



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thumbs Up!

I am continued to be amazed by the talented bunch we have at Waiau Area School. Based on student proportion we are very well represented in the sporting arena in comparison to our secondary school counterparts. A huge congratulations must be awarded to Sophie Unahi for winning the high jump at the Otago/Southland Secondary Schools Athletics last Saturday. It was a real privilege to be there to watch Sophie clearly win her field. Also congratulations to Lewis McKay who featured at our Swimming Sports by smashing a long standing record. Congratulations also to Holly Hammond, Ella Wylie, Ben Egerton, Felix Egerton, Phillipa Addenbrooke, Bree Thomas, and Zack Fowle, students who participated in the Western Zone Athletics and have now qualified to the Southland Primary Athletics in Invercargill.

Acknowledgment of Achievement

At Waiau Area School we acknowledge the achievement of our sporting greats. Students who break a record or are promoted to the next level in sporting participation are acknowledged by being awarded a school badge. This is a big deal at our school, not everyone gets a school badge.

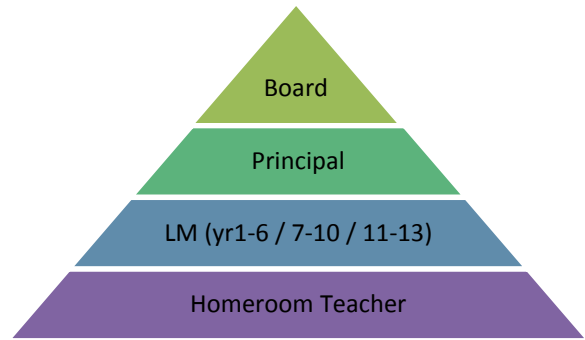
School Badges are awarded for academic excellence, sporting excellence, or cultural excellence.

We want to hear from you

Communication is the key to building our school and we want to hear from you. If you have concerns about your child, their learning, their social or behavioural well-being, or the school's day to day operations then it is imperative that you communicate this through the right channels so we can address these. **The only way we can address concerns is by being made aware of these** and it can be reassuring for you that you have gone to the right source for this to be acted on. I was grateful and impressed by a parent who came to me the other day with a query. I was able to put the parent's mind at ease, which saved a lot of undue stress.

As of next week I am going to implement a new initiative. Gillian Hammond, the Principal's Assistant, will be making phone calls on my behalf to gather data and feedback from school families. This exercise will provide another portal for parents to communicate. The information disclosed will be strictly confidential. It is important to state that consultation in this form does not mean consensus but it certainly provides us with a viewpoint that is highly significant in our school – the parent's viewpoint.

Listed below for your reference is our communication portal. If you are unsure which portal to refer to then take a random guess and we can direct you to the right person. I look forward to continuing on building and strengthening our school.



Well Done

Well done to Mr Steven Mustor for coordinating and delivering an NCEA meeting last night. Our NCEA teachers were well presented at the meeting and this provided an opportunity for the teachers to be upskilled on recent updates in NCEA. Unfortunately we had only two families turn up to the meeting which equates to less than 8% of our families in Year 11-13 represented.

Well done to Miss Dickson and the student council for organising a very successful social.

Well done Miss Quinn who has set up a very accessible careers portal for our students and parents to access. The career bay can now be found in the library foyer and is a great place for students to access information, pamphlets and flyers around careers and career opportunities.

All the very best for students participating in today's Junior School Swimming Sports.

Noho ora mai (stay well)
Maryse Anderson-Kereti
Principal

From the Office

Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at today's Middle School and Senior School Assemblies:



7/8HW – Janiqua-Val Tau Positive and enthusiastic effort toward all curriculum areas.

7/8JQ Jackson McCallum For awesome participation in swimming sports and for a change in his work output level.

9/10SP Jayden Kollat For his positive attitude to learning.

9/10TA Tagan Waihape For fantastic effort and dedication in her work.

11PM Jessica Dodd For her contribution to the school social.

13AC Travis Proud Full participation on senior swimming sports day.

2011 Prizegiving Photos

Our thanks to Dale Egerton for taking the photos of students who were awarded trophies at last year's Prizegiving. If you would like a copy of your child's photo please advise the School Office of your email address and we will send you an electronic copy.

2012 School Photos

Just to give you all some advanced notice, this year's school photos will be taken in June (i.e. Term 2). The cost for a standard pack this year will be \$25 – a reduction of \$3 from last year.

Hablar Español?

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



REMINDER
It's Teacher Only Day
on Tuesday 27 March



From the Student Council

School Social

On Wednesday we held two school socials, one for yr1-6 and one for yr7-13. Both went really well and we had a great attendance rate. Congratulations to Cheyenne Harvey, Marshall Jarman, Keely Anderson-Kereti, Dylan Phillips, Taylah Gilbert and Craig Diack who won prizes throughout the night.

CAN DRIVE / MUFTI DAY
WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH

To support our local Foodbank we will be running a Can Drive next week. Please bring as many cans as you can along to class, we will collect and pass on to the Foodbank. Thanks guys!

From the Lead Managers

From Mr Steven Mustor ...

Homeroom Changes

Last week was my final week with a homeroom. Mr Maloney and Miss Collett are the two homeroom teachers in the Y11-13 school. This organisational

change means that we have altered the makeup of the two senior homerooms. Rather than simply swapping Miss Collett into my existing homeroom, we felt that it would be an ideal opportunity to balance the numbers. The new homerooms are both vertical forms (containing students from Y11-13) and are the same size. The hope is that this will better meet the needs of the students and the staff, while allowing me to act in a senior leadership role with the students.

NCEA

Courses for term 1 are almost at an end. This is likely to mean that NCEA assessment opportunities are either happening or have happened, in all NCEA level classes. I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind students that recent changes to the NCEA system and future changes to University Entrance, make it extremely important for students to be working towards merit and excellence levels. The system is more focused on the *quality* of your credits rather than the *quantity* of them. Students should use their class time wisely, ask for advice from their curriculum teachers and know about the reassessment opportunities for their classes.

Study periods

We have begun staffing some of the study periods for senior students. In this time they will be taught the basics of several study skills.

Steven Mustor, LM Yr11-13

From Mrs Helen Ward ...

The middle school can give themselves a big pat on the back for their participation at the Swimming Sports, Western Athletics, and School Social. It is the continued presence of these students who commit themselves to school activities that make running these events worthwhile.

Congratulations to Lewis McKay who broke a school swimming record set by Tomas Chartres in 2003. For U12 Boys, Lewis swam 25m backstroke in 20.25s. Fantastic achievement Lewis!

I would also like to congratulate the following students from the middle school who have qualified for Southland Primary School Athletics on Saturday 31 March: Felix Egerton, Ella Wylie, Phillipa Addenbrooke, Bree Thomas, and Zack Fowle.

Just a reminder that your child should have homework. If they do not, can you please contact their Homeroom teacher.

Helen Ward, LM Yr7-10



From Paul Anderson-Kereti ...

Western Zone Athletic Sports

A huge congratulations to all students who participated at Takitimu Primary School on Tuesday. A special thank you to Mrs Tania Egerton for organising entries and co-

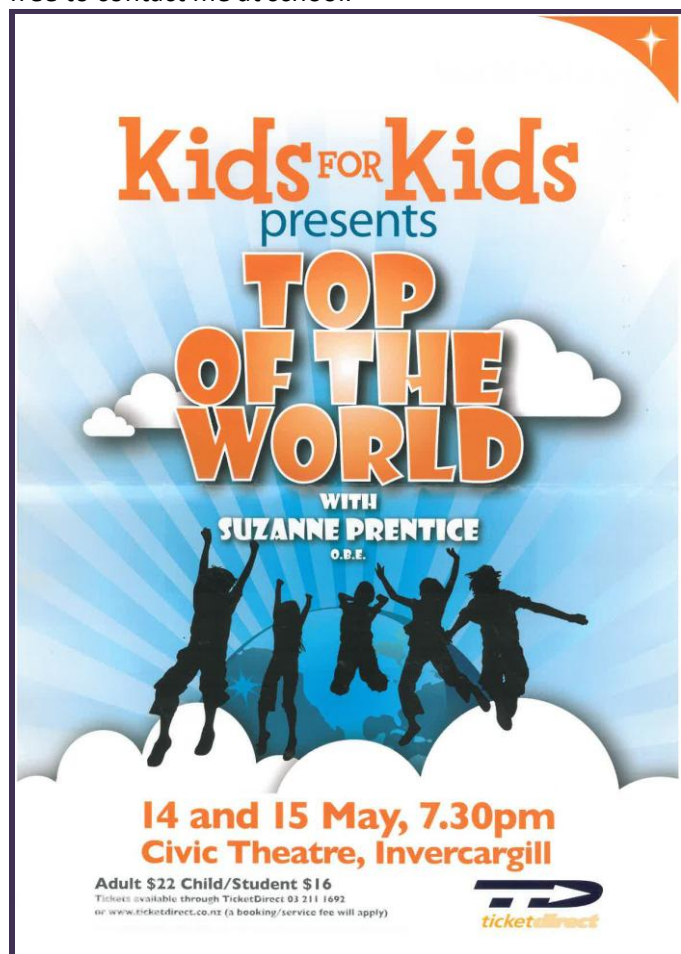
ordinating the event, and to the many supporters and helpers at the discus event.

SwimSafe Programme

Just a friendly reminder, the last lessons will take place on Monday 26 March. Please ensure your child has the correct swim wear. It would be fantastic if we could have parental help in the pool for the 12.30 and 1.00pm sessions.

Kids 4 Kids

Please refer to the advertisement below regarding the Kids 4 Kids concert. Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 28 March at TicketDirect so be in early to avoid disappointment. Permission forms were issued to all participants yesterday and are due back to the office by Monday 26 March. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at school.



Paul AK, LM Yr1-6

Level 1 “Aiming Higher” – Surfing and Te Hikoi Museum

On Friday 16 March, the Level 1 PE/Tech “Aiming Higher” students experienced the challenging sport of surfing with an introductory lesson, as part of their “Safety in the Outdoors” Achievement Standard. Local artist and surf coach Wayne Hill provided us with his home-made surfboards and shared his expertise with the group for three hours on a glorious morning at Colac Bay.

After some land-based instructions, including surf-boards drawn in the sand, the surfers donned their wetsuits and hit the waves. Check out the photos to see how ‘swell’ everyone got on!

A quick stop for lunch and then the group had to ‘wave’ goodbye to Colac as we continued on our Southern Journey to Te Hikoi Museum in Riverton, where the students were able to gather information for an historical account of the influence of Waka in the development of south coast settlements.

Thanks to both Robin at Te Hikoi and to Wayne for all their help throughout an awesome day. *Mr Bennett*



Congratulations

Well done to Nicola Diack, Jessica Dodd, and Cheyanne Carey for being selected to exhibit their 2011 NCEA Art Boards at the City Gallery in Invercargill for their ‘Art – Through Our Eyes’ Senior School Exhibition. Once the boards have been returned to school we will photograph them to display in our newsletter. *Mrs Ferguson*

Visit to SIT Open Day

SIT are holding an Open Day on Friday 30 March for yr11-13 students. Permission slips will be sent home on Monday 26 March. This is an ideal opportunity for our students to start planning the next stage of their

education. There will be no cost for this excursion as a bus will be provided by SIT free of charge. *Rachael Poole*

Cross Country – Week 9

On Thursday 29 March our Seniors (yr11-13) will run the cross country during period 5 (2.00-3.00pm). The next day, Friday 30 March our Junior/Middle classes will have their cross country. More information will be sent home early next week.

Library News

I would like to acknowledge and thank those who have donated the following books to our Library this term:

- “Travels of Hochstetter and Haast in NZ 1858-60” by Stout Trust;
- “My NZ Story – Gum digger Northland 1899-1900” and “Nest of Lies and Argenta” by Telecom’s Bills to Storybooks;
- “The Territorials. The History of the Territorial and Volunteer Forces of NZ” by NZ Defence Force;
- “Submerged Magical Tales by Kiwi Kids” by NZ Post;
- “For Each and Every Child” by UNICEF;
- “Illiteracy to Millionaire” by the author Michael Marquet;
- “War Stories for Boys” by Mrs Murch.
- “Wonderful World of Knowledge – Dinosaurs” by The Southland Times.

Scholastic orders for Issue 2 are due in on Friday 30 March.

Cool website: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

Miss Fraser

2012 Timeline

Tuesday 31 Jan to Thursday 5 Apr	Term 1, 2012
Tuesday 27 March	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 29 March	Yr11-13 Cross Country
Friday 30 March	Yr1-10 Cross Country; and SIT Open Day for Yr11-13
Saturday 31 March	Sthld Primary Athletics – Surrey Park
Sunday 1 April	Sthld Junior Schools Swimming Champs – Splash Palace
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.

Vehicles For Sale

- 1996 Nissan Bluebird Limited Edition, 2L. 156000kms, manual, new WOF (done by VTNZ), registered. \$4000 ono.
 - 1996 Isuzu Wizard, 3L diesel. 227000kms, auto, WOF and rego, kms up-to-date. \$5500 ono.
- Phone 03 2266314 Tuatapere if you'd like to view.

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Southland Life Education Community Trust AGM

To be held, Wednesday 4 April, 7.00pm at Windsor North School, Chelmsford Street, Invercargill.

Educator, Teresa will show updates on a DVD. Drinks and nibbles will be available. The Trust would like to see some new Trustees on the Board e.g. parents, teachers, school principals, past teachers or any interested person so please make an effort to attend. Any queries to Val (03) 235-8910. All welcome.

leslierugby junior coaching clinic

Southland Boys High School, 11 April, 8.30am-3.00pm
Join Highlanders and Southland Stags star Josh Bekhuis, ex Highlanders captain John Leslie and our team of top coaches for a full day of challenging junior rugby skill and drill coaching. Go to www.leslierugby.co.nz and click on **coaching clinics** to register.

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