



## Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

### Communications

I am sure that the school community is appreciative of the effort we are making to inform the community of all things regarding school business. Our weekly school newsletter takes a lot to compile, however we are prepared to make the effort if it is going to bring about better communications between the community and our school. It is also an opportunity to celebrate with our community not only the fine achievements of students but also the great things we are doing at our school that are centred on bringing about best learning outcomes for students. We are dedicated to building Waiau Area School to be a top performing school.

### School Modernisation

In this week's Assembly I shared with the student body the exciting things we have happening behind the scenes. Over the holidays the Board have actioned phase one of the modernisation plan to include: the internal upgrade of the school library, the external painting of the administration block, the internal upgrade of Room 13 (English Room) and the Principal's Office. This is really exciting as to me it bleeds action and it is yet another example of progress for our school.

### ICT Committee

A committee has been formed, which includes the Principal, Board representative, student representative and staff representative to work on an action plan to upgrade our entire computer system. This includes the school network system and computers. There is a high element of urgency here, we have a system that is prehistoric and is not currently meeting the needs of teachers and learners. The Board of Trustees, which I am so very grateful of, appreciates this urgency and has approved approx. \$14,000 to purchase a school server. This will take place over the holidays. The plan and future buying plan will also be developed in the short term. What I can anticipate from this exercise is there will be a high need to rely on generating funds for this. I have alerted our PTA group that there may be some reliance upon funding of future computer applications.

### Teaching Positions

Currently we have two teaching positions advertised; a Year 2 & 3 position for Terms 2-4, and a 0.8 (4 days a week) Y1-13 Art Teacher. The junior position closes on 4 April with the intent to appoint an applicant to the position over the holidays. To date I have received 15 applications for this position. The Art position which was a requirement to advertise this for a period longer than one term closes on 13 April. The position states that the

internal applicant may be applying for this position. I will inform the community in due course.

### Congratulations Students

This week Amie Pratt and Lewis McKay were awarded badges in Assembly. It was great to have Amie and Lewis up on stage to receive acknowledgement of their fine achievement.

Max Baldwin is our newly appointed Head Student; he has moved from Deputy Head Student status to Head Student. On behalf of Waiau Area School we congratulate you Max on this accreditation.

I wish today's cross country participants well with their event and also our students who are participating in the Southland athletics and/or Southland swimming events over the weekend.

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 Full Assembly:



#### Room 1

**Keely Anderson-Kereti** for making an excellent start to her schooling at Waiau Area School and making lovely progress in her alphabet and sight word knowledge.

**Marshall Jarman** for making excellent progress in all areas of his school work and always being a wonderfully helpful, friendly and kind member of Room 1.

#### Room 2

**Taylah Gilbert** for her neat and efficient work habits.

**Cheyenne Harvey** for her awesome hunting story.

#### Room 3

**Victoria Bryan** for fantastic effort in literacy. Victoria has been working hard and is a great team member.

**Lucas Gutsell** for excellent effort and performance at Junior School Swimming Sports.

#### Room 4

**Gabrielle Aicken**. Writing Award: Gabrielle has produced some very good recount and free writing. She is able to demonstrate personal voice and descriptive words in her work. Well done Gabrielle!

**Kirsten Devery**. Kirsten is an active and enthusiastic member of the class. She completes set tasks and is willing to help others in need. She regularly completes homework tasks. Well done Kirsten!

#### 7/8HW

**Ella Wylie**. Consistently working hard in all subjects.

### 9/10SP

**Liam Egerton** for his constant and steady effort showing great skills in self-management.

### 9/10TA

**Travis Swann**. Travis is making wonderful progress in all areas of his learning. Keep up the awesome effort Travis.

### 11PM

**Marissa Johnston** for her participation in Waiau Area School Swimming Sports.

**Brad Hammond** for a committed and positive approach to school life.

### 13AC

**Daniel Baldwin** for a very positive attitude and continued dedication towards learning.

## ANZAC Day

The first Wednesday back after the school holidays is ANZAC Day. Waiau Area School takes an active part in the ANZAC Day commemorations. Students who wish to participate are expected to be dressed in full school uniform. It would be great to have a strong turnout of students.



## Nut Ban

Just a reminder to our families that the school has a nut ban. We have students at school who have nut allergies and having breach of this ban could put them at high risk.

## Newsletter

We are happy to circulate our newsletters to whoever wishes to learn about school happenings. We are happy to run off extra copies or email these. Please let us know at school and we will accommodate your request.

## 2011 School Magazine

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

## 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.

## From Our Student Council

### Locker Survey

Over the past couple of weeks Simon has been carrying out a survey on whether or not the students in the school would like lockers. Results show that 88% of students from year 7-13 wanted lockers in the school. On behalf of the student body, Mrs AK will take it to the BOT.

## New Head Student

A big congratulations to Max Baldwin who is now our other Head Student as a result of Danza Friend leaving school. This decision was made by a vote by the student council.

## School Social

Last Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> we held a social for year 1-6 and then year 7-13. As yet we don't have an exact amount of how much profit we made but we know we made a lot more than previous years. A big thank you to everyone who came and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

## Can Drive

This Wednesday we had a can drive for the community food bank. We collected an amazing 149 cans and presented them to Avril Johnston,



Tuatapere's Community Worker, on Thursday morning. Huge thanks to everyone who brought a can.

Until next time ... have a great week.

*From Head Students and Prefects*

*Simon, Max, Hollee, Jessica, Logan, Nicola*

## From Our Lead Managers

**From Mrs Helen Ward ...**

### Guest Speaker

Yesterday the school was privileged to have a guest speaker called Gerry Forde. Many of you will know of him through his extreme activities when promoting Southland. His engagement with our students was awesome and from his talk we now have a student who will work with a team to improve computers in this school. Well done Mikayla Dowling-Poole.

### Middle School Students Participating at the Southland Athletics and Swimming Sports

We wish the following students from yr7/8 who are competing in Athletics and Swimming this weekend all the best. Given the performances you have had at school, we know that you will do the best that you possibly can do.

*Athletics (Saturday):* Bree Thomas, Felix Egerton, Phillipa Addenbrooke, Zack Fowle

*Swimming (Sunday):* Jackson McCallum

*Mrs Ward, LM Yr7-10*

## From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti ...

### Junior Swimming Sports

A huge thank you to the amazing number of parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends of the school who attended last Friday's Junior Swimming Sports. The event ran smoothly and well within time with the children showcasing their swimming talents in a range of events. Highlights of the day include Amie Pratt breaking three under 8 year old records and the fantastic camaraderie shown by members of the 8 and 10 year old boys competitors. Thanks also to the Junior staff, Mrs Tania Egerton and Mrs Thomas for the smooth running of the event.

### Junior Staff visit to Otatara School

The Junior Team spent Teachers only day at Otatara School. The purpose of the visit was to view best practise in writing. Principal Sharon Livingstone shared the professional learning that has taken place over the past three years. Then we ventured throughout the school visiting classrooms. This allowed the team to view and interact with staff and students around their writing programmes. There were amazing practices, ideas and strategies witnessed by all staff. We will share these ideas at a future debriefing and will update our school scheme in writing for the Junior School.

### Kids4Kids

Thank you to those who returned their permission forms promptly. We hope to communicate to parents soon arrangements for this event. Tickets went on sale Wednesday evening via the Ticketdirect website.

### Junior Students Participating at the Southland Athletics and Swimming Sports

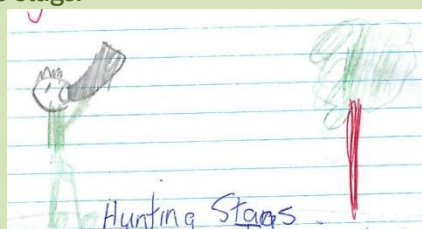
We would like to wish the following students who will be representing our school at this weekend's events in Invercargill all the best:

*Athletics (Saturday):* Ben Egerton

*Swimming (Sunday):* Amie Pratt, Flynn McCallum, Ethan McCallum, Ben Egerton

### Hunting Stags

Yesterday I went hunting. We heard the stags roaring. It was mainly really quiet. We hardly heard the stags because Cai was crying. We saw three rabbits and one possum. I heard three stags.



By Cheyenne Harvey, Rm2

### Reporting to Parents

The students in the Junior School will be bringing their school books home for the holidays. This will allow you to see what learning has taken place over the term. Please note that not all work will be marked and work

may be in draft unedited form. This gives parents a snapshot of where their child is at. Please ensure that the books are returned to school at the start of next term.

### Dress Up as a Book Character Day

Next Thursday, to celebrate NZ Book Month, we're asking all junior children to dress up as their favourite book character. So surprise us with your favourite outfits: from Tintin, Geronimo Stilton, Hairya Maclary to Little Red Riding Hood, The Twits or even Captain Underpants. It'll be a great way to end the term.

### The Halogen Young Leadership Conference

Presented by special guest speakers, the conference helps students develop a range of leadership attitudes and skills. This event takes place on Monday 15 May at the Regent Theatre in Dunedin (day before Kids4Kids Concert). Admission to the conference (early bird rate before April 27): Child \$42, Adults \$18. We would like to hear from students in y6-8 who express interest in participating in the conference. Parents are reminded that they will be responsible for coordinating the transport and supervision of their child. If you would like any further details please feel free to contact me at school.

### Junior School Assembly

The last Junior Assembly of the term will take place in Room 4 at 2.40pm on Thursday 5 April.

Paul AK, LM Yr1-6

### GATE Leadership Course

For the past three weeks Keely Gutsell, Ruth Bennie and I have been attending a leadership course organised by the GATE programme and our teacher Miss Pratt. We were picked by our teacher Mr AK.

The leadership course was at the Thornbury School Library, there were three schools Otatau, Takitimu and Thornbury School. The first session was about being yourself and showing integrity. We played a game called integrity chairs. You have to listen to a question like have you ever told a lie and if you have you had to move around chairs and if you stop at a chair that someone else was on you had to sit on their lap. The second week we learned about self-confidence. The third week it was about giving. We were told a story about an apple tree and a boy. The boy swung from his branches and picked his apples. But as he got older the boy said "I can't swing from your branches any more I have got a family and I need to get them a house and some food", so the tree gave him all his apples and all his sticks for a house.

Well it's quite a long story so I will leave it there. The last session is nearly here so I must say I am really enjoying the leadership course.

By Nicholas Chamberlain



## From Our Teachers

### Yr 9/10 English

From the beginning of Term 2 all yr9/10 students will need an extra 1B5 exercise book. This book will be solely for English homework purposes. *Mr Anderson*

### Agriculture

On Tuesday 3 April there will be a Unit Standard exam for Agriculture. The topic will be Health and Safety and the exam will be held in the Hall. This is a 9 credit paper. Please note, the fee for Agriculture for 2012 is \$156 per student. This will be included on the school fees invoice being sent out next week. *Mr Anderson*

### Maths Madness from Mr Maloney

Four swimmers in a race each made a prediction about the order in which they would finish:

- Peter said, "Sean will be last"
- Quentin said, "Ralph will come third"
- Ralph said, "Peter will be first"
- Sean said, "Ralph's prediction is right"

The only correct prediction was made by the winner. Which swimmer was the winner?

### Tech

Hi all – Well we've started another year and once again we are underway making projects and designing new products. The year 9/10s are frantically trying to get a combination of theory and prototyping done in order to get some items ready for a market day happening later on in the year. The year 7 and 8 students have just completed a quick flying toy project. They are now about to start making catapults and getting ready for a big battle at the end of the term.

Finally, the seniors are working away merrily on individual and combined projects ranging from trailers to shooting rigs, hunting trays to canoes and all manner of ideas in between. If there is anything you'd like to be made or any special requirements you may have for a project please feel free to discuss it with us, we are always happy to have a go at any practical activity and can build these items within students' courses. I guess in addition to this it's worthwhile mentioning the flexibility we have within our small groups, if your son or daughter is involved in Tech please feel free to pop in and see me to discuss their requirements especially at a senior level. I'm more than happy to build an individual learning programme around their needs so if they have a burning desire to make/be or do pretty much anything involving design and/or practical we'll gladly try to make it happen for them. *Mr Pearce*

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

A bee sting is acidic and a wasp sting is alkali, so to treat each you must use an opposite type of chemical! That means use baking soda to get rid of the pain of a wasp sting and vinegar to get rid of the pain of a bee sting

### PE / Tech

Wow, another great EOTC experience for our combined PE/Tech students, far from being saddled with additional theory the L1 Aiming Higher students took the opportunity to crank up the energy level a notch and head for the hills. In a combined effort between the Invercargill police and students at WAS an attempt was made at the crest of the Borland Saddle a most beautiful spot framed against the mountains and valleys of Fiordland.

The day started cool and clear with the PE/Tech students doing gear checks and shooting a few baskets before we set off, finally we were away and after a scenic drive up to the Borland Lodge it was time to do the hard yards. On a combination of bikes we set off for the summit, PC Paul Frith had kindly provided the students with bikes and safety lessons before we left and with enthusiasm and determination we were underway. As the terrain steepened the energy levels rose and despite being tired the students kept aiming higher, we reached our first stop almost immediately and tired legs were stretched and food eaten. Then once again we were away and heading for lunch and the best bit of the trip, the return journey.

Lunch was great, everyone full of high spirits, not at all cranky and looking forward to the day heading downhill. The chocolate bars and drinks were soon gone and the bikes facing back the way we had come. PC Paul led the way giving us a Police escort and flying down the hill, everyone enjoyed the way back and we managed to get up to about 50km/h if not more as we trailed the police car (I bet it's one of the first times the police have found themselves the object of a high speed pursuit).

The day was summed up best by one Mr West "that was awesome but I'm tired".

Another great day of challenging themselves and each other, learning outside the classroom and developing those special skills that make Tuatapere students great was had by all, and we can now look forward to our next test. *Mr Bennett and Mr Pearce*

## From Our Support Staff

### From Our Sports Coordinator

Term 1 has been an extremely busy term with lots happening on the sports scene. Following are detailed results from some of our events.

## WAS SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all students who competed in the senior and junior swimming champs. There was a wonderful atmosphere over at the pool on both days; it was great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends supporting the students. Thanks to all supporters who grabbed a stopwatch and helped out with the time keeping. It was very much appreciated.

### Junior School Swimming

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
7yrs	Amie Pratt	Cody Harvey
8yrs	Julie Skedgwell	Flynn McCallum
9yrs	Gabby Aicken	Sam Unahi
10yrs	Alannah Skedgwell	Cameron Johnston

### **Records broken and a new record**

#### 8 & Under Girls

##### **25m Backstroke**

New Record	2012	Amie Pratt	29.37
Previous Record	2008	Bree Thomas	30.06

##### **50m Backstroke**

New Record	2012	Amie Pratt	1.00.69
Previous Record	2008	Bree Thomas	1.11.31

##### **50m Freestyle**

New Record	2012	Amie Pratt	49.37
Previous Record	2008	Bree Thomas	56.19

##### **75m Medley**

New record	2012	Amie Pratt	1.50.12
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Well done Amie!

### **House points from Junior Swimming Day**

Dean 163 Longwood 377 Rowallan 164

### Senior School Swimming

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
U12	Bree Thomas	Lewis McKay
U13	No Swimmer	Lyall Egerton
Junior	Hayley Adams	Liam Egerton
Inter	No Swimmer	No Swimmer
Senior	Marissa Johnston	Quinn Rodgers

### **Record broken**

#### U12 Boys

##### **25m Backstroke**

New Record	2012	Lewis McKay	20.25
Previous Record	2003	Tomas Chartres	20.26

### **House points from Senior Swimming Day**

Dean 236 Longwood 366 Rowallan 212

## WESTERN PRIMARY ATHLETIC SPORTS

Last Tuesday, a team of 43 yr4-8 students participated in the Western Primary Athletics at Takitimu Primary School, in Nightcaps. Congratulations to the following competitors who achieved placings and are now off to the Southland Primary Athletics this Saturday at Surrey Park.

### 8yrs

Holly Hammond 1<sup>st</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> 60m

### 10 yrs

Ella Wylie 1<sup>st</sup> High Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus  
Ben Egerton 1<sup>st</sup> Discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Put  
Felix Egerton 1<sup>st</sup> 100m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m

### 11yrs

Phillipa Addenbrooke 2<sup>nd</sup> High Jump  
Bree Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus  
Zack Fowle 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all our students who not only performed exceptionally but also displayed fantastic manners and were well behaved. A huge thank you to our parents who provided the transport and help at the discus event.

## COUNTRY SCHOOLS SWIMMING

This is being held next Tuesday 3 April at the Gore Swimming Complex and WAS has 10 Yr 7-10 swimmers heading over to compete. Go Waiau!

## WAS ATHLETICS CHAMPS

These were held week 3 of this term with Blackmount and Hauroko Valley Primary Schools attending the day.

### Junior School

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
5yrs	Taylah Gilbert	Peter Devery
6yrs	Chanel Harvey	Trey Anderson-Kereti
7yrs	Amie Pratt	Cody Harvey
8yrs	Holly Hammond	Flynn McCallum
9yrs	Kristen Devery	Ethan McCallum
10yrs	Cheyenne Waihapa	Cameron Johnston

### Senior School

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
U12	Phillipa Addenbrooke	Thomas Stratton
U13	Tui Waihapa	Luke Hita
Junior	Hayley Adams	Ricky Singh
Inter	Sophie Unahi	Brodie Johnstone
Senior	Coleen Ebron	Max Baldwin

### **Record broken**

#### **Intermediate Girls High Jump**

New Record	2012	Sophie Unahi	1.44m
Previous Record	1997	Jaclyn Muldrew	1.40m

### **House points from Joint Junior and Senior Athletics Day**

Dean 826 Longwood 896 Rowallan 850

Mrs Egerton

## From the Library

**Please could all Library books be returned by  
Wednesday 4 April.**

### COOL WEBSITES:

[www.Anyquestions.co.nz](http://www.Anyquestions.co.nz) – 1.00-6.00pm weekdays

[www.UiaNgaPatai.co.nz](http://www.UiaNgaPatai.co.nz) – 2.00-3.00pm weekdays

Every afternoon these websites help school students find the information they need for inquiry learning.

UiaNgaPatai.co.nz is a unique opportunity for students to use and practice their te reo Maori skills in an online

environment while getting help with their research. The point of difference for this service is that it offers real time personal help. School students chat with librarians online to unpack the inquiry to work out what information they need. At the same time the librarian teaches students the skills to find relevant, authoritative information.

*Miss Fraser*

## 2012 Timeline

Tuesday 31 Jan to Thursday 5 Apr	<b>Term 1, 2012</b>
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	<b>Term 2, 2012</b>
Wednesday 25 April	<b>ANZAC Day ceremony</b>
Monday 16 July to Friday 28 Sept	<b>Term 3, 2012</b>
Monday 15 Oct to Friday 7 Dec	<b>Term 4, 2012</b> (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](mailto:newsletters@tcc.school.nz) and we will ensure it goes into our newsletter.

### House for Rent in Tuatapere

Three bedroom house for rent. \$165 per week, plus \$500 bond. Currently listed for sale, but may be withdrawn if suitable tenants are found. Ph Julie on 027 3336936.

### Southland Junior Netball Academy

Taking registrations NOW for Term 2 2012 for **Riverton**. Starting Wednesday 2 May. Suitable for players from 8-15 years. Visit [www.netballsouthland.org.nz](http://www.netballsouthland.org.nz) for registration details or phone 03 217 1303.

### The ILT Holiday Sports Programme

**Date:** Monday 16 – Friday 20 April

**Description:** Fun filled, sport specific holiday programme for children aged 5-12 years old.

**Venue:** Stadium Southland

Register at Sport Southland, 03 2112150, or [holiday.programme@sportsouthland.co.nz](mailto:holiday.programme@sportsouthland.co.nz)

For more information: [www.sportsouthland.co.nz](http://www.sportsouthland.co.nz)

### Fun Ferns

Ball skills 3-4pm every Thursday afternoon at netball courts. All welcome. Enquiries to Kaylene 2266904.

### Future Ferns

For our young netballers, practice 3-4pm every Thursday afternoon at netball courts. If you have any little people interested in playing please do not hesitate to come along. Enquiries to Kaylene 2266904.

### School Holiday Programme

The **It's My Turn To Cook** Tonight Bosch School Holiday Cooking Program runs April



16-20 in your home, using your food, with your kids cooking your dinner! If you have children who you would like to learn to cook, you have an older child who is looking for something fun and innovative to do in the holidays or you want something meaningful to do with your children in the holidays, then we have a great idea for you. We harness the power of role models and utilise the internet to engage kids to gain cooking and food skills. Visit [www.foodsavvykids.com](http://www.foodsavvykids.com) and see how you can become involved.

*Glenda Gourley*

### Pre-Teen Nail Parties – beginning 23 April

Does your daughter fancy something a little different at her birthday party? Then why not try hosting a Pre-Teen Nail Party? For each young lady, the Pre-Teen Nail Party experience consists of a light buffing and filing, a base-coat, two coats of colour nail polish and nail art decals, nail stamp, rhinestones or free hand art with a glossy top-coat to seal the finishing touches.

\$20 per girl (min 5 / max 10). Ideally suited for girls aged from 4 to 13. Check out my FB page for details/photos/prices. Call Louise to book your party – 03 2494001 or 021 02071468 or email [simlou@clear.net.nz](mailto:simlou@clear.net.nz)

### Windmill Holiday Programme

This programme provides a variety of activities for people of different ages who are on the Autistic Spectrum, or have intellectual or physical disabilities. The programme is operated within a safe and appropriately stimulating environment. It runs Monday to Friday 9am-5pm during the school holidays at the old Clifton School, 75 Humber Street, Invercargill. Contact Coby Uitentuis on 027 6121122 for more information, or visit [www.dunedinhomesupport.co.nz](http://www.dunedinhomesupport.co.nz)

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