



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of being a part of the ANZAC commemorations at both Orawia and Tuatapere. As I stood to read the roll of honour at the Tuatapere service I had an overwhelming feeling of what a great community we have. I was heartfelt by the customary respect that is paid to the fallen soldiers of Tuatapere, I think the Tuatapere commemorations are unique and so very special.

I wish to commend the wonderful students who represented our school. I especially thank the Head Students and Prefects, Max Baldwin, Simon Van Dam, Logan McLean and Nicola Diack who did a fine job as leaders of our school in attending both the Orawia and Tuatapere service.

Waiau Area School would like to extend congratulations to Dayna Adams for being awarded the RSA scholarship for 2012.

I wish to welcome Ms Kristen Hammerich to our school as the newly appointed teacher for our yr2/3 students. Kristen runs a fantastic literacy programme and has a wealth of experience to offer our students. Kristen will take up her position in week 2. We also take the opportunity to congratulate Mrs Annette Ferguson for winning the position of yr1-13 Arts Teacher.

Today I am attending the Rural Principals Secondary Schools Network Day in Gore. This is a great opportunity to meet with colleagues, engage in professional development and share areas of best practice. This is all with the intentions to build our school.

Noho ora mai (stay well)

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

From the Office

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews have been scheduled for Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 May (Week 3).

Interviews will be limited to 10 mins for yr1-10 students, beginning at 3.30pm each day. Interviews for yr11-13 students will be 15 mins duration beginning at 2.00pm each day; these interviews will be with your child's Homeroom teacher and Mr Steven Mustor. Please contact the School Office ASAP to book in times to see your child's/children's teacher/s.

Cheers, Kiwia

SAUSAGE SIZZLES

**For the next two Thursdays (3 & 10 May)
we will be holding sausage sizzles -
fundraising for Area Schools.
Cost \$2**

From the Student Council

Welcome back to term 2, hope you all had good holidays.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the dawn parade and Anzac service, it was good to see students in uniform paying their respects.

We made about \$400 profit from last terms social which will be put towards the senior ball which is yet to be organised.

Another exciting thing coming up in week 4 is the Area Schools Tournament in Maniototo. Congratulations to everyone who has made it into the teams going up. It is a great achievement seeing as there are only so many students we can take. It's a privilege to be representing our school and you should all be very proud.

On a finishing note, on the final day of term 1 there was a Staff vs Seniors volleyball game and we are glad to announce that the seniors were victorious over the staff.

From Head Students and Prefects

Max Baldwin, Jessica Dodd, Simon Van Dam,

Logan McLean, Nicola Diack

From Our Support Staff

From Our Sports Coordinator

Area Schools Tournament 2012

This year's tournament is being held at Maniototo Area School, Ranfurly. A travelling team of 31 students has been selected and practices started during Term 1. The next three weeks will pass very quickly and students and staff are looking forward to the tournament.

Thanks to those who have been helping with the fundraising by buying scratchies and supporting the school sausage sizzles.

Congratulations to Rex Hibbs for winning one of the four scratchie boards.

Southland Secondary Schools Cross Country

Ten students are competing at this event being held in Te Anau on Wednesday 9 May. Good luck to Lewis, Tui, Mark, Jackson, Zack, Maddison, Shiloh, Travis, Olivia, and Coleen.

From Our Librarian

This term we have been lucky enough to have more books donated. A big thank you to the following:

- *The Small Blacks Annual* from the NZ Rugby Union Inc
- *Nation Dates. Significant events that have shaped the nation of NZ* from Sustainable Future
- *Make Way for Ducklings* from Mrs Murch

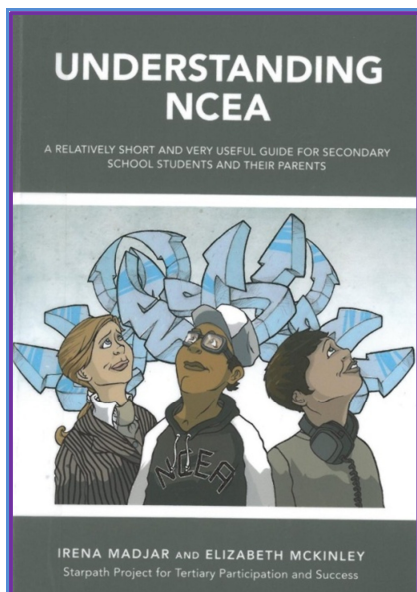
Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 May 2012 is now available.

There are spare copies available in the School Library if your child did not receive one.

Cool website: www.nzsign.co.nz. This website has information and resources on life for deaf New Zealanders, deaf culture and New Zealand Sign Language. It is NZ Sign Language Week 30 April–6 May 2012.

Understanding NCEA

The following book is available for parents to borrow from the School Library. It is a very user-friendly resource which clearly explains the NCEA process.



You can also go online to view an 'Understanding NCEA' video at: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/understanding-ncea-2/>

Miss Joanne Fraser

From our STAR/Gateway Coordinator

An update on what is happening. I have:

- two students continuing their nursing course at SIT;
- two students beginning a welding / engineering / plumbing course at SIT;
- three students about to start a beauty therapy course at SIT;
- four students are attending the Otago Tertiary Open Day on Monday; and
- one student currently on a Gateway farm posting.

If you have any enquiries about STAR/Gateway please get in touch with me school on a Monday.

Miss Rachael Poole



*Taelah busy gardening.
Lots to do!*

2012 Timeline

Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June	Term 2, 2012
Monday 30 April	Yr11-13 Otago Polytechnic & University of Otago Open Day
Tuesday 8 May to Wednesday 9 May	Parent-Teacher interviews
Wednesday 9 May	Yr7-13 Southland Secondary Schools Cross Country – Te Anau
Wednesday 16 May to Friday 18 May	Yr10-13 Area Schools Tournament – Ranfurly
Tuesday 22 May	Yr7-13 Country Schools 7 A Side Winter Tournament – Lumsden
Monday 4 June	Queens Birthday
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.

\$100 for your School!!!

Buy a fireplace and flue from our selection of Fisher, Woodsman or Masport appliances and we will donate \$100 to your school. Available only from *Conditions apply

WINTON MITRE 10

91 Great North Road Winton Phone 2367614
Pleased to support schools in Southland

Fashion Show

When: 2.00pm Sunday 13 May

Where: Waiau Town & Country Club

Cost: Adults \$10 Students \$5 10y & under FREE

Tickets available from the School Office.

Facebook Page –

Southland Sports Coordinator

To help get the word out there, we are now on Facebook. Go to the following link to follow what is happening in Southland and to view photos of events.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Southland-Secondary-Schools-Sports/147749331986956>.

Disclosure: Information published in this newsletter is at the discretion of the editor.



Montage of photos from
Wednesday's ANZAC Day
parade in Tuatapere



Science Experiment from Miss Collett

Salt and Vinegar Crystals.

Salt and vinegar crystals are easy-to-grow non-toxic crystals that you can grow in a rainbow of colours. This crystal growing project is especially good for kids or beginners looking for quick and easy crystals.

Salt & Vinegar Crystal Materials

- 1 cup hot water
- 1/4 cup salt
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- food colouring
- piece of sponge
- shallow dish

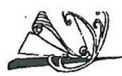


Salt & Vinegar Crystal Instructions

1. Stir together the water, salt, and vinegar. Boiling water works best, but very hot water is okay.
2. Place the piece of sponge on the shallow dish. Pour the mixture over the sponge so that it soaks up the liquid and just covers the bottom of the dish.
3. If you want coloured crystals, you can dot the sponge with food colouring. Save the rest of the crystal growing solution. Set the dish in a sunny window or other warm area with good air circulation. You will see crystal growth overnight or within a day. Add more crystal growing solution to replace the liquid that evaporates.
4. Continue growing your crystals as long as you like. The project is non-toxic so when you are done you can either save your crystals or else throw them away. You can dump leftover crystal solution down the drain and wash the dish as usual.

How the Crystals Grow

Salt dissolves better in hot water than cold water, so as the solution cools the salt wants to come out of solution and crystallize. When you pour the solution over the sponge, this causes the liquid to evaporate. This further concentrates the salt so that it will crystallize. The salt crystals will start to form on undissolved salt or on the sponge. Once the crystals start forming, they grow fairly rapidly.



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

March 2012

The Education Act states that "the board of every State school must, at least once in every 2 years, and after consultation with the school community, adopt a statement on the delivery of the health curriculum"

As the first step in this consultation process it would be most appreciated if you would complete this short survey to identify the needs of our students.

The results of this survey will form the basis of a draft "**statement on the delivery of the health curriculum**" which will be available for your comments before being finalised.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Inform the school community about the content of the health curriculum

1. Are you aware that the following Health Education topics are taught at Waiau Area School?

Please tick all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Wise | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Wise | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Wise | <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping Ourselves Safe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attitude (Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco) | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Eating | |

Consult with the school community regarding Health Education delivery

2. Which of the following programmes and aspects of school are you satisfied with? Please comment on how these topics could be delivered differently or make suggestions for any other Health Topics that could be implemented.

- ☐ Junior School Health Programme (Y1-6)

- ☐ Middle School Health Programme (Y7-10)

- ☐ Senior School Health Programme (Y11-13)

- ☐ THETA Sex Wise Programme (Y9-13)

- ☐ Police Education (Keeping Ourselves Safe/Bike Wise)

- ☐ Attitude (Y7-13)

Any further comments?



Please complete the following questions to assist us with our application for funding from the "Healthy Eating, Healthy Action" (HEHA) Hauora Challenge.

How many times per week do you and your family eat vegetables?

- ☐ Never ☐ One or two times per week ☐ Three to four times a week
☐ Five to six times a week ☐ Everyday

How often are these vegetables fresh, not frozen?

- ☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Occasionally ☐ Often ☐ Always

Do you grow your own vegetables?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes", please indicate which produce you grow yourself:

- ☐ Potatoes ☐ Carrots ☐ Broccoli ☐ Parsnips ☐ Onions ☐ Tomatoes
☐ Cabbage ☐ Lettuce ☐ Yams ☐ Peas ☐ Runner beans ☐ Radishes
☐ Kumera ☐ Swede ☐ Other (please state) _____

If you do **not** grow your own vegetables, what are the reasons for this?

- ☐ Too time consuming ☐ Not enough space ☐ Too expensive ☐ Don't know how
☐ Other (please state) _____

How often do your children cook a family meal at home?

- ☐ Never ☐ Rarely ☐ Occasionally ☐ Often ☐ Everyday

Would you support a school initiative that enables our students to plant, grow and cultivate vegetables that can be distributed around the local district?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Any comments/queries?

Thank you very much for your assistance in completing this survey.

Your input is extremely important and will assist in the future planning of our Health Education Programme.

Kind regards,

Richard Bennett
HOD Physical Education and Health