



## Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Next week is parent teacher interviews. Parent-teacher interviews are a valuable tool to help you and your child's teacher(s) work together for your child's school **success**. This is a great opportunity for parents to ask questions and gather information that will help you encourage your children to **achieve**.

By attending the interview, you are showing your child that you **value their learning** and are interested in what they do. You are also showing your child's teacher that you are **interested** and prepared to **participate** in and **support** your child's learning.

This is the teacher's chance to learn more about your child and report to you about your child's **progress** at school.

To assist parents with what they could ask at Parent Interviews I include some guiding questions:

1. Is my son/daughter progressing as expected?
2. What do they do well?
3. What do they need help with?
4. What can I do to help?
5. Do they participate well in class?
6. Does my son/daughter seem settled at school? How do they get along with others?
7. Are there any areas for concern?
8. What's the best way to contact you if I need to discuss any concerns?

Your child's teacher would have put a request in to see you if it is vital that you meet; I encourage you to meet with all of your child's teachers. Remember that you don't have to wait for a parent teacher interview – you can ring the school and make an appointment to talk to the teacher at any time.

I will be available to meet with parents during parent interview time. If you wish to catch up with me please feel free to make an appointment at the school office or simply pop in for a chat. I welcome the opportunity to catch up with you.

Enjoy your weekend.

Noho ora mai (stay well)

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

## From the Office

### Welcome to Miss Kristen Hammerich

This week we welcomed Miss Hammerich to Waiau Area School. Kristen will be teaching our Room 2 students and will be with us until the end of the 2012 teaching year. We wish you a very enjoyable time here at WAS Kristen.

## Welcome to Our New Room 1 Students

A belated big welcome to new entrant Lee Edgerton who started at WAS the last week of Term 1; and also a big welcome to Chelsea Taylor who started last week. Chelsea has come to us from Riversdale School. We're sure you'll enjoy your time here Lee and Chelsea.



## School Website

Have you checked out our new website? Thank you Mr Mustor for the behind the scenes work to create this. The website is under construction and will be built over the term.

## 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, 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*

**LAST CHANCE SAUSAGE SIZZLE & ICE CREAMS**

**Thursday 10 May**

**Fundraising for Area Schools**

**Cost \$2 Sausage \$1 Ice Cream**

## Lost Property

There's heaps of school uniform and mufti clothing items, a pair of school shoes, winter jackets, school socks etc that have accumulated here at school over the past several weeks. If you're missing anything, chances are it could be here. Come along and check at your convenience.



## South Fuels Rebate

A big thank you to the supporters of South Fuels 'Fuel for Schools' scheme; you have earned our school \$80 in the last quarter.

If others would like to join this scheme it is as easy as going to the following link: [www.southfuels.co.nz](http://www.southfuels.co.nz)

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## From Our Student Council

We received a letter from the Tuatapere Community Worker thanking us for donating cans of food last term. It was our pleasure Miss Johnston and we are proud that our efforts will be put to good use.

On Monday Jessica, Logan, Tayla and Nicola went up to Dunedin for the Otago University and Otago Polytechnic Open Day. Tayla and Logan also visited the Sir George Seymour College. We found this very interesting and useful as Tayla and Nicola are interested in the Travel and Tourism industry. While Nicola, Tayla and Jessica went on an art tour at the Polytech, Logan went to a seminar on Computer Science. Apart from the horrible rainy weather, it was quite a good informative day.

Last Friday night Simon and Lewis attended the Central Southland School's formal and had a ball. They picked up some ideal ideas for our WAS senior ball which will be held later on this year.

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

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## From Our Lead Managers

**From Mr Steven Mustor**

### Area Schools

The preparation for Area Schools is well underway. Students travelling to the tournament are enjoying their practices and preparation. There are a few students who will not be attending. Parents are reminded that plans have been made for these students at school, and their attendance at school is expected.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

The Y11-13 parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 May. They are designed to give parents an opportunity to hear what went well in Term 1, what needs to improve, and help students remain on track with their learning goals for this year. These meetings will be with the homeroom teacher, myself, the student and a parent. **On Monday we will send home an interview form to be completed and brought to your child's meeting.**

### Common Room and Study

The Y12-13 students lost their access to a common room due to the constant mess the room was being left in. Y11-12 students are now expected to be outside at breaks on fine days. Study has also changed. Students have been allocated into various classes for study. The hope is that the supervision of these students will bring improved student assessment outcomes, by removing some of the distractions that had crept into independent study. I am currently working with the prefects and head students on a way to return independent study to some students.

### NCEA

This is the term where a huge amount of NCEA internal assessment usually occurs. Just a reminder that the New Zealand Qualifications Authority continues to encourage students to focus on achieving NCEA with endorsements. Students should ensure that they know the scope of the task they are doing, ask questions of the teachers, and think about what is needed to achieve with excellence or merit. Y11-12 students should be able to see their results begin to appear on the NZQA website soon. These are updated in the first week of each month, so sometimes a recently sat test or assignment may not yet appear.

*Steven Mustor, LM Yr11-13*

### From Mrs Helen Ward

Hi everyone.

Term 2 appears to be as busy as Term 1. There are a number of activities involving yr7-10 students happening over the next weeks. These include Southern Zone Area Schools tournament, and in particular the 7 A Side Tournament for country schools which will be held at Lumsden's Northern Southland College on 22 May. The majority of students in yr7-10 will be involved in this day. Practice for these sports has already started. Please check with your child regarding this event so that you are aware that a cost could be involved.

Today the yr7/8 classes are modelling for each other their wearable art creations. What a lot of fun they have had.

Last Thursday a number of our yr8 girls had the second vaccination for the HPV virus.

Next week is Parent-Teacher interviews. To ensure that these interviews are of the utmost benefit for your child's learning, on Monday we are sending home a form for parents/ caregivers to fill in around what has happened this year for your child at school. **Could you please bring this completed form with you on the day of the interviews.** We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. If you are unable to make the two days available, please contact the school and talk to your child's Homeroom teacher to arrange a time that is more suitable to you.

With the start of winter I would encourage all parents/ caregivers to check that their child is bringing a warm school polar fleece or jersey to school.

It has been lovely to see so many students settled and engaged in their learning this term. If you have any feedback concerning your child's learning, please call.

*Helen Ward, LM Yr7-10*

### From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti

#### Returning of Learning Books from Term 1

Thank you parents for ensuring your child's learning books have been returned to school. An opportunity to discuss your child's learning progress will take place at parent interviews.

### Thanks Mrs Deans

I would like to thank Mrs Rachel Deans for relieving in Room 2 during Week 1. During the holidays, Miss Kristen Hammerich was appointed as the classroom teacher and began her position on Monday. Welcome to you Kristen.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

We value that education for your child is a partnership. We would like to encourage parental input. As part of the parent teacher interviews we ask you to provide feedback on your child's learning. **On Monday we will send home an interview form to be completed and brought to your child's meeting.**

### Kids 4 Kids Tuesday 15 May

The children are busy practicing their songs for the upcoming concert. Just a friendly reminder, the rehearsal takes place at the Civic Theatre in Invercargill from 9.00am–12.30pm. The children will be expected to return to the Theatre from 6.45pm in the evening for the concert (7.30pm-9.15pm).

We have received most of the permission forms from parents. If circumstances have changed and you are able to take a vehicle or extra passengers, please let the School Office know.

It is hoped that a further updated event notice regarding dress attire and transport will be issued next week.

### Bible in Schools

We welcome Mrs Brown and Mrs Erskine who will be teaching Bible Education in Rooms 1 and 2 respectively this term.

### Heat Ups

Please ensure that all heat ups are wrapped appropriately and clearly labelled. This avoids the misplacement of items during issuing time. Lunch order must be enclosed in an envelope and clearly labelled. All heat ups must be handed into the School Office.

*Paul A-K, LM Yr1-6*

### Leslie Rugby Training

On the first week of the holidays Ben Egerton and Nicholas Chamberlain went to the Leslie rugby training in Invercargill at Southland Boys High School. Two Highlanders Josh Bekhuis and Haani McDonald were there.

There were four teams, we were in the green team. Our first activity was with Fraser – we were doing passing and I learnt how to do the dive pass. Ben bet that Fraser couldn't pass the ball the length of the gym – now he owes Ben \$50.

Next, my team went to Josh, we were doing tackling. We learnt about tackling at the waist and tackling with our shoulder. We did a bit of dodging too. Josh and his assistant put their arm out and we had to dodge to the opposite side of the arm. Next we did tackling, we practiced our punts, our drop kicks and our tee kicks. The last activity was with Haani, he played games like ball rush and other passing games.



*The day was finished – we had lots of fun and we would like to do it again.*

*By Ben Egerton and Nic Chamberlain (Rm 4)*

## From Our Teachers

### Introducing Miss Hammerich

I have been teaching in Te Anau for the last year and prior to that I came from Christchurch. I

enjoy reading, photography, handcrafts such as patchwork, cross stitch and sewing. I have spent my time in Te Anau exploring the Fiordland National Park by walking some of the day tracks and going on a cruise to

Milford and Doubtful Sounds. I have been teaching for 10 years. I have taught in South Taranaki and schools in Christchurch as well as doing relieving of which one and a half years were in Cambridge and Birmingham, England.

I enjoy photography and seem to be taking hundreds of photos since living in Southland. The scenery is amazing and looks different every day. I also like reading historical novels, fantasy and some biographies. I like to be self-sufficient and in Christchurch I have a vegetable garden that provides all my vegetables for a year as well as flowers. I love roses, lilies, and spring bulbs.

*Yours sincerely  
Miss Kristen Hammerich*



### Scratchie Board Winner

Congratulations to Leona and Grant Devery who have won another of the scratchie boards we have on the go at the moment as fundraising for Area Schools. If you'd like a chance to win one of the last two remaining boards, pop into the School Office and pick a number.

*Miss Jaime Dickson*

### Arts/Fabric Technology Classes

A call for materials and resources suitable for students to use for both fabrics tech and art please. Items such as canvas, cottons, wool, Dacron fill, polar fleece would be most appreciated.

Also, do you have leftover pots of interior house paint that you would like to get rid of? We would be more than happy to take these off your hands to use to spruce up the Art Room.

*Mrs Annette Ferguson*

### Science Experiment from Miss Collett

#### HOW TO MAKE A SIMPLE DUCK CALLER

You will need:



- One plastic straw from your kitchen or fast food restaurant
- Scissors
- Lungs (don't worry you already have them)

#### What to do:

1. Use your fingers to press on one end of the straw to flatten it – the flatter the better.
2. Cut the flattened end of the straw into a point.



3. Flatten it out again.
4. Now take a deep breath, put the pointed end of the straw in your mouth and blow hard into the straw. If all goes well you should hear a somewhat silly sound coming from the straw. The smaller you are, the harder it may be to get a good sound – sometimes adults can get more of a sound thanks to their bigger lungs. If you still have trouble, try flattening it out some more or cutting the straw in half.
5. Don't stop there – try cutting the straw different sizes to see how the sound changes, or make another identical straw and add the pointed end of the new straw to the uncut end of the first straw (to make the first straw longer) The sound will be very different, (more like a moose call!) and you will have to blow even harder, but give it a try.

#### How does it work?

This is science? It sure is. You see all sounds come from vibrations. That little triangle that you cut in the straw forced the two pieces of the point to VIBRATE very fast against each other when you blew through the straw. Those vibrations from your breath going through the straw created that strange duck-like sound that you heard. Now you will never be bored again when you go to a fast food restaurant! Have fun!

#### Make it an experiment:

The project above is a **DEMONSTRATION**. To make it a true experiment, you can try to answer these questions:

1. Which size straw call sound the most like a duck?
2. Which length of straw is the easiest to get a sound? Which is the hardest?
3. Does the diameter of the straw affect the sound it produces?

The most popular series in our Library this year would be The Hunger Games. Reading age of 12–Adult. The Hunger Games is an adventure science fiction series written by Suzanne Collins. The trilogy has sold 23 million copies, and remained on USA Today's bestselling book list for 135 weeks. The movie has also been released this year.



In The Hunger Games Trilogy, we follow a 16 year old girl, Katniss Everdeen, as she is forced to compete in the Hunger Games and follow her through the three-book battle for survival that follows.

The Hunger Games Trilogy is available to borrow from our Library or purchase from Scholastic Book Club Star for \$34.50 this month.

[www.thehungergames.co.uk/](http://www.thehungergames.co.uk/)

Miss Joanne Fraser

## 2012 Timeline

Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June	<b>Term 2, 2012</b>
Tuesday 8 May to Wednesday 9 May	Parent-Teacher interviews Phone Office for an appointment
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	<b>Term 3, 2012</b>
Monday 15 Oct to Friday 7 Dec	<b>Term 4, 2012</b> (tentative end date)

## 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.**

## Mrs Murch's Canteen List – Terms 2 and 3

Cheese Rolls	\$1.00
Toasties/buns	\$2.00

## From Our Support Staff

## From Our Librarian

Pizza	\$1.00
Cupcake/Muffin	\$1.50
Choco Donut	\$2.00
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Soup of the day (cold wet day)	\$2.50
Couplands Pie	\$2.50
Jimmy's Pie	\$3.50
Cookie Time	\$1.20
Potato Chips	\$1.80
Pork Rib Roll	\$3.00
Icy	.50
Tubes	\$1.00
Ice cream Iceblocks	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Small Juice	\$2.00
Large Juice	\$3.50
Small Milks	\$2.50
Large Milkshake (Murch made)	\$3.00
Thickened	extra .30
Ice Cream	extra .50

### Daily Menus

#### Monday

Rib Bun \$3 or Hot Soup with Toastie \$3

#### Tuesday

Chicken Wrap – Chicken tenders, lettuce, cheese with chilli or BBQ sauce \$4

#### Wednesday

Hot Dogs – Caramel onions (optional), frankfurter, mustard, tomato or BBQ sauce \$4

#### Thursday

Butter Chicken on White Rice \$4 pottle

#### Friday

Nuggets and chips \$4  
Pottle of hot chips \$2

## 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.



**GirlGuidingNZ  
Southland**

**GirlGuidingNZ**, Southland region, is offering girls aged 5–18 the chance to come along and experience fun activities in a safe environment for free. Yes that's right, FREE. Come for two nights

for free to sample some of the fun that guiding has to offer during the month of May. Phone Suzanne for information on 03 2348229.

### Well Child Service Newsletter

The latest newsletter from the Well Child Service outlines financial support available for parents and families, covering such things as:

- Parental Tax Credit
- Paid Parental Leave
- Domestic Help
- Community Services Card
- Pharmaceutical Subsidy Card, and more.

If you would like a copy of this newsletter contact the School Office and we can email the information to you, or feel free to pick up a copy next time you're in the Office.

### Southland Warm Homes Trust

Awarua Synergy services the insulation and heating needs of all Southland homes. Awarua Synergy is the Project Manager of the Southland Warm Homes project on behalf of the Southland Warm Homes Trust. The SWHT is part of the Warm Up NZ: Heat Smart government subsidy initiative.

If you would like more information on insulation subsidies available to Southland households, contact Awarua Synergy on 0800 927676 or email [synergy@awarua.org.nz](mailto:synergy@awarua.org.nz)

### Otautau Netball Club Quiz Night

(fundraiser for junior netball uniforms)

MONDAY 14 MAY, 7PM AT OTAUTAU SPORTS COMPLEX

Quiz Master – Gerry Forde

\$25 per team (min. 5 people)

Turn up on the night and enter your NAMED team

Quick fire raffles, great prizes, bar open

Come down and test general knowledge and maybe even your tastebuds???

Queries to Marg 225 8404

### AFS Hosting Opportunities

Would you like to experience a new country and a new culture without leaving home? AFS have students arriving in New Zealand in July for an 8 week exchange who are in need of host families. Have you ever thought of hosting an exchange student?

Volunteer hosting is a great way to share Kiwi life with a teenager who wants to experience it the way we do and the 8 week exchange is a great way to see if hosting's for you – maybe whet your appetite for a full year experience. If you have room for one more in your family, contact Malcolm 03-9470127 for further information.

### Farm Worker Needed

Two to three hours a day to shift calves on breaks. Starting June through to August. For more information phone Bruce White on 2255854 or Sam Egerton on 2255890.

# Mother's Day 5k

## FUN RUN/WALK

Sunday 13th May 10am  
Thompsons Bush, Invercargill

Jennian Homes Mother's Day fun run/walk for the women of Southland, in conjunction with the Heart Foundation Go Red for Women campaign.

**Where?**  
A 5km fun run/walk starting at Thompsons bush playground and follows the scenic and flat Waihopai walkway.

**Entry/registration**  
Jennian Homes Southland 2011 Ltd.  
Visit [jennian.co.nz/southland](http://jennian.co.nz/southland), [www.heartfoundation.org.nz](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz), or [www.sportsouthland.co.nz/](http://www.sportsouthland.co.nz/) for more details.  
Or call Carl and Tracey Hamilton directly on 021876830 or 032304268.

**Costs**  
Entries \$20 each or \$35 for a Mother/Daughter double. (women only event).

**Event day check in**  
Check in on the day from 9am at the Thompsons bush playground.  
*Join us for a fun morning out for the family. There will be food stall and a free bouncy castle for the kids to enjoy!*

**Jennian HOMES**  
*Your personality Our expertise*

Heart Foundation GoRed for women SPORT SOUTHLAND

## Digging the future...

OPPORTUNITY for Southland to run a gardening mentoring programme that will make a difference for young families. Calling all interested gardening mentors, families, co-ordinators and sponsors. If you would like to get involved come along to one of two meetings:

18 May 7-9pm at the Senior Citizen's rooms,  
Princess St, Riverton.

19 May 2-4pm at SIT Hansen Hall,  
133 Tay St, Invercargill.

More info from [www.handoverahundy.co.nz](http://www.handoverahundy.co.nz) or phone Robyn at South Coast Environment Centre 03 2348717.

## Otautau Athletics Club

Are holding a meeting on Tuesday 8 May, 7.30pm at Otautau School Staffroom.

To review the season and see what everyone's thoughts were, if and how it could be improved.

Your views are very much welcomed and your support is encouraged.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Apologies to Sue Carran 225 8375  
or Debbie Fowle 225 5052.

## Waiau Star Schoolboy Rugby Weekly Roundup

Well here we are again, the start of Schoolboy Rugby for 2012.

First of all a big thanks to the following people Alister Richards, Blair Vining, Jimmy and Jackie Clark, Nigel Minty, Dave Church, Daryn Gutsell, Michelle Palmer, Tim Boyle, Derek Chamberlain, Phil Baird, Brendan & Teri Diack, Helen Ogle for all your help getting the season underway.

Our new playing jerseys look amazing – heaps of positive comments. A big thanks to Meridian for their generous sponsorship.

**A GRADE:** The A's are a combined team including Waiau, Ohai/Nightcaps and Otautau players and are still struggling for players. They came up against Riverton on Saturday and played Midlands on Wednesday night (due to duck shooting weekend).

**B GRADE:** These guys too started on Saturday up against Midlands, it was a learning curve but they will bounce back! Ethan McCallum receiving Player of the Day honours and Nic Chamberlain the Tackler of the Day award – well done guys. With the bye this week, they will be fired up for the following week.

**C GRADE:** These guys are going really well, all keen as mustard. They played Nightcaps on Saturday and Player of the Day went to Tom Gill – well done Tom. These guys also get the weekend off due to that Southland tradition of Duckshooting!

**D GRADE:** The two little ripper teams went really well on Saturday having heaps of fun with Waiau Blue facing Riverton Green and Trey Anderson-Kereti coming up trumps with the P.O.D. award. Waiau Red were against Nightcaps Green and one of our new players Niamh Paterson took P.O.D. honours – well done you guys! Like the C Grade these guys have a rest this weekend.

Just a reminder our Club Day is Saturday 19 May where all our teams will be on show from 10am onwards. A great day to support our red, white and blue.

Also it's not too late to register for rugby if you have a child keen to play we would love to have them. Give Debbie a ring on 2255052 for details.

Also a big shout out goes to Liam Egerton (broken foot) and Jarran Clark (broken arm) we know how hard it will be to watch rugby from the sidelines this season!

*Thanks Debbie Fowle  
Waiau Star Schoolboy Rugby Co-ordinator*

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