



## From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Appointment of the Commissioner

Last Friday, the Secretary of Education appointed Chris Shaw of Te Anau as Commissioner for Waiau Area School. The Commissioner is vested with all functions, powers, and duties of the Board of Trustees. This appointment has been made following the resignation of the parent-elected members of the Board on 14 September 2012.

Chris's initial focus will be to investigate the governance of Waiau Area School, and to develop an action plan to ensure effective governance. The provision of educational leadership and day-to-day management of the School remains with myself. Chris is looking forward to working with the staff, as well as with the whole Tuatapere community over the next few months.

Chris met with parents on Tuesday afternoon to discuss his future role at the school. He plans to ensure that he meets frequently with the school community throughout his appointment.

### National Standards

With the current press coverage over national standards, I feel it is important to provide some advice on how best to use national standards.

The National Standards data that is about to be released by the Ministry of Education, will show our school's achievement and progress against the National Standards for Reading, Writing and Maths. They are designed to help keep parents and families up to date on how children are progressing, and to help make sure you see when they are falling behind, and help all learners to succeed.

We report on National Standards as part of our normal school reporting, twice a year. You should be able to easily see how your child is doing against the standards for Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

To help you make informed judgments about our school (when compared with other schools), the government will publish all National Standards data (along with other Public Achievement Information) at the end of the week.

To get a full picture of what's happening, the Ministry advises parents to do the following.

- look at National Standards alongside other information from your school
- meet your school's principal
- ask questions of teachers and school trustees
- talk with other parents.

If you have any questions about your child's achievement against the national standards, I encourage you to make contact with their homeroom teacher and make a time to discuss them.

### Resignation

Our caretaker, Mr Paul Anderson, has made the decision to resign at the end of this term. Paul has been our caretaker for just over nine years. We wish him all the best for the future. We are currently working on finding a replacement.

### Holidays

Term 4 is when all the hard work students have put in throughout the year finally comes together. Senior students finish off their NCEA work before departing on study leave, while middle and junior school students will continue working hard on their in class based learning activities.

The holidays provide the ideal time to recharge and reflect on where you are at. If you can find a spare hour or two during the two weeks, I'd suggest you set a learning goal for final term of the year. Make sure it is specific (what am I going to do), achievable (can I achieve it in the given timeframe) and measurable (how will I know when I've completed my goal). The staff of Waiau Area School are committed to helping you achieve your goals, so make sure you use them as the valuable resource they are.

### School Badges

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Achievement Badges at this week's Assembly. Well done!

#### Cultural Achievements:

##### Nic Chamberlain

- Selected for the Western Zone Speech Competition

##### Kirsten Devery

- Placing 1<sup>st</sup> at WAS Performance Week

##### Peter Devery

- Placing 1<sup>st</sup> at WAS Performance Week

### Fundraising Profits

Last week we received a cheque for just over \$4600 from Tuatapere & Districts Promotions as our school's share of the profits from the 'Battle of the Mountains' fundraiser. We extend warm thanks to the Group and each and every one who were involved in making the fundraiser the success it was. This money will go a long way towards funding the new furniture for our school's Library.

Enjoy the holidays!

Steven Mustor

Acting Principal

## From the Office

### Welcome to Our New Student

A big welcome to Rotchana Chumsanthiah who has joined us all the way from Pukekohe High School. Sharna will be joining the 9/10TA class. We hope you enjoy your time here with us Sharna.

### Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at this week's Assembly:

#### Room 2

**Ashanti West** – For working well in all areas and making great progress with reading and comprehension. Well done Ashanti!

#### Room 3

**Cody Harvey** – For working hard in class moving up to Stage 6 for addition/subtraction and multiplication/division.

#### Room 4

**Alannah Skedgwell** – Alannah is always consistent in all school activities. She also showed good skill and talent during performance week. Well done Alannah!

#### 7/8HW

**Moon Roe** – Great effort in drama.

#### 7/8JQ

**Brad Devery** – For the excellent effort he put into his group's performance week play.

#### 9/10SP

**Damian Bogle** – For achieving 100% in the "Thinking with Evidence" Science test.

#### 11PM

**William Baldwin** – For being a positive role model.



### School Invoices

Thanks to all those who have been paying their school fees invoices. **A reminder that the due date for payment is 20 October.** I will be sending out reminders after this date. Any queries, please get in touch with me.

*Cheers, Gillian*

### RELIEF CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are always on the lookout for extra relief cleaners. If you would be interested in helping us out from time to time, please get in touch with the School Office to have your name added to the list. We look forward to hearing from you.

## From Our Lead Managers

### From Mrs Helen Ward

Who would have thought that the end of Term 3 could come so quickly! I have had a lovely two weeks visiting classrooms and watching the innovative teaching taking place for our year 7-13 students. Most pleasing is the engagement of students towards their learning goals.

Next term is very short, being only eight weeks! And what a busy eight weeks it will be with Market Day, Activity Week and hopefully camps for yr7-10. Camps



are an important part of learning for students and while we have had these camps planned for many a long week the hold up around paperwork has meant

that you have only been notified of them this week. We are asking you as parents and caregivers your feelings around these camps taking place this year.

I must congratulate the staff, in particular Mr Paul Burke and Mrs Abina Pope, for the entertaining programme offered last week. Allowing our students to perform in a safe environment will hopefully encourage them to continue these cultural activities in the future.

During the last two weeks a number of our senior students have participated in Agricultural Field Days and we have also used the services of the Royal NZ Plunket Society to provide the Tots and Toddlers programme. Students gained qualifications through Unit Standards on these courses. We'd like to thank Aileen McNaughton and the parents of the Valley for participating in and facilitating this course.

*Helen Ward, LM Yr9-13*

### From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti

#### Readathon

We're half way through the Readathon fundraiser for the Junior school and it's been great to hear of the amazing work the children have put in so far. I met with a member of the community who was excited to help our students with fundraising.

There is an expectation that all children will participate as they will not only benefit from the purchase of much needed reading material but also maintains reading mileage during the holidays. All monies are due back at school by Monday 15 October, the start of term 4.

#### Thanks

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent support throughout the term. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

*Paul Anderson-Kereti, LM Yr1-8*



# From Our Teachers

## Performance Week

What a success! The hidden talent in our school community showed itself like a bright rising star this past week. New Entrants stole the CUTE prize with their bear performance, the wider community saw the students showcase Highland dancing, bagpipes, speeches, the Devery Drumming Duo, short dramas, solo acts, and combined class acts. Even Mrs Brown and Granddad made an appearance! Let's not forget the teachers and oh, those wigs!



Judges for the grand final were Mrs Anne Horrell and Constable Malcolm Darlison who certainly had their work cut out for them. Both judges went to lengths to congratulate the school community on the talent we have within our school – lots of little treasures.

A special congratulations to Kirsten and Peter Devery who placed first for their drumming performance. Congratulations also to Nic Chamberlain who took out second place and the combined classes of Rooms 3/4 for placing third.



We'd like to especially thank our wider community of parents, caregivers, and grandparents for coming along and supporting this performance week. It was all about getting up and having a go so it was great to see so many students up on stage having fun.

We look forward to seeing you next year when we will be bigger, brighter, and bolder.

*Mrs Abina Pope & Mr Paul Burke*

## Touch – Term 4

Touch is starting up in Term 4 at Holt Park in Otautau. The cost of \$15 per person is due at the School Office by Monday 15 October.

**This must be paid before you child is able to play.**

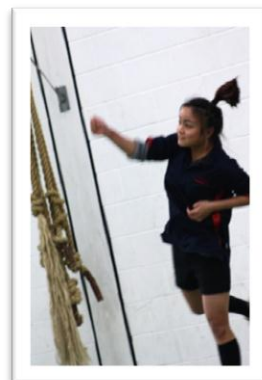
## Aurora College Visit

On Tuesday 25 September, Waiau Area School hosted students from Aurora College for a multi-code sports exchange. Aurora arrived at 11am and headed straight to their respective sports-fields:

Senior students  
battled it

out on the  
Ki O Rahi

field and the Volleyball court, whilst Y7-10 girls played netball and the boys played touch. In glorious sunshine all students participated in their chosen sports and demonstrated excellent fairplay



and sportsmanship before sharing food and drink in the school hall and saying farewell to our guests.

Across all codes, Waiau were the ultimate victors, but participation, making new friends, and the experience of competitive sport were the real winners.





A huge thank you to Mrs Helen Ward for organising the refreshments and coaching the Y7/8 Netball team, to Mrs Tania Egerton for co-ordinating the exchange and coaching the Y7/8 Touch Rugby, to Mr Paul Burke (Y9/10 Touch), Miss Jasmine Quinn (Y9/10 Netball) and Mr Paul Maloney (Senior Volleyball) and to all the parents and caregivers for supporting our students.

Well done to all players, we look forward to the next Aurora Sports Exchange! *Mr Richard Bennett*

## Ball Photos

There has been a small error with Miss Quinn's computer so she has not been able to do the ball photos. She will be running the orders for two weeks into Term 4.

Sorry for the wait.

*Miss Jasmine Quinn*



- Interested in trying a new sport?
- Want to improve your Volleyball skills?
- Keen to make new friends whilst having fun?

### 3 x Volleyball Coaching Sessions for students in Years 4-8!

In Term 4, during weeks 1, 2 and 3, Volleyball Southland will be at **Waiau Area School** on Fridays from 3pm-4pm offering coaching sessions to all students in Y4-8. The coaching is subsidised and will cost only \$1 per player/per session but numbers are strictly limited – first come, first served!

If you would like to take advantage of this awesome opportunity please complete and return the reply slip on page 5 of this newsletter, along with \$3 for all three sessions, to the School Office by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The first Volleyball Coaching Session will be at 3pm on Friday 19 October. Hope to see you there!

*Mr Richard Bennett*

## From Our Students

### Beauty Therapy Course

Halfway through Term 2 we started a beauty therapy Star course at SIT. We learned about facials and make-up; it was a good experience. We also learnt how to do eyelash tints, eyebrow shaping/tints, and facial bleaching. We also learnt how to put foundation on correctly, how to use multiple eye shadow colours and blend them in, also eyeliner and mascara. This was good as we learned new skills to help us if we want to put makeup on someone else or ourselves.

A big thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to take us into town every Wednesday, and also a big thanks to everyone who came in to see us as clients. Without you guys it wouldn't have been possible.

*Nicola Diack & Gemma Evans*

## 2012 Timeline

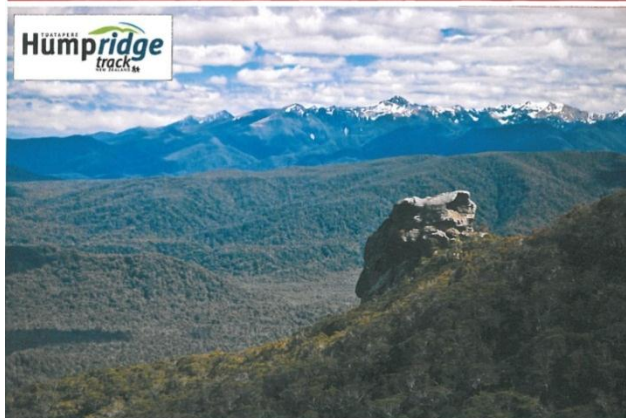
Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September	<b>Term 3, 2012</b>
Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December	<b>Term 4, 2012</b> <b>Confirmed end date</b>
Monday 5 November	Study Leave begins for Senior students

## Community Notices

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

## KIWI SPECIAL

16 Nov 2012 • 17 Nov 2012



- Two departure dates (16 & 17 November 2012)
- 3 days /2 nights on the Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track
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### Broxy Rider Coaching is Coming Back to Tuatapere – Wednesday 10 October

This is the second week of the school holidays so it's an ideal chance to upskill your riding with valuable tuition from one of New Zealand's leading MX riders & easily one of the best coaches around. Coaching for all ages & abilities. Don't miss this awesome opportunity, limited spaces. \$110 for a half day or \$40 for 1hr. Phone Kathryn Bennie 2266765 and secure your spot. [www.broxy.co.nz](http://www.broxy.co.nz)

### Chocolate Wheel

**Expressions of Interest for Chocolate Wheel at New Year's Sports Day. Please phone Christine Egerton on 2266113 if interested.**

## Fun Day – Adventure Masters

Professional instructors with a wealth of experience and the latest equipment offer you the best in outdoor education, adventure, challenge, fun and team building. Lots of activities planned for the day.

**Date: Wednesday 10 October**

**Age: 8-12 year olds**

**Venue: Holt Park, Otautau**

**Time: 9.00am–4.30pm**

**Fee: \$5.00**

Early enrolment is essential as limited places are available. For more information and enrolment please contact Avril Johnston, Community Worker. Phone 2266 483 or 027 7575 983.

## School Holiday Programme

Sport Southland are once again running our School Holiday Programme in Invercargill, Gore, Winton, Te Anau and Riverton between 2–12 October. Over 20 sports available so there is something for everybody from Karate and Archery to Outdoor Bowls or Volleyball. Information and enrolment forms are available on our website [www.sportsouthland.co.nz](http://www.sportsouthland.co.nz) or alternatively you can come in and see us at Stadium Southland. If you require any additional information please either email Brittany on call Brittany on 03 2112150 or email [brittany.north@sportsouthland.co.nz](mailto:brittany.north@sportsouthland.co.nz)

## Waiau Swimming Club

Will be starting at the beginning of Term 4.  
Any enquiries please contact  
Dale Egerton on 2266865.



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## FREE PUBLIC TALKS ABOUT SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS – LONG-TERM FUTURE FOR YOUR HOME, FARM, BUSINESS OR COMMUNITY BUILDING

These talks will be held as part of the Southland Energy Conference: “Advancing Energised Buildings”, organised by Venture Southland in conjunction with EECA and SIT, held on Thursday 4 October in Invercargill. With homeowners and community groups in mind, the organisers have picked the most relevant speakers to give a free evening talk as well.

**FREE Evening Public Talks: Thursday 4 October, 7pm-8.30pm**, Hansen Hall, SIT, Tay Street, Invercargill  
**Basic principles of energy efficiency explained for your hall, community facility or home**

*Arthur Williamson, University of Canterbury*

**What does building green cost?**

*Matthew Cutler Welsh, Green Building Council*

**Funding for your community facility’s energy project**

*Bobbi Brown, Venture Southland*

**Geothermal energy in Southland?**

*Brian Carey, GNS Head of Department Geothermal Sciences and Chair of Geothermal Heatpump Association NZ*

**Q&A – Question and answer time for the evenings guest speakers**

There is no need to register for the public talks, however if you would like more information about the one-day conference and to register for that, please contact Venture Southland 03 211 1400 or go to [www.southlandenergyconference.co.nz](http://www.southlandenergyconference.co.nz)

The conference will cover such topics as principles of cooling and heating and their application at your home, business, farm or community facility, photovoltaic power generation and selling energy back to the grid, energy savings on dairy farms and new generation biodigestors suitable for Southland, cost of and funding for sustainable buildings and lots more.

## Volleyball Southland Coaching Sessions

Yes! I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Volleyball Southland Coaching Sessions at Waiau Area School.

Student’s Name .....

Year ..... Date of Birth ...../...../.....

I have made arrangements for my son/daughter to get home after the coaching sessions at 4.00pm on Friday 19 October, Friday 26 October and Friday 2 November (Weeks 1, 2 & 3 of Term 4); and I have enclosed \$3.

Signed ..... Date ...../...../.....

Parent/Caregiver Name .....

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