



Principal's Portal

Last weekend Waiau Area School was host to the Battle of the Mountains event and what a great night it turned out to be. It was a night full of entertainment, laughter and applause. I was really impressed with the way the community rallied together for a common cause. Also, I was delighted that the school hall was utilised for a community purpose. Our school is a community school and we welcome the opportunity for it to be used in this way. Making our school facilities available is a way for our school to contribute back to the community.

On behalf of Waiau Area School I thank each and every one of you who contributed to the success of the Battle of the Mountains; I thank Karen Gill for coordinating this event and Venture Southland for initiating the proposal and for their support. I know our school students will benefit from the proceeds generated. Our school library, which has been long overdue an upgrade will be modernised with furnishings and become a well utilised place of learning for our students. Thank you.

My portal this week is all about celebrating the great things we have happening at school. This is also an opportunity to share with our community the efforts our teachers are putting in to ensuring your child receives an all-round educational experience. For this term we have:

- Mr Richard Bennett who takes the yr11+ students away to Invercargill to participate in the Volleyball competition. Richard also takes Badminton for our junior students from 3.00-4.00pm on Thursdays, and coordinates community (including senior students) Badminton from 7.30pm that evening.
- Mrs Annette Ferguson and Mr Simon Pearce who offer Tech Club each Thursday after school for our yr7-10 students. Students who are interested in soft fabrics technology or hard materials receive further extension in this area.
- As part of our music programme Mr Paul Burke is going to enter a group of students into a battle of the bands contest. The first meeting happened this week.
- Our film club, run by our yr11 students along with Mr Simon Pearce and Mr Richard Bennett will continue this term. On Friday 27 July @ 3.15pm there will be a screening of *Shrek 3*.

And for our ship to tick along smoothly, we rely on teachers to carry extra responsibilities in the school. These responsibilities are often over and above their classroom teaching roles. This includes being the NCEA coordinator, coordinating school socials, offering careers advice to students, coaching and mentoring our sports teams, etc. The additional tasks are wide and varied. Thanks staff!

Enjoy your weekend
Maryse Anderson-Kereti
Principal

From the Office

* School Photos – Reminder *

If you wish to order any photos, please ensure your order form and payment are handed in to the School Office by **Friday 3 August**.

If paying by cheque, please make payable to Geoff Horrell Photography – NOT the school.

The proofs of Sports Teams are on display in the Office foyer. These photos cost \$11 each.

Cheers, Gillian

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 1 August – 2.00-7.00pm

(with a half hour break from 4.30-5.00pm)

Yr1-6 – Interviews held in Junior classrooms

Yr7-13 – interviews held in the School Hall

We have made this extended timeframe to meet the convenience of parents. Classroom teaching will finish at the end of Period 4 (1.20pm), and school buses will be running at their normal times.

We will need an indication of those students who will be remaining at school until 3.00pm so that we ensure they are suitably supervised.

We appreciate that this day may not suit you, therefore please contact your child's Homeroom teacher to arrange a more suitable day.

* Desperately Seeking Cleaning Staff *

We desperately require the services of a permanent cleaner to work 15 hours a week, 2.30-5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Job share or the need to work early hours of the morning, or later hours in the evening, will be considered if more suitable to applicants.

IMMEDIATE START.

Also, we require more **relief cleaners** on our books to be able to fill in when our permanent cleaners are away for whatever reason.

Please phone the School Office ASAP if interested in either of these opportunities.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Daffodil Day 2012 Friday 31 August

If you would like to order a bunch of daffs, we have an order form available at the School Office. For each \$10 order you will receive a bunch of 10 daffodils. Orders need to be in by 10 August, for delivery during the week of 27 August. Thank you for your support.

From Our Students

**Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 31 July
\$2**

Proceeds to the Waiau Battle of the Mountains fundraiser

Southland Stags Visit

This week we were lucky enough to have two Stags players (Ben Nally and Cardiff Vaega) and Steve-O the Stag, visit our school and talk to the yr1-10 students about their roles and how they got into playing for the Stags. The students really enjoyed the chance to ask the Stags questions and have photos taken, and posters etc signed.



*Advanced Notice - Muffin Day - Friday 10 August
Gold coin donation. All proceeds to support the O'Brien family
who will be staying up in Auckland for five weeks while
their daughter Emma has surgery.
Your support will be much appreciated.*

*From Head Students and Prefects
Max, Simon, Logan, Nicola*

From Our Lead Managers

From Mr Steven Mustor

NCEA

This term is the business end of NCEA in terms of internal assessments. Students will have a number of assessments that need completing this term and parents should encourage their child to keep them informed of what assessment activities they are working towards. All students in the senior school now have extra assessments in their independent learning / study time to ensure that they are still on track to achieving their NCEA Certificates. We also have practice exams coming in a couple of weeks. These exams are vital to students sitting English, Mathematics and Science. Your performance in these exams may determine whether you can sit the external exams at the end of the year. They will also act as an indicative grade should you be unable to sit the external exam due to illness. You should put into practice what you are learning in study (about your learning style and how you best learn) and devise a study timetable to ensure that you pass these practice exams.

Netbooks

Students in the senior school now have five netbooks available to them to support their independent learning. These have proved extremely useful for some of our students as they no longer need to wait until their class is in the computer room or until they get home that evening to complete their work. We hope that this investment in our students pays dividends in NCEA with higher grades attained.

Camp

Preparations for school camp are well underway. The Y12-13 PE students are planning a range of exciting opportunities to ensure that the three days spent in Queenstown are exciting and enjoyable.

Successes

Several of our students have achieved a number of successes over the last few weeks. Most of our Art students are halfway through their boards, with the following students achieving Merit in Level 2 Art – Nicola Diack, Cheyanne Carey and Tayla McKenzie. We had a team of seven compete at the Area Schools Tournament in Dunedin during the holidays, and five students were selected for the national team – Coleen Ebron, Sophie Unahi, Max Baldwin, Simon Van Dam and Hayley Adams.

Cody Campbell and Angus Porteous have achieved their most recent NCEA standard metalwork. Our Level 2 Agriculture students have completed their Motorcycle assessments. The Level 2 Mathematics students have passed their coordinate geometry and calculus assessments. Logan McLean achieved a Merit in his online Level 3 Statistics.

Steven Mustor, LM Yr11–13

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Will now take place every
Monday at 9.00am.

Parents/caregivers/whanau/
community all welcome to attend.

From Mrs Helen Ward

Western Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 25 July 23 students from yr7/8 attended the Western netball Tournament in Otautau. This tournament is an opportunity for this age group to participate with their peers from other schools. Without the support of the parents allowing students to go, this tournament would not run. The aim of the tournament is around participation rather than winning, therefore we sent three teams, including as many of our students as possible. Having five students selected to represent Western Zone at the Southland Primary School Tournament is a great achievement and is a reflection of having as many participate as possible.

School Curriculum yr7-10

It is to my delight that we are able to offer our students the opportunity to be involved with music for the remainder of the year. To support Mr Paul Burke, the school has purchased a number of ukuleles. This year new curriculum learning areas are soft fabrics, music, sport, as well our students have had an opportunity to experience technology challenges, setting up gardens, and later in this term an economics unit which should lead to a craft day.

Up and coming events to look out for

We have 16 yr9/10 students attending 8 Mates Challenge day, 14 yr10 students attending the CareerFest in Invercargill, and in Week 10 preparations are underway for a performance orientated week, so get your guitars out and dust off your vocal chords!

Welcome

I'd like to welcome **Mrs Deborah McClure** who is already working with students from yr7-13 on a one-to-one basis. I love the comment from Deborah this morning when she said to me "You have lovely students here", something I already knew.

Mrs Abina Pope, who will take over the SENCO role and will look after behavioural management under the guidance of Mr Mustor and myself. Abina is also Homeroom teacher for 9/10TA.

Mr Paul Burke – how lucky are we to have this talented man teach our yr7-10 students music! Paul is a very talented musician and some of you might have come across him at a social function where he would be entertaining you in his band. Already a number of students have put their hand up to enter a Battle of the Bands competition. Paul will be leading performance week in our school.

GATE Programme

A number of our students have been given the opportunity to attend workshops around drama and maths. Students are fortunate to be given this opportunity to extend their skills.

As always, if you have any regarding students yr7-10, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Helen Ward, LM Yr7–10

From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti

Junior Portal

It's been a great start to the term in the Junior School, with learning focus revolving around the upcoming Olympic Games.

Gate Programme

We are really fortunate to have children from our syndicate participate in a variety of gifted and talented education programmes (GATE) run by the REAP centre in Winton. Five children are participating in the programmes ranging from Math to Music. These are held at various schools and enable the children to advance their current learning and build friendships with other children in the Western Southland zone.

Lunch Orders

Please ensure that all lunch orders are taken to the School Office before school. Orders for the canteen need to be placed in a sealed envelope clearly named. These will be delivered by lunch monitors prior to lunch. Children from years 1-6 are not allowed to purchase items at the canteen during morning tea and lunch.

Parent Communication

With the interviews set for next week, parents can arrange a meeting with their child's classroom teacher to talk about their learning progress and pastoral care. Please feel free to contact the Office to arrange a time.

Reading Book Amnesty

We are currently reviewing the junior book room and have found some readers need replenishing. This may be due to damaged or lost resources. If you have any school reading books at home, please send them to school via the office or to your child's classroom teacher. Please also ensure that books that are sent home are cared for by being placed in your child's book bag after use.

Paul AK, LM Yr1-6

From Our Teachers

Welcome to Our New Teaching Staff

Mr Paul Burke

I have many years experience playing in a variety of jazz, country, and rock bands.

I am keen to bring my skills and knowledge in and share it with the students to develop practical, aural, and theory skills.

I also would love to help get students up performing music and having fun.



Mrs Deborah McClure

My name is Deborah McClure and I will be working in the school for three days a week. During these days I will be working in the role of Learning Support Teacher. This involves working alongside individual students from yr7-13, focussing on developing their knowledge and ability within Numeracy and Literacy.

I'm really excited about this role and the progress and success students will experience within these workshops.

I am returning to teaching after a move with my husband and two children to a farm in Pukemaori. Previous to this I was at home with the children running the "Bluff Homestead Guesthouse" and also my husband's web development business, Bluff IT.

Before having a family I have been involved in Colleges and Area Schools in New Plymouth and Wellington so it's great to be back in the Mainland.



Mrs Abina Pope

I am pleased to have the opportunity to become a part of the Waiau Area School community. I am impressed with the community spirit here in Tuatapere and if having your own Maternity, Ambulance, and Fire Service are the measures of a successful community, it sure beats what city centres deem as measures of success, eg. fastfood and takeaways.

I have been made very welcome by my colleagues and look forward to a fruitful time here.

Year 7 & 8 Western Netball

Wow, what an exciting day we had!!!

On Wednesday 25 July the majority of the year 7 and 8 students made their way to Otautau for the Western Netball Tournament.

Because there were so many students from our school who showed interest in playing we were able to enter three teams. They were the Waiau team coached by Mrs Gutsell, Waiau Kea coached by Mrs Thomas and Waiau Tui coached by Miss Quinn.



When we arrived in Otautau we saw the other schools Otautau Primary, Takitimu and Aparima. Each team played three games. Waiau Kea and Waiau Tui had to play each other. It was a tough first half with very little point scoring but in the end the Kea team took the win. The Kea team also won their section of the tournament ... very exciting!

It was great to see all of the parents who took cars and who came to watch and support the teams. Without this support many of these events would not be possible. A big thank you to Mrs Gutsell, Mrs Thomas, Ms Poole, Mrs Gill, Mrs Wylie, Mrs Fowle and Mrs Addenbrooke. Also a big thank you to Casey Cavanagh who umpired on behalf of our school and Mrs Ward who umpired and organised this trip.

It is exciting that next year we get to host the tournament at our school.

The Western team has now been named and a big congratulations goes to:

Year 7s:

Lewis McKay
Bree Anna Thomas
Amanda Baldwin

Year 8s:

Phillipa Addenbrooke
Ruth Reo

Well done to everyone who took part. You can all be very proud of yourselves.

Miss Jasmine Quinn

Mr Pearce's Tech Club

Thursdays

3.15-4.45pm

\$2 per session

From Our Support Staff

From Our Sports Coordinator

Weekend Ski/Snowboard

An opportunity for School Families!

Take advantage of excellent school group package deals at **Coronet Peak** for both skiing and snowboarding.

Families will need to provide their own transport on these days and will be responsible for their own children.

Dates:

- Saturday 15th September
- Saturday 22nd September

If your family is interested collect a booking information sheet up from the school office.

Forms need to be returned to the office for both trips with payment by Friday 31st August.

If you have any question please be in touch.

Mrs Tania Egerton

Sports Tracksuits and Uniforms

Must be returned immediately to the School Office.

***If not returned by end of August,
invoices will be sent to families.***

2012 Timeline

Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September	Term 3, 2012
Tuesday 31 July	Sausage Sizzle
Wednesday 1 August	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 3 August	Deadline for ordering School Photos
Friday 10 August	Mufti Day
Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December	Term 4, 2012

PTA News

We just held our PTA AGM and I am pleased to say we have a very healthy account balance due to our fundraising efforts. We will be handing the school a cheque for around \$1600 from the Hypnotist evening. Also we are working out how much money was made from the cookbooks and this will also be handed over for computers and information technology.

We still have 15 cookbooks at \$15 each at the office; if you would still like one please see the ladies in the office.

I will be going ahead and ordering the high jump mat and bar at a cost of \$2650 approx. This is needed to make the high jump safer for our kids and should be here within 3 to 4 weeks – it has to come from Napier.

I am pleased to welcome our new office bearers, Dale Egerton (Treasurer) and Debbie Fowle (Secretary) BUT we are still in need of a President to take over from me, so if anyone is interested please let us know. Vicky and Teri are both staying on to help the new office bearers but I would like to thank them and the rest of the committee on your behalf for their support and help this year.

We have been asked by the ball committee if the PTA would like to do the food for the ball on 1 September. If you would be interested in helping on the night or making sandwiches on the day could you also ring me or leave your name at the office.

*Christine Murch (President still)
2255538 or cell 027 5225538*

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.

PubQuiz

When: 7.30pm

Where: Waiau Hotel

Monday 30th July – Cancer Society

Monday 6th August – Tuatapere Community Baths

Get a team together to show your support.

WAIAU STAR JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

**To be held Friday 10 August at the
Waiau Star Club Rooms, 7.30pm SHARP.**
**Come celebrate the achievements of our Junior
Players for their efforts throughout the season.**
**So tell the Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, Brothers,
Sisters to come along! Everyone welcome!**

'Bad Deeds'



Rockin' Orepuke Tavern

Saturday 28th July

8:30pm

Come see this awesome band.
Tell your friends, and celebrate with
us being here 1 year!

Waiau Community Theatre

Will present the one-act play by

Matthew Carlin

"HIDE AND SEEK" (to keep you guessing) and a musical selection "CALL MY NAME".

FEATURING OUR OWN IJAM EGERTON, MJSS QUINN, AND MJSS EDGERTON

In the Waiau Area School Hall on

**Friday 27 and Saturday 28 July
at 8.00pm**

Tickets – Adults \$18, Children \$10

Supper included.

Tickets available from

Tuatapere Health & Gift Shop.

Make up a table with friends and enjoy an evening out to brighten up the winter.

Waiau Valley Victim Support Group AGM

8.00pm Monday 27 August

Waiau Hotel Café bar

All welcome. Members please bring a small plate and attend the preceding General Meeting at 7.00pm.

Telecom's "Amazing Ideas Search"

Over term three we are inviting NZ Schools and their pupils to tell us what they think the future could be like thanks to ultra-fast broadband.

We're searching for amazing ideas from students all over the country who have the ultra-fast broadband at their core. Entries could be based on anything in our lives from day-to-day activities, education, agriculture, commerce, the environment or even entertainment.

For your school – The chance to win one of 10 prizes of \$2,000 for the top 10 ideas as judged by Telecom. These will be divided evenly, five ideas for years 1-8 and five ideas for years 9-13.

For students – The chance to win one of three tablets. All you need to do is enter to be in the draw for one of these great prizes, WOW!

Go to <http://www.telecom.co.nz/internet/amazing/> for further information, judging criteria, and your chance to win!

WAIAU STAR – UPDATE

Rugby's winding down for the season, only two more weeks to go for most teams. It's been a trying season for our Junior teams, but well done to the Seniors in the semi-final this weekend – Good luck Guys!!

Come watch our teams this weekend while you still have the chance:

D's at Riverton 10am

C's at Riverton 10am

B's at Mossburn 11.30am

A's at Drummond 12pm

Under 18's at Gore 1.15pm

Waiau Star Seniors at Drummond 2.30pm (semi-final)

The Annual Senior Dinner/Prizegiving is being held again on Saturday 25 August – tickets available from Paul Templeton or David McCallum.

The Waiau Rugby Club would like to THANK Karen Gill and her team of organisers for the awesome night on Saturday night at Battle of the Mountains, what a great night. Thank you to everybody who helped to make the night the success it was.



Otautau Athletics Club Update

Well it's nearly that time of the year again, athletics season!!

Otautau Athletics Club will start Term 4, this will be a registration / fun evening more information will follow. If you wish to be kept informed email your contact details, or look up our facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Otautau-Athletics/287989527903605>

We have had a lot of offers to help which is fantastic, it's great to see parents so enthusiastic and getting involved. To be able to coach you need to complete a basic 2 hour "Run Jump Throw" course, this is an excellent course for parent and teacher alike. There is also a "Get, Set, Go" course which concentrates on basic skills for pre-schoolers and 5-7 years based around fun games. If you are interested in either of these courses Lorne Singer (Sth Athletics) has indicated he would run these at Otautau if there is enough interest, dates at the moment are looking around late September. To register your interest in either of these courses e-mail Sue Carran gjcarran@xtra.co.nz, or Debbie Fowle d.fowle@xtra.co.nz.

Now for people who have already completed the "Run Jump Throw" course this enables you to concentrate on specialised Level 2 disciplines. These are all 3 hour long courses at Surrey Park and are a cost of \$15 but are very specific and informative and are taken by people with extensive knowledge in each field, there are dates and time of each course to register please email Debbie or directly Lance Smith at lance.debbie@xtra.co.nz and advise the course you wish to attend. Course dates are:

Level 2 Sprints. Sunday 19th Aug, 9am Surrey Park

Level 2 Distance. Sunday 26th Aug, 9am Surrey Park

Level 2 Shot Put and Discus. Sunday 2nd Sept, 9am Surrey Park

Level 2 Javelin. Sunday 9th Sept, 10am Surrey Park

Level 2 High Jump. Sunday 16th Sept, 9am Surrey Park

Level 2 Horizontal Jumps. Sunday 23rd Sept, 9am Surrey Park

OTAUTAU ATHLETICS are very excited about their upcoming season and will endeavor to keep you up to date with all that's happening. Once Southland have their AGM (10th August) we will hold another meeting to set fees and organise the structure for athletics nights. Thank you so much for your encouragement and support, without you it couldn't happen.

For Further Information Contact

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Dear Parents

This term Police will be focussing on our young drivers, especially around the High Schools throughout Southland. We appreciate the support we get from parents and teachers when it comes to road policing around our schools.

In the Southern District during 2011, 15-19 year old drivers contributed to 45% of all Graduated Drivers License (GDLS) breaches and were showing an upward trend. They also contributed 22% of all restraint offences and 26% of alcohol offences. Whilst there has been a general decline in the number of GDL breaches, the number of young drivers involved in crashes has remained constant. We want to break this crash consistency.

Throughout this term Police will be focussing on young drivers ensuring:

- Drivers are driving on a correct class of licence
- Only authorised passengers are on-board
- Correct vehicles are being driven, (manual/automatic transmission)
- Motorcycles are at the correct rating
- Correct use of 'L' plates

The ultimate goal is to have safe drivers on our roads. Please keep coaching and supporting your children as they navigate their way through the Graduated Driver Licence system.

We would also value your support in so far as getting the message across to our young drivers/passengers:

Never get in to a car with a driver if you don't know or have doubts about their capabilities, or they appear drunk or drugged. It's OK to say 'no', and to call the Police. You could save a life.

John Pine

Senior Sergeant, Southland Road Policing Team Leader

LOSE YOUR -LICENCE- AND YOU'RE Screwed.

HOW TO GET Screwed.

- You drive outside your licence conditions.
- You drive without Learners' Plates.
- You drive with unauthorised passengers on board.
- You drive above the posted speed limit.
- You drive an illegally modified vehicle.
- You drive with any concentration of alcohol or drugs in your system.
- You drive without your safety belts on.
- You are caught street racing with a sustained loss of traction.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE Screwed. WHEN ...

- You keep catching your hot date staring at your helmet hair.
- Your Mum has to come on dates with you.
- The creepy guy on the bus makes eye contact with you.
- After lining up for 10mins, the drive through girl says, "Sorry we don't serve pedestrians".
- You find yourself buying shoes for comfort not design.
- It takes you 4 times as long to get to your friends, sport, work, school or parties.
- You get home to find your Dad selling your car to pay your fines.

We don't want you to be Screwed.

Drive to YOUR conditions.

Waiau Battle of the Mountains

Thank you to everyone who contributed so much time and effort into making this event a success. It was great to have the whole community working together and putting the fun into fundraising.

The two team captains Alice Horrell – TakiTimu Peaks and Blayne DeVries – HumpSTARS did a fantastic job in organising their team mates; the skits and lip synching were simply hilarious!! Two very different acts but both had a 'local take' unique to Waiau. The teams competed in Ute pull, Mastermind, Tag Team Speaking, and lip synching. A test of strength, brains, brawn and bull!! MC for the night was Mr Gerry Forde from Southland Spirit of a Nation and he did a mighty fine job. The girls took out the toughly fought contest and are the 2012 'Waiau Battle of the Mountains' trophy winners!!

To the five participating groups, you were great to work alongside, thank you – Waiau Star Rugby Club, Waiau Area School, Tuatapere Swimming Baths, Tuatapere Netball Club, and Orawia Netball Club. The profits go towards showers for WSRC, library resources and equipment for WAS, Pool Redevelopment, team uniforms and equipment for TNC, and team uniforms (ONC).

We also must give huge thanks to the major sponsors of this event: VetSouth, CRT, Macaulay Mazda/Ford, ANZ, Ballance, FMG, and Southland Spirit of a Nation. Other contributing businesses as listed below, we sincerely thank you all for being part of this event and I'm sure the community will continue to support the businesses that support us.

The money raised is around \$27,000 with expenses yet to be deducted, so each participating group will receive at least \$4,500 each. Thank you so much to our audience, bidders, sponsors and helpers.

I'm sure this will be talked about for a while. It's not only about the money, it's about the community working together and creating the 'community spirit' that was evident in the success of this evening.

Kind Regards

Karen Gill {event co-ordinator}

Please support the following businesses that support us!!

ANZ	Southland Steam Engine Club
FMG	McIntosh Family
CRT	Tuatapere Transport
Macaulay Mazda	Kaos Hairdressers
VetSouth	Treatz n Treasurez
Allflex	Waiau Hotel
Ewan Allan Honda	LakeView Holiday Park
Alex Reid Contracting	Last Light Lodge Cafe/Bar
R & R Contracting	The Helicopter Line
Lindsay & Dixon	Ballance
D T King & Co	Nutri-Metics (I Devery)
Wairaurahiri Jet	"Kirmington Dene" accommodation
Heli Ops	Hump Ridge Track
Fiordland Tours (R Horrell)	Tuatapere Handyman
Green Machine Nursery	Vio – poster design
MC Gerry Forde & Venture Southland	

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And look at our vibrant new classroom environments! The two yr7/8 prefabs had a bit of a revamp over the school hols as part of our drive to improve and update our teaching spaces. More photos to come of our Library enhancements ...

