



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Here we are at the end of Week 7 already. It's been a very busy term so far with a lot of 'behind the scenes' things happening. I thought I would share the great progress we are making.

- The school's website is being updated on a regular basis. Check out <http://www.was.school.nz> to see the improvements.



- During week 8 our **new computer server system will be installed**. Along with the purchase of new computers and going wireless, this server will allow for faster and more reliable computing within the school. The cabling for the ultrafast broadband is nearing the final stages also. Finally everything is coming together! I can already hear staff and students breathing a huge sigh of relief.

- The cosmetic makeover of our School Library will begin on Monday. It is our aim to create a bright welcoming and modern learning space for all students to enjoy, especially on these cold and wet winter days. New furniture at a future date will complete the fresh look of the library. Along with these cosmetic enhancements, **\$1600 worth of new books** are about to be purchased.



- The BOT's student rep, Cheyanne Carey, is looking into the pros and cons of having school blazers available for students to hire on an annual basis – which could be a more economical option for families.

- The Board is also weighing up the benefits of **purchasing either a people mover or a 10-seater van**. It is envisaged this will be predominantly for transporting our STAR/ Gateway students, but it will also be ideal for taking small teams to their sporting venues.

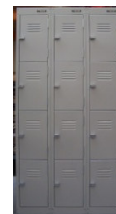


- We are developing a **school-wide Education Outside The Classroom programme**. This programme is about locking in camps, excursions and outdoor experiences for our students. This programme will also ensure that by the end of year 13, students will have experienced a wide range of different EOTC events. You as parents/caregivers will be able to anticipate what your child will do in each year group and the costs associated with these activities.

- As of yesterday Mrs Tania Egerton has started lunchtime activities for students. Alongside this initiative, the School has recently purchased **\$1300**

worth of new PE equipment for use during lunch breaks.

- After a survey by our Head Students, the BOT has approved the **purchase of lockers** for students from the Middle/Senior part of the school. Lockers will alleviate the need for students to be lugging heavy backpacks from class to class and will provide a safe and secure space for valuables.



- Fresh **new school badges** should arrive next week. We will have a special badge award Assembly to hand over badges to those students who have excelled in the sporting/academic/cultural arenas. Information will be sent home on the date of this Assembly once finalised.

- Our **School Hall** is also about to undergo some changes. The **sound system** we have in the Hall will be mounted and wired in as a permanent fixture, along with a microphone on the podium. We will also be purchasing a more portable sound system that can be used around the school as and when needed.

- A subcommittee has been created to confirm the School's **sports uniform** and purchase of the School's sports travelling uniform.

- The School has just purchased **five netbooks** for Senior students to use for online learning and study skills. These should be here at school by the end of Week 8.



- In respect of Health and Safety, the MOE has approved our application to have the **school's perimeter fenced** to the required standard (this will be MOE funded).

- We are also looking into buying a new **School trailer**, and **upgrading the current heating system**.

- We will be **appointing another full-time teacher** for a fixed-term period of Terms 3 and 4 2012.

The huge improvements we made budget-wise last year are now being fully recognised as we advance with these school-wide enhancements.

I'd like to publically give huge thanks to the staff and students and BOT of Waiau Area School who are going the extra distance over and above their normal day to day duties to help the School progress in such positive ways. Without this dedication and support there would not be such progress.

Onwards and upwards ...
Noho ora mai (stay well)
Maryse Anderson-Kereti
Principal

From the Office

Welcome to New Students

We have had five new students enrol at Waiau Area School this week. We would like to welcome:

- ✚ New Entrant **Emily Templeton** to Room 1. Happy school days Emily!
- ✚ **Jamie Mitchell** to Room 3. Jamie has come to us from Kaikohe Christian School up in the Far North.
- ✚ **Matthew Evans** to Room 4. Matthew has come to us from West Gore School.
- ✚ **Hannah Evans** to 7/8HW. Hannah was previously at Te Tipua School.
- ✚ **Jade Robinson** to 9/10TA. Jade has also joined us from the Far North and was previously at Okaihau College.

We are sure you will all enjoy your time here at WAS.

Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at today's Full Assembly:

Room 2

Pania Geary or always being organised with your equipment and settling down to work quickly. Well done Pania!

Amyee Gutsell for writing some great descriptive words in your stories this week. Well done Amyee!

Room 3

Dylan Phillips for using and identifying language features in both oral and written language.

Connor Egerton for applying himself in all aspects of his school work. Connor has been putting more effort into his work which is showing in his production.

Room 4

Nic Chamberlain Nic is an active and enthusiastic member of Room 4. In Numeracy he displays effective and efficient strategies, and in Reading has excellent inference skills. Well done Nic!

Julie Skedgwell Julie has made positive progress this term in her learning. She enjoys writing and displays an array of sentence lengths and word vocabulary. Well done Julie!

7/8HW

Amanda Baldwin Making great progress in reading.

7/8JQ

Charlotte Longstaff Well done Charlotte for the effort you are putting into your classroom work.

9/10TA

Bryan Hall Bryan is making wonderful progress in English. He is able to sequence his writing using paragraphs and can use language features such as similes to give his writing impact.



9/10SP

Talisha Hemara for consistent effort across her classes.

11PM

Quinn Rodgers for gaining the Level One Numeracy requirement.

13AC

Roberta Jarman for participation and progression in the ATV course.



Administration Staff Hours

A reminder to you all of our hours:

- Kiwia – 8am–3pm – Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri.
- Gillian – 8am–4pm – Mon–Fri.

Messages for Students

If you have a message to be passed on to your child during school hours, please don't leave it until the last minute to advise us. While we will do our best to get the message through, sometimes it just isn't possible within a tight timeframe.

Absences

Please feel free to leave messages on our School answerphone or text the School cellphone if your child will be absent from school.

Also be aware that for MOE auditing purposes we need to know the reason for the absence.

Thank you very much, Kiwia/Gillian

School Fees Invoices



I know I've been promising to have sent school fees invoices out well before now, but due to other more pressing demands the processing of invoices keeps getting bumped down the list. I hope this hasn't inconvenienced you but apologise if it has. We will be working on finalising invoices this week.

Cheers, Gillian

Sick and tired of the School Newsletter turning up at home either late or mangled in a soggy mess at the bottom of a school bag?

Or worse still, not turning up at all?

Well we have the answer for you!

We'll email it to you in pdf format completely free of charge!

Just give us a call at the School Office or email newsletters@tcc.school.nz and we will add you to our mailing list.

From Our Lead Managers

From Mrs Helen Ward

This week my report is very short. I would just like to thank Constable Paul Frith for his service to the students in the Middle School and I hope we see you back here again soon Constable Frith.

I'd also like to welcome Hannah Evans to 7/8HW and Jade Robinson to 9/10TA.

Staff in the Middle School have been working hard as usual with the School Social, reports, and meetings around curriculum development. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank these staff for their efforts.

Helen Ward, LM Yr7-10

From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti

School Social

A huge thank you to the talented Junior House leaders: Cameron Johnston, Ruth Bennie, Nic Chamberlain, Alannah Skedgwell, Sam Unahi and Cheyenne Waihape who organised a great night of music, dancing and fun on Wednesday night. An impressive 80% of our Junior school students attended the social. The



money raised will go towards classroom games for all junior classrooms. A special thanks to Miss Dickson for overseeing and coordinating the students and event.

Making the right choices

Last Friday, Constable Paul Frith spoke to our children about the importance of Making Right Choices. He used a variety of scenarios including reflecting on fairy tales and distinguishing between what are right choices, wrong choices and consequences. The children were receptive and played an active part in the discussions. We appreciate and are very lucky to have Constable Paul involved with our syndicate. He will continue to work with our students during the remainder of the year.

School Uniforms

It is great to see our students dressed in the correct school uniform. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled. If there is a reason that your child cannot wear a full uniform, please provide your child's teacher with a note explaining why. Thanks for your support.

Reporting to Parents

Teachers are currently working through the mid-term reports, due at the end of the term. Written reports to

parents take place twice a year on how their child is doing in Reading, Writing and Mathematics in relation to **National Standards**. The standards show what New Zealand children are expected to be able to do in reading, writing and mathematics at each period or year of schooling. Doing well in reading, writing and mathematics gives children the skills they need to do well in other curriculum areas at school.

Paul A-K, LM Yr1-6

From Our Students

STAR Course

On the 21st of March Cheyanne and I went off to SIT to start our STAR course. We were doing the introduction to nursing course; we learnt lots of new things. On the first day we just got to know each other.



For the first few weeks we were learning about CPR and choking, that part of the course was probably the most fun. For the CPR we had to practice on the dummies they had. We also had to act out scenarios to do with CPR and choking, this was for our assessment, and I thought it was a good experience.

At the same time we were doing a unit on culture, this is when we learnt about communication between other cultures, because you need that in nursing. For the assessment for the culture unit we had to interview people from the exchange unit, it was a good experience to learn about all the communication barriers there are out there, also the differences between cultures.

For the last few weeks we were learning about mental health and well-being, this part went for the longest because we had more to learn. There was this one day in the course when we learnt how to take peoples blood pressure and temperatures, this was a really fun day. So to sum it up the course was a good experience and we got to learn lots of new things.

Marissa Johnston, yr11

School Social

We've had a pretty full on week this week. We had a great Social on Wednesday night, some great costumes and some constructive feedback.

We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend thanks to the Queen. ☺



From Head Students and Prefects

*Max Baldwin, Jessica Dodd, Simon Van Dam,
Logan McLean, Nicola Diack*

From Our Teachers

Ki O Rahi

For the past two weeks, students in years 7–10 have been learning about the legend, rules and tactics of the traditional Maori sport of Ki O Rahi.

Waiau Area School is the first school in the province to take advantage of the four week programme offered by Sport Southland and

the students are keen to test their skills against other schools in a

competitive tournament once they have mastered the basics! The game is based on the legend of Rahi and involves two teams that take it in turns to be either “Ki O Ma” or “Taniwha”. Each role requires the players to achieve different offensive and defensive objectives utilising similar skill-sets to rugby, football, handball and netball.

The level 2 PE students and several other lucky seniors who are available on Thursday afternoons have also been involved in learning about the game and they even have the opportunity to earn NCEA credits whilst participating in this exciting sport.

A huge thank you to Shontelle from Sport Southland for sharing your expertise with us and we look forward to the next Ki O Rahi session!

Mr Richard Bennett

Friday Sports

Every Friday afternoon all students in years 7–13 take part in a range of sports both at school and off-site. Students were given the opportunity to select their Friday afternoon activity by indicating their first and second choice out of the following options: hockey, badminton, table-tennis, indoor bowls/darts, squash.

Friday Sports provide an invaluable opportunity for regular physical activity and encourages our students to form positive relationships across different year levels and sporting abilities. In addition, students are able to gain experience in a number of Key Competencies that are central to the New Zealand Curriculum, such as Managing Self, Relating to Others, and Participating & Contributing.

Thank you to everyone involved in supervising our students and organising activities and special thanks to



the Waiau Town & Country Club and Waiau Squash Club for the use of their facilities and equipment.

Please note, if parents/caregivers do not wish their son/daughter to be accompanied by staff off-site to participate in Friday Sports at either the Squash Club or the T&C Club, please contact the school and we will ensure your child remains at an activity on-site.

Mr Richard Bennett

There it is!!!!

What a perfect day it was on Wednesday to view the Transit of Venus as it passed in front of the sun for the last time this century. How cool that we have witnessed this once in a lifetime occurrence.

Miss Anita Collett



Upcoming Information Evenings

SIT are holding an open evening on Tuesday 3 July between 5.00-7.00pm, at the Invercargill Campus (133 Tay Street, Invercargill). This is a chance for families and students to discuss with tutors potential career paths and study options for 2013. There are prospectuses in the Careers foyer in the School Library for any students interested in attending SIT in the future.

The University of Otago are holding an open evening on Wednesday 27 June between 7.00-8.30pm, at the College of Education Information Centre (100 Nelson Street, Invercargill). This will be a great opportunity to hear about accommodation at Otago, course planning, loans and allowances, and courses available.

Miss Jasmine Quinn

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

This educational resource will be presented to our yr9-13 students on **Wednesday 13 June** from 9.00-10.00am in the School Hall. Parents/caregivers are invited to attend. See further advertising of what this one hour presentation will encompass on p6 of this newsletter.

From Our Support Staff

From Our Sports Coordinator

Southern Area Schools Tournament Results 2012

Our result from the Area Schools Tournament held last Tuesday and Wednesday in Balclutha and at The Catlins Area School is as follows.

Mixed Hockey	1 st
Netball	3 rd
Rugby	2 nd
Boys Volleyball	4 th
Girls Volleyball	5 th
Mixed Netball	3 rd
Boys Touch	1 st
Football	2 nd
Girls Touch	3 rd
Boys Basketball	4 th

Well done Team Waiau!

Western Zone Cross Country Results 2012

Results from the Western Zone Cross Country held last Tuesday follow:

10y Girls	Georgia Powell	1 st
11y Girls	Hannah Devery	8 th
12y Boys	Zack Fowle	2 nd
12y Boys	Lewis McKay	3 rd
12y Boys	Mark Gill	7 th
12y Girls	Maddison Hampton	1 st

Congratulations to you all! Those who placed between 1st and 6th have qualified to compete at the Southland Cross Country in Otautau on Friday 15 June. Well done!

SCHOOL SPORTS TRACKSUITS

Could students who have these at home please return ASAP, otherwise invoices will be sent out for these items.

Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime activities for our students have now begun on a twice-weekly basis. Activities will include such things as touch, netball, volleyball, etc – all weather dependent of course. If anyone in the community has a sporting skill that they are willing to teach students for 40 minutes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please get in touch with me.

Mrs Tania Egerton

From Our Librarian

This week in the Library students have been very creative again by making very cool things with beads. There has also been an assortment of lunchtime activities of games, puzzles, colouring-in – even the Wii! Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 is still available and due to close 20 June 2012.

Cool website this week: <http://pbskids.org>. Play educational games, watch **PBS KIDS** shows and find activities like colouring and music. **PBS KIDS** Games and Shows are research based and vetted by educators.

Miss Joanne Fraser

2012 Timeline

Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June	Term 2, 2012
Friday 22 June	Full School Assembly
Tuesday 26 June	School Photos
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.

ILT Kidzone Festival

Date: Wednesday 4 July to Monday 9 July
Venue: James Hargest College Senior Campus
Layard Street, Invercargill

If you want tickets to this show contact me on 2266483.
I need to know ticket numbers by 15 June.

Avril Johnston

Tuatapere Community Worker

Money For Wine

I've just opened up a recycled boutique in Riversdale called Money for Wine. We are Southland's newest upscale resale and ladies clothing consignment store and our mission is to get grandmothers, mothers, sisters, friends and ladies of all shapes, sizes and ages to give back and get paid to "recycle" items that they are not wearing or no longer fit but are too good to give away – and shop without guilt. What better way to save money while making a difference in the environment and our local community!

If you are interested in visiting my boutique, please get in touch with me at moneyforwine@gmail.com

Kind regards, Emily Norton

Casual Farm Work Wanted

Anything considered – relief milking, crutching, drenching etc. Have own handy dog.
Ph Wayne on 022 6809842 after 5pm.

Land Available for Grazing

5 acres available for horse grazing etc. Opposite Waiau Area School. Ph Wayne on 022 6809842 after 5pm.

Quiz Night

Waiau Valley Victim Support Group would like you to support them on their upcoming Quiz night.

This will be held at the

Waiau Hotel on Monday 25 June at 7.30pm

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be at 5.30pm – also on the same day – 25 June.

Ann Sutherland, Secretary



**An Invitation from Southland Boys High School,
NZ Police, and Road Safety Southland
“An evening for parents and caregivers aimed at
youth drivers”**

Presented by parents Brent and Christine Laurenson.

When: Wednesday 13 June 2012, at 7pm
at Southland Boys High School

The RIPPLE EFFECT is an educational resource developed to demonstrate the consequences of one boy's decision and the tragic impact on the affected families, friends and community.

A thought provoking, emotionally charged evening that will leave you wondering, **WHAT IF?**

Plus Q and A session with local Emergency Services

*Through resonance comes cognisance; through
cognisance comes understanding; through
understanding comes knowledge; through knowledge
comes life and well-being.*

Netball Report for 2 June

Prem Reserve (Managed by Wendy Adams)

Had a disappointing loss on Saturday to a young team from Winton. The score was even through to half time but it slipped away in the second half. Some really good work on defence but struggled to finish it off. Much improved game by Jenna Toomata.

Reserve Grade (Coached by Dayna Adams)

Went down to a very aggressive Takitimu Team. This team also had some great work on defence but struggled to get the ball in to the shoots. Grace Drain had an awesome game when she came on and was awarded player of the day.

3rd Grade (Coached by Wendy Adams)

Lost to Winton. This team hasn't had many wins this year yet, but what a happy bunch of kids they are. This is what sport is all about. Keeping your chin up when the

chips are down. Well done guys. Player of the day was Caitlin Hammond who just never gives up.

4th Grade (Coached by Rachael Poole)

Girls played a much improved game. There was minimal stepping and some great intercepts and our final quarter was awesome.

6th Grade (Coached by Jaime Dickson)

No report.

7th Grade (Coached by Dayna & Hayley Adams)

Had a narrow loss against Winton on Saturday. They played very well and only lost it on the final whistle. Gabby Aicken made a big impact when she went to WD. Player of the day was Cheyenne Waihape with her awesome defensive work and great intercepts.

Future Ferns (Coached by Kaylene Bennett)

Had a great game with a win against Riverton 9 to 4. They worked very well together. Well done to all of you and also to our parents and supporters. Player of the Day was Livia Campbell for enthusiasm on the court and some fantastic shooting. Supporter of the Day was Brigitte Chiles.

In the last six weeks we have had Carolyn McIntosh taking umpire lessons, so that we can increase the number of umpires in our clubs. Next week she will be starting another six week bracket. This involves some theory and practical lessons. If there are any players, Mums or Dads who would like to learn to umpire, please contact Wendy Adams on 03 2266383. Our objective is to have more umpires available to umpire on Saturdays at Central for both the Tuatapere and Orawia Clubs. Look forward to hearing from you.

*Wendy Adams
President, Tuatapere Club*

Dairy Womens Network (DWN) – Winter Dairy Day – Farming at \$5.50 (Thursday 21 June, Winton)

In late June and early July DWN are holding a series of workshops titled “Farming at \$5.50” and will discuss financial strategies to deal with the drop in milk price and share cost saving ideas. These interactive days are strongly recommended for dairy women and their partners. Bring your own financial data to get the most out of the day and go home with ideas, tips and a plan for the upcoming season. The days will be presented by experienced presenters who have their own dairy businesses so they understand the challenges of a volatile milk price. Men are very welcome to attend.

SPEAKERS: Julie Pirie or Anna Kempthorne. **COST:** \$45 early bird. *1 person registration (\$55 late**).* \$65 couple* *2 people registration (\$80 late**)* \$20* any additional people from the same farm business (*\$25 late***) **TIME:** 9.30am registration, tea and coffee on arrival.

COURSE TIME: 10am to 2pm. **CONDITIONS:** * Must be from the same farm business to get discounted workshops. ** late – payment must be received 3 working days prior to event Go to the following link to register:

www.dwn.co.nz/events/dairy-days or email or phone Katrina Thomas for a copy of the flyer – katrina@katrinathomas.com or Phone 225 7775.

Grand Opening : Friday 15th June 3.15pm

Feature Film: "The Adventures of Tin Tin"

Cost: Gold coin donation

(film is free but this covers the popcorn!)

Who: **Year 7—13 students all welcome**

(1st come, 1st served!)



☆☆WAIAU STAR RUGBY☆☆

Presents

“BUCKY THE BULL & RODEO DISCO



Saturday 7th July

**COME ALONG FOR A GREAT NIGHT'S
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**

SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN STAY ON 'BUCKY' AND SUPPORT WAIIAU STAR RUGBY

BAR OPENED AND FOOD FOR SALE

From 8pm til late



Free Entry



A Charge to ride Bucky

Great Prize Money to be won