from Aparima College. We hope you enjoy your time here with us Floyd.

Student of the Week Awards

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



Room 1

Peter Devery for making big progress in all areas of his school work!

Ella Erskine for always trying her hardest and being an amazingly helpful and happy member of Room 1.

Room 2

Amie Pratt Super swimming effort.

Room 3

CJ Maglaqui Fantastic swimming. Growing in confidence every day.

Frances Keast for great improvement in swimming; getting more and more confident.

Room 4

Wayne Blackler Wayne has made a positive start to his learning in Room 4. He shows good descriptive writing skills and enjoys participating in physical activity. Well done Wayne!

Judith Tau Judith is making positive progress in Room 4. She is an active participant in class activities and displays excellent work habits. Well done Judith!

7/8HW

William Payne Excellent participation in language.

7/8JQ

Thomas Stratton For an awesome attitude on our field trip to Invercargill and asking good questions.

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.

9/10TA

Jacky Friend for outstanding progress in all learning areas. Well done Jacky.

12/13SM

Tayla McKenzie Effectively managing my independent learning in English and History.

2011 School Magazine

We have several copies of the above available for purchase from the School office for the price of \$10.

School Fees

We are in the final stages of setting the school fees for the 2012 year. Parents/caregivers can anticipate receiving an invoice before the end of Term 1. As usual, there will be a number of payment options available to you.

As an aside, please be aware that the [SCHOOL DONATION](#) component of the school fees is tax deductible; an IR526 form can be downloaded from the IRD website to claim a rebate.

Fundraising Thanks

Roberta Jarman wishes to express her thanks to members of the community who donated towards her Spirit of Adventure experience. Roberta wishes to disclose that \$92.20 was raised and this has been banked at the school. Thank you.

Year 2-3 teacher, fixed term, terms 2-4

We seek an enthusiastic, innovative teacher with recent successful experience to teach our small class of y2-3 students. You must be able to form positive relationships with students and create an engaging learning environment. Strengths in literacy and numeracy essential. School house available.

Position closes: 4 April 2012. Please submit a CV, with names of 3 referees and a covering letter.

Enquiries and applications to: The Principal, Waiau Area School, 47 Orawia Road, Tuatapere 9620.

Email: office@tcc.school.nz Phone: 032266285

Hablar Español?

Is there someone in the community who speaks Spanish? If this sounds like you, you are just the person we may need to support online learners of Spanish. Give us a call at the School Office if you would be interested in this opportunity.

From the Lead Managers

From Mrs Helen Ward ...

The year 7/8 classes have been busy learning about disasters as well as looking at what to do in a disaster. With this unit of work they are also developing a plan for their own homes just in case a disaster occurs.

In foods for the next three weeks they will be designing potato dishes that can be made at home. Both groups have worked very hard and produced very interesting assignments.

We would like to thank Mrs Ferguson for arranging our trip to Invercargill. This trip was really well organised and we had a very good time.

We are monitoring uniform and if your child wears incorrect uniform without an acceptable reason and/or note from home a letter will be sent. This will be followed with a detention for the student. This is unfortunate but we have an obligation to ensure that students are correctly dressed.

Helen Ward, LM Yr7-10

From Paul Anderson-Kereti ...

SwimSafe Stop Press!!!

There will be NO SwimSafe programme on Monday 19 March – due to the Senior Swimming Sports taking place that day. Please ignore the notice that went home on Thursday relating to SwimSafe. We will advise you in due course of the alternative date.

Paul AK, LM Yr1-6

From the Student Council

Another full on week for us Head Students and Prefects busy planning the school social to be held Wednesday 21 March (next week). It will be held at Waiau Area School Hall, the theme is 'Cowboys and Indians'. The juniors will start at 4:30pm to 6:00pm and Year 7-13 will be starting at 7:00pm to 9:30pm. There will be a prize for the best dancer and best dressed so get your creative hats on and get those costumes created. The cost per student will be \$5 so please pay to office with permission slip as soon as possible! All students will get a sausage and bread and the canteen will be open also.

This week we also had a 'See Red, Wear Red Day' to support the Red Cross so a huge thank you to all the students who made an effort to support this charity, all donations were much appreciated. In total we managed to raise an amazing \$157.90! Awesome effort everyone!



Looking forward to seeing you all at the social next week. Until next week, goodbye.

*From Head Students and Prefects,
Max Baldwin, Jessica Dodd, Simon Van Dam,
Logan McLean, Nicola Diack & Hollee Jarman*

From the Board of Trustees

We wish to share with the community recent correspondence we received from our Accountants. The information disclosed is well worth celebrating:

"Attn: Principal & Board of Trustee Chairperson
I have just finished working on the final adjustments to your draft annual accounts for 2011 which you should receive a copy in the mail early next week. The Board and management should feel very proud of the remarkable financial recovery the school has made over the last two years. Such a good financial recovery can often take a school three to four years to achieve a similar result so well done! I would like to thank Maryse, Melissa, Gillian and Rachael for their hard work throughout the year, it is often a tight timeframe getting data entered, reconciled and emailed through to us for timely reports to be prepared for the Board, we appreciate that often administration staff go "above and beyond" to make this happen. While bringing the management of your financial accounts in-house has meant a lot of administration support changes the results speak for themselves. I really enjoyed my recent visits to the school, the staff and general atmosphere at the school has a really positive feel."

Limited Statutory Manager Status

The Board also celebrates with the community the recent revocation of the LSM status. **ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE FORMAL LETTER FROM THE MOE ACKNOWLEDGING THIS REVOCATION.**

Senior Swimming Championships (y7-13)

Monday 19 March – 11.30am

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

Free Dictionaries

Our year 4 students were presented with dictionaries by Mr Robb from Rotary at today's full Assembly. A great resource for our students; our sincere thanks to Rotary for their generosity.



Trip to Southland Museum and Art Gallery

On Monday 12 March the yr7/8 students had a bus trip to Invercargill to visit SMAG.

We were introduced to the artist Beverley Claridge who showed us how to 'gesso' boards for our own drawings. She explained that the gesso was made up of rabbit "juices" and "good old Southland lime". The mixture made a slurry much like runny clay but smelt much worse. She showed us how to roll the mixture carefully onto the boards. We then put them out in the sun to dry for use after the exhibition talk.

We looked around the gallery that had several paintings and some strange, alive-looking, metal 'creatures'. While Ms Claridge painted works that were more serious and thought-provoking, Anna Claire Thompson's showed a more humorous approach. Her sequence of works started with a simple ring that developed 'fingers' or legs of its own that escaped a glass cabinet. Its progression showed it getting 'out of hand' as it tried to find a way out of the room, which was what the exhibition was titled.

Next we had the workshop activity that involved students own ideas about the things that were important in their lives. Beverley

Claridge asked the class to draw around either one or both their hands in pencil, then to draw in the symbols and images



of their favourite activities. The gesso had dried on the boards and its surface was quite scratchy but picked up the ordinary and coloured pencils really well. We went through a lot of lead and coloured pencils for our boards with sharpeners and shavings fairly well covering the plastic topped tables.

Mrs Ward and Miss Quinn found some old photos of the Waiau district and how it used to look. So a quick 10 minutes upstairs for viewing these interesting old photos and some of the equipment that would have been part of life 150 years ago.

After lunch under the Band Rotunda in Queens Park we all hopped back on the bus and headed back to warm fine weather in Tuatapere. I hope everyone enjoyed it and learnt as much as I did.



Mrs Ferguson

Southland Secondary School Athletics Championships

Fifteen Waiau Area School students competed against the best athletes from around the province on Friday 9 March at Surrey Park in Invercargill.



Elkanah Tupua, Tui Waihape, Marissa Johnston, Shiloh Tupua, Luke Lima, Ricky Singh, Josh Te Kani, Tagan Waihape, Brodie Johnstone, Ryan McLellan, Sophie Unahi, Coleen Ebron, Roberta Jarman, Travis Swann and Caleb Waghorn were the WAS Athletes who strived for their best performances in Track and Field.

As well as entering in a range of events, Ryan, Travis, Ricky and Shiloh also entered for the 4 x 100m Relay in the U14 Boys category, finishing in fourth place and Josh, Tui and Shiloh even made it into the Southland Times!



The top six place-getters in each event qualify to the next stage of competition this weekend, the Otago / Southland Championships, where athletes vie for supremacy and selection to the South Island Champs. Four of our students qualified for the Otago Champs, an incredible achievement! Well done to all athletes and special congratulations and best wishes to the following qualifiers:

Sophie Unahi – U15 Girls:	High Jump (1st) 1.50m
	Triple Jump (2nd) 8.95m
	Long Jump (4th) 4.32m
Coleen Ebron – U16 Girls:	Javelin (4th) 20.23m
Ricky Singh – U14 Boys:	Long Jump (5th) 4.63m
Luke Lima – U16 Boys:	200m (6th) 30.19s
	400m (3rd) 1:00.07s

Thanks again to the parent helpers who provided transport and supporting the team: Lynette Tupua, Vicky Unahi, Michael Scott and Valda Johnstone.

Mr Bennett

Answers to Last Week's Maths Quiz

1. There are only 30 days in June, so the 1st must be a Saturday and the 2nd a Sunday if there are to be 5 of each. This means that the 10th is a Monday.
2. Katie's number is 4 1 3 1 2 4 3 2
3. Since the car travelled 10,000km and used four tyres at any time, the total distance all the tyres travelled is 40,000km. Since the load was shared equally between the tyres each tyre travels 8,000km.

Cheers from Mr Maloney

From the Lab ... Shark Eggs and Marine Babies!

This Easter come to the Aquarium in Dunedin and meet some very cute babies. They are CARPET SHARK babies, and in the last few weeks several have hatched out of their egg cases where they have been growing for the last year or more. You can also meet their older brother who hatched out last year – see how much he has grown!

Look carefully in the egg tank and you may spot some unborn babies as they wriggle around in their egg cases. It could be another year before some of these sharks hatch out!

Hunt for shark eggs – Can you find the special shark eggs in the tanks? Copy down and unscramble the letters on the eggs to solve the mystery.

Learn about marine eggs and babies from the sea – You'll be surprised at how strange some of the eggs look, and the different strategies for reproduction in the sea.

Decorate an Easter shell – How creative are you? Can you turn your shell into a shark, a fish, a stingray or a seal?

Free educational colouring books for all children – A chance to take home a copy of our new Rocky Shore "Who Eats Who" colouring book.

Help feed the fish – Every Wednesday and Saturday from 2-3pm.

Seahorse feeding – At 3pm daily. You will also get to hear how seahorse babies are made!

The Aquarium is open every day from 10.00am–4.30pm
Self-Guided Visit: Child \$6, Adult \$12.50, Family \$25
10.30am Guided Tour: Child \$11, Adult \$21.50, Family \$49

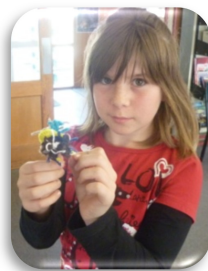
NZ Marine Studies Centre and Westpac Aquarium,
University of Otago, Hatchery Road, Portobello,
Dunedin. Email: marine-studies@otago.ac.nz
Phone: 03 479 5826. Or visit www.marine.ac.nz

A Big Pat on the Back for ...

Our four senior students who attended Maniatoto Area School's Formal last weekend. We had a phone call from the School on Monday to say "The WAS students who attended our Formal are a credit to themselves, their families, the school, office staff, everyone. They are more than welcome back". Well done guys – it's really fantastic to receive such positive feedback.

Library News

During the past two weeks we have been making pom poms – and this week we turned them into book characters.



During interval on Monday 19 March we will have an exciting visitor coming to the Library – **Mrs Crabapple!**

Cool website of the week: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/. Full of activities, notes, multi-choice questions, and games.

Miss Fraser

2012 Timeline

Tuesday 31 Jan to Thursday 5 Apr	Term 1, 2012
Saturday 17 March	Secondary Schools Otago/Sthld Athletics Champs – Surrey Park
Monday 19 March	Yr7-13 Swimming Sports
Tuesday 20 March	Western Primary Athletics – Takitimu School
Wednesday 21 March	School Social yr1-6 – 4.30-6.00pm yr7-13 – 7.00-9.30pm
Thursday 22 March	NCEA information evening in School Library at 7.00pm
Friday 23 March	Yr1-6 Swimming Sports
Tuesday 27 March	Teacher Only Day
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.

Need Your Chimney Cleaned?

I have Trevor Popham due out for Tuatapere 3 April and Blackmount 11 April. If you want your chimney done, please give Cheryl Baldwin a ring on 2266314 to put you on the list.

Te Reo Maori Course

The above course is now in full swing with everyone enjoying the sessions with Sonny. It's still not too late for you to come along and join us if you are interested. Classes are held in the School Library from 6.00-9.00pm every Tuesday. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office.

Invercargill & District Budget Advisory Service

Are you Good with money?

Do you Have good people skills?

Can you Spare a few hours a week?

Would you Like to give back to your community?
then WE WANT YOU!

We offer free and confidential budgeting advice to members of the community. Due to increased client numbers we are looking for new volunteers. Full training and ongoing support will be provided. For more information phone 03 218 7001 or email budget.inv@xtra.co.nz

Heritage Harvest Festival 24-25 March at Aparima College

Gold coin entry for adults, kids free. Celebrating Southland's home harvest. Come along for a family fun weekend with competitions (including biggest, most unusual and interesting produce and create a fruit or veggie creature), workshops, displays and stalls. Heritage Harvest Feast (Pot luck) \$5 per family on the Saturday night at Flecks Hall, Main Street Riverton. For more information check out our webpage www.sces.org.nz or phone 03 2348 717.

South Coast Environment Centre

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17 February 2012

Karen Gill
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Waiau Area School, formerly Tuatapere Community College
47 Orawia Road
TUATAPERE 9620

Dear Karen

On 18 December 2009 the Secretary for Education informed you that Mike Allison was appointed as a limited statutory manager (LSM) under section 78M of the Education Act 1989 (the Act).

Section 78R of the Act provides for an annual review of the operation of each intervention. The second review is complete and showed that the key risks to the operation of the school and educational performance of its students had been effectively addressed. Consequently, the Minister of Education revoked the direction appointing a limited statutory manager. As such, Mike Allison's appointment has ended.

Working with the LSM, the Board built positive relationships between the governance and management of the school. Policies and systems are in place for appraisal and self-review, clarifying roles and responsibilities with goals for both board members and the teaching staff. The financial and property issues have been resolved and new systems are in place to sustain good practice in governing the school.

The Ministry will continue to maintain a close relationship with the Board and will provide ongoing informal support as required to ensure that the gains made are sustained.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your Board for working collaboratively with Mike Allison in addressing the issues of concern.

Yours sincerely



Lesley Longstone
Secretary for Education

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Office of the Auditor General