



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I want to welcome you all to the new school year. I know that we have been back at school for a few days now so hopefully everything is starting to settle in for students, parents and staff.

We want to start the year the way we intend to continue it. It starts, obviously, with our students recognising that they need to be the best student that they can be. That does not mean that they have to have a perfect score on every assignment or an excellence in every NCEA assessment – although these are great goals for our students to have. It means that they have to be **determined** and they have to **persevere**. It means they have to work as hard as they can. It means that they have to take some risks. It means not avoiding the class that they think might be hard, if that is a subject that will prepare them for their future.

Students have to wonder, question and explore.

This year we want students to see that Waiau Area School is a great place for discovering new passions, acquiring new skills and gain the expertise that they need to pursue the kind of careers that they desire. Waiau Area School is the place where you can try out new interests and test new ideas. The more they explore, the sooner students can figure out what makes them come alive, what stirs them, what makes them excited, and hopefully, the career that they want to pursue.

I expect our students to take it upon themselves to test things out, take risks, try new things and work hard. Down the road, these will be the traits that will help them succeed. Students need to know that learning does not stop at the school gate. In fact, what is happening in the world today is all about lifelong learning. You have to constantly update your skills and find new ways of doing things. Even if University is not a student's long term goal, they can still expect to have to get more education once they leave school.

I know the potential that lies in each of the students at Waiau Area School. Soon enough, they will be the ones leading our businesses and leading our government. They will be the ones who are making sure that the next generation gets what they need to succeed.

All that starts right now. It starts this year.

2013 PREFECTS

This year the school has elected four school prefects. These prefects will be the student face of the school. They will be tasked with organising school activities, representing our school at public events and acting as the student voice to the senior leadership of the school. We hope that this group will grow throughout the year. It gives me great pleasure to name **Daniel Baldwin, Marissa Johnston, Tayla McKenzie** and **Elkanah Tupua** as Waiau Area School Prefects for 2013.

TUATAPERE FUN DAY

Thank you to all of the students, parents and members of the community that attended the Fun Day last Saturday. It was a great opportunity for the school to support the Tuatapere Promotions Group and the Stump the Hump event. We hope to be able to grow this event next year and make it a truly fun day for all.

UNIFORM, CELLPHONES AND ATTENDANCE

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that students are dressed in the correct **uniform** this year. Uniform lists are available from the office. If you are unsure about your child's uniform, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.



Cellphones and **electronic sound devices** must be turned off and not seen during class times *unless* the teacher is using the devices for teaching purposes. You can support your child by contacting them only during their

break times (11-11.20am and 1.20-2pm).

We are required by law to keep accurate records of **student attendance**. If your child is sick, please call the office as soon as possible to explain their absence. Upon returning to school the student must present a note from their parent / caregiver to their homeroom teacher, explaining the absence.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This year we have altered our senior leadership. Rather than having three Lead Managers each responsible for a different part of the school, we will now have a Deputy Principal and an Assistant Principal. The DP's role is to lead behaviour management across the school. The AP's role is to manage the learning needs and curriculum for our Y1-6 students. Our new SENCO (special education) is Ms Donna Wilson. The Principal's Nominee's (NZQA) role will be shared between Ms Jennifer Smart and Mr Paul Maloney. Mr Simon Pearce will act as the school's Health



and Safety Officer. There are several other staff with responsibilities at the school. This information can be found on the school website.

COMPLAINTS

As a staff we continue to work hard to ensure your child is receiving the highest quality education. If you do need to raise an issue about your child's learning, it is important that you know who to talk to. Your first port of call should always be your child's homeroom teacher. They will be able to either address the issue themselves or pass the concern on to the appropriate person. If you feel that your issue is serious and cannot be discussed with the homeroom teacher, you should contact the Assistant Principal if your child is in Y1-6, or the Deputy Principal if your child is in Y7-13. They have the expertise to deal with most issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The school **athletics** are held on Wednesday 13 February, and are our first major event of 2013. We would encourage you to come and join us for the day, to see our students compete against each other in a range of athletic disciplines.

BADGES

Cultural achievement badges were awarded to our elected Prefects at Assembly last week:

- ☀ Daniel Baldwin
- ☀ Marissa Johnston
- ☀ Tayla McKenzie
- ☀ Elkanah Tupua

*Steven Mustor
Principal*

School News

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

A big welcome to the following students who have joined us from other schools:

- ▶ Lizzie Addenbrooke – 78HW
- ▶ Max Baird – 78HW
- ▶ Matthew Boyle – 78HW
- ▶ Phoebe Chittock – Room 4
- ▶ MacKenzie Gray – 10SP
- ▶ Angela Pierce – 78HW
- ▶ Mahaki Rodgers – 78HW
- ▶ Meadow Rodgers – Room 2
- ▶ Eric Ward – 78HW

And welcome back to past students Daniel Baldwin, Amyee Gutsell, and Luke Lima. We wish you all a happy time here at WAS.

STUDENTS' ART BOARDS

Completed Art Boards from previous years are available to be collected from the School Office.

PTA MEETING

Wednesday 20 February, 7.30pm, in the Staffroom. We need new members NOW!! If you want to help your school, please come along.

Mrs Christine Murch, PTA Chairperson

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Big congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at last week's Assembly:

Kassadee Scott – Room 3 – For working hard and to the best of her ability in the classroom.

Phoebe Chittock – Room 4 – Displays excellent work habits and has settled in to Room 4 well.

ONLINE CALENDAR

A reminder that Important Dates are advertised on our School Calendar online at www.was.school.nz

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

This School Newsletter will be published on a fortnightly basis and distributed to students (or emailed to families) on alternate Fridays ('even' weeks). Please contact the School Office if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email rather than hard copy.

A reminder to all school families:

The time to transition from the old TCC uniform to the new WAS uniform is over. It is now **COMPULSORY** for **ALL** students to wear the correct uniform.

ASSEMBLIES

Full school assembly will be held on alternate Fridays ('odd' weeks) at 8.50am in the School Hall. All welcome.

ATHLETICS DAY – HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help out on Athletics Day next week – Wednesday 13 February. If you have some time to spare and are happy to help, please register your name and contact details with the School Office.

ATHLETICS DAY – SCHOOL CANTEEN

Mrs Murch will have the Canteen open from 10am-2pm on the Wednesday of Athletics Day.

SOUTHFUELS – FUEL FOR SCHOOLS



Thank you to those in the community who are a part of this programme which provides donations to schools. For more information about the programme go to

www.southfuels.co.nz/fuel-for-schools/ or phone 0800 4843543.

PGG WRIGHTSON – CASH FOR COMMUNITIES

Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser or selected agri-chemicals or seed on their PGG Wrightson account, between 4 February and 31 May 2013 can earn cash for their local school. It's as easy as going to www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and registering.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a swag of Lost Property here at the School Office – not just uniform items but mufti clothing too. Please check to see if anything belongs at your place. Anything remaining at the end of February will be donated to the Hospice Shop.

News from Our Teachers

TOUCH

Venue: Holt Park, Otautau

Grades: Mixed only in Yr 1/2, Yr 3/4, Yr 5/6, Yr 7/8

Fees: \$15 per player. (*To be paid to School Office before 18 Feb or no play.*)

Format: 7 weeks of competition plus a catch up day if required.

First Games: Monday 18 February 2013.

Entries Close: Tuesday 12 February 2013.

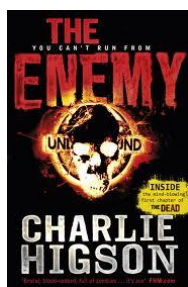
Games will be played between 4.30 pm and 6pm on Mondays. (*Times may change subject to team entries.*)

If interested, see Jaime Dickson (Rm 3).

HOMEWORK

All students are given homework and we would appreciate your support in ensuring this is completed.

THIS IS WHAT WE'RE READING...



"We are reading a book called *The Enemy* by Charlie Higson. It's about a small group of teenagers that use every weapon they can to survive a zombie apocalypse. Some kids go scavenging for food to survive. As days go by the zombies get smarter, and take kids... So far the book is

interesting because I like things about zombies. I'm enjoying this book because it is very well-constructed." *Review by Craig Diack, 10SP*

"Kids under 14 are the only survivors but the rest are mutant-looking, smelly zombies. Arran, the kids' leader goes on scavenging parties with Achilles the strongest, Ollie the smallest, and Freak and Deke, the best buds. So far they went to the pool looking for food but were ambushed by the adults (who are all zombies)... So far the book is alright, and gruesome." *Review by Travis Swann, 10SP*

Well done also to MacKenzie Gray and Shiloh Tupua, who wrote concise reviews of the book. See book trailer at: www.goo.gl/UtWNNM

Ms Jen Smart, HOD English

Library News

SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Offer 1 is now out – closing date is 10 March. Books are as low as \$2. If you would like to purchase books you can do so by sending your order to the office.

NEW BOOKS

The Library has purchased books for Middle to Senior students. Students were surveyed for their interests, and what type of books and authors they would like to read. There is a good variety including hunting, action, dystopian, mystery, thriller, verse and graphic novels. Authors included are Robert Muchamore, Cassandra Clare, James Dashner, Malorie Blackman, Fleur Beale, David Almond, Carolee Dean, Jenny Downham.

AUTHOR OF THE WEEK

Robert Muchamore – author of *CHERUB* series and *Henderson Boys* novels.

CHERUB Series by Robert Muchamore: Because his nephew could not find any novels that he liked reading, he wrote novels that he would have enjoyed when he was an adolescent. CHERUB series follows the life of James Adams and his younger half sister Lauren Adams, a member of CHERUB a top-secret British Secret Service. The Organisation only recruits orphan children and trains them as intelligence officers. Once qualified, they are used to investigate targets ranging from international terrorists to gang leaders. For more information <http://www.cherubcampus.com>

COOL WEBSITE

The Stacks for Kids has books, authors and games. <http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/>

Miss Joanne Fraser, Librarian

2013 Timeline

Tue 29 January to Fri 19 April	Term 1
Wed 13 February	Athletics Day
Sat 23 February	Farm Jam
Tue 26 to Thurs 28 March	Yr7/8 Camp to Arrowtown
Fri 29 March to Tue 2 April	Easter Break
Thurs 25 April	ANZAC Day
Mon 6 May to Fri 12 July	Term 2
Mon 3 June	Queen's Birthday
Mon 29 July to Fri 27 September	Term 3
Mon 14 October to Wed 11 December	Term 4 (NB: Tentative end date)
Mon 28 October	Labour Day

Canteen News

TERM 1 CANTEEN

Cheese Rolls	\$1.00
Toasties/buns	\$2.00
Pizza	\$1.00
Cupcake/muffin	\$1.50
Choco Donuts	\$2.00
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Soup of the day(cold wet day)	\$2.50
Pies – Couplands	\$2.50
– Jimmy’s	\$3.50
Cookie time	\$1.20
Potato chips	\$1.80
Pork rib roll	\$3.00
Icy	.50
Plain Ice blocks	\$1.80
Ice cream ice blocks	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Small Juice	\$2.00
Large Juice	\$3.50
Small Milks	\$2.50
Large Milkshake (Murch made)	\$3.00
– thickener	extra .30
– Ice Cream	extra .50

LUNCHTIME MENUS

MONDAY – Chicken fried rice – \$3.00 or \$4.00

TUESDAY – Chicken Wrap – chicken tenders, lettuce, cheese with chilli sauce or BBQ – \$4.00

WEDNESDAY – CANTEEN CLOSED, NO HEAT UPS.

THURSDAY – Butter Chicken on white rice – \$4.00

FRIDAY – Nugget’s & chips – \$4.00

– Pottle of hot chips – \$2.00

– Burgers – meat pattie, lettuce, cheese, tomato – \$4.00

Community Notices

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

Supervisors Wanted – Tuatapere Community Pool

To enable the pool to open after school, we need some volunteers to supervise. If keen, please leave a message at the school office.

For Sale

WAS black school blazer size 96, very good condition \$65, Phone 03 2255059.

Waiau A&P Show 2013 – Saturday 9 February

Plenty to see and do for everybody: trade stalls, Prenzel, crafts, Mr Whippy, lolly scramble, bouncy castle, and more.

Kill the Speed, Not the Child!

As schools go back, Rural Women New Zealand would like to remind rural school communities of the 20km/h speed limit in both directions when passing a school bus that has stopped to let pupils on or off the bus. In the 23 years from 1987, 23 children were killed in NZ when crossing the road to or from school buses. 47 were seriously injured and 92 received minor injuries. If drivers observed the 20km/h speed limit, these lives would have been saved. Please slow down!

Jackie Edkins, RWNZ

School Holiday Activities Suggestions

The Tuatapere Community Worker is looking for ideas for activities for 5-8 year olds during the next school holidays. If you have any suggestions, i.e. baking, sports etc you would like to have available, give Avril a call on 2266483.

Winton Football Club Inc

Senior practices are underway for both men’s and women’s teams in Winton. New players are especially welcome, 15 years up. Experience is not necessary, just some enthusiasm to be fit and learn (or relearn) a fun competitive winter team sport. Junior notices will go out next month. Enquiries can be made to:

Club secretary Wendy Boniface – 027 427 0447 / 03 2217 417 / wwboniface@woosh.co.nz

Men’s contact Tim Campbell – 021 845 495 / tcampbell@waterforce.co.nz

Women’s coach Marty Scherp – 027 268 3575 / 03 2369747 / pup-jacs@xtra.co.nz

Wendy Boniface (Secretary)

Friday Funnies

What do you give a sick pig?

Oink-ment

Patient: I think I'm a pair of curtains!

Doctor: Pull yourself together!

If you had 8 apples in one hand and 5 apples in the other, what would you have?
Really big hands!