



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Resignation

It is with regret that I inform the community that the Board of Trustees has accepted two resignations this week.

Mr Steven Mustor has tendered his resignation effective 27 January 2013. We are disappointed to lose a valuable asset to our school.

We also farewell Mr Chris McIntosh who has resigned from his roles as Chairperson and member on the Board. We thank Chris for the many years he has dedicated to our school. Chris's absence on the Board will be noted.

We are growing from strength to strength in student achievement

We have two new staff members join the Waiau Area School team this week. I welcome Mrs Colleen Duncan and Mrs Karen Reid.

Colleen joins our team as a Teacher Aide and brings her wealth of expertise in literacy to our junior school.

Colleen will be in our school on a Monday and Friday until the end of this year and will work with students on boosting literacy. We are excited about creating more support for our students to ensure that they are successful in their learning.

Karen joins our team as a cleaner. We have had great difficulty finding a school cleaner and it is a pleasure to secure Karen's experience at our school.

This term we have some great initiatives on the go. I look forward to the continual positive outcomes this brings to our students.

Open Day

In September we will be hosting our annual OPEN DAY for our Year 6 students transitioning to Year 7. The Open Day is also a great opportunity for students from outside our school to visit and learn about the great things we have on offer at Waiau Area School. This year our Open Day will be extended to students and families also. Mrs Helen Ward, as Lead Manager of our Middle School, will be visiting schools in our area to speak to Year 6 students.



Cell phones and uniform compliancy

We have informed our students that cell phones are not permitted in learning spaces. There was a time where students were able to use cell phones to support their learning but as

a result of some students using cell phones inappropriately we have made a blanket rule that students do not use their phones in class. Instead cell phones are collected by the classroom teacher at the beginning of class and handed out at the end of class.

Any student not complying will have their cell phone confiscated and held for the remainder of the day. Continual non-compliance will result in longer confiscation. We thank parents in advance for supporting our reasoning.

I know that for our young adults our rules around makeup, jewellery, school uniform may be regarded as being a bit OTT. Students need to understand that rules set standards, and to attend Waiau Area School they must comply with the expectations set by our governing body; the Board of Trustees.

I would like families to support us on this expectation. Students shouldn't be coming to school in the first instance with facial piercings, makeup, nail polish, coloured T-shirts under white shirts, incorrect shoes; however a few continue to do so. I appreciate that parents have a battle with this on a daily basis but it makes our job twice as hard when we are required to address this. Addressing a student's incorrect uniform sets a negative tone for the remainder of the day; this is not ideal and also not fair. Please, we ask for your support in this area.

Good on You Mr Burke, Mrs Pope and Miss Hammerich

This term we will be holding a performance week during Week 10, details are enclosed in this week's newsletter. I thank both Mr Paul Burke and Mrs Abina Pope for going the extra mile and coordinating this opportunity for our students.

Also a 'good on you' goes to Miss Kristen Hammerich who is currently coordinating a read-a-thon for our junior school students. This initiative will not only accelerate student reading mileage but will add an element of making reading fun for our junior students.

Badges

I am excited to finally be issuing our new school badges to students at Assembly on Monday. The badges look awesome and students are excited about these. I have included for public interest the school's procedure around awarding badges.



Year 5-8 speeches

Congratulations to Bree Thomas, Jasmine Bogle, Ruth Bennie and Nic Chamberlain who were the place getters of Waiau Area School's Speech Competitions. We congratulate Nic Chamberlain on gaining second place in the Western Zone competition at Nightcaps last night.

School Ball

Miss Jaime Dickson and the Ball Committee are well underway with preparations for the School Ball. As the After Ball function **is in no way** associated with the school, we ask that parents make a commitment to help with the running of this.

Noho ora mai (stay well)

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

Bus Message

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for advising the bus drivers/bus contractor if their child is to, on occasion, travel on a school bus or travel on an alternative bus. The contact numbers for Braziers are:

- 2266715 – Tuatapere depot
- 027 2266603 – Dan Sewpersad
- 027 5322555 – Leigh Sewpersad

Going ... going ... gone

Does anyone out there have a need for a swanky office chair?? Or inkjet printers?? We have items surplus to requirements that just may suit your home office needs. Come along and see us at the School Office to make us an offer we can't refuse. ☺

NEWSLETTERS

These will now roll out every fortnight for the remainder of Term 3.

Invoices

Families can expect to receive school invoices in the mail early next week. I apologise if any inconvenience has been caused to families because of the late issue of these invoices. A few details of note:

- Any unallocated credits on your child's/children's accounts have been applied to the statement, which may be why you notice inconsistencies in costs. Credits arise when say, a student hasn't attended an event that you have paid for, or you have overpaid something during the year, or you may have been paying by automatic payment and the account has gone into credit, etc.
- A reminder that the School Donation, while hugely appreciated if paid, is a **voluntary** payment, not compulsory. **If you do not wish to pay this component of the invoice, let me know and I will alter your account accordingly.** (As an aside, if you do pay the donation, it is tax deductible; an IR526 form can be downloaded from the IRD website to claim a rebate.)
- A number of families have set up automatic payments, which can be a really painless way of paying off your child's/children's fees. You'd be amazed at how quickly \$20 or so a fortnight can get your account whittled down and even into credit.
- Payment will be due by 20 October.

If you have any questions/queries, please get in touch with me or pop in to see me at the School Office.

Cheers, Gillian

BADGES

SCHOOL BADGES ARE AWARDED IN RECOGNITION FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS IN ACADEMIC, CULTURAL AND SPORTING FIELDS

FIELD: SPORTING EXCELLENCE	FIELD: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS REACHED SOUTHLAND OR OTAGO/ SOUTHLAND IN THE SPORTING FIELD	AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS ACHIEVED EXCELLENCE IN NCEA.
AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS BROKEN A SCHOOL RECORD	AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS ACHIEVED MERIT COURSE ENDORSEMENT (FOR A SUBJECT)
AWARDED TO A STUDENT/TEAM WHO HAS PLACED FIRST IN A REGIONAL EVENT	AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS ACHIEVED EXCELLENCE (FOR A SUBJECT)
	AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO ACHIEVED STANINE 9 IN NATIONAL STANDARDISED TESTS
	AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS PLACED FIRST IN A REGIONAL OR SOUTHLAND EVENT.

SPORTING GOLD EXCELLENCE
AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS ACHIEVED SOUTH ISLAND OR NATIONAL SELECTION

FIELD: CULTURAL EXCELLENCE
AWARDED TO A PUPIL WHO CONTRIBUTES POSITIVELY TO THE CULTURE OF WAIU AREA SCHOOL
AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO PLACES FIRST IN A CULTURAL EVENT.

ACADEMIC GOLD EXCELLENCE
AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO HAS ACHIEVED MERIT OR EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENT IN NCEA

RECIPIENTS OF AN EXCELLENCE BADGE WILL HAVE THEIR PHOTO DISPLAYED IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOYER. RECIPIENTS OF THE GOLD EXCELLENCE BADGE WILL HAVE THEIR NAME RECORDED ON THE SCHOOL EXCELLENCE BOARD AND PROFILED IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER.

From the Office

Welcome to New Student

Last week we welcomed **Ethan Clark** to Room 3. Enjoy your time here at Waiau Area School Ethan. ☺

Langmuir Angling Trophy

This trophy, for heaviest trout, was donated by W R Langmuir Ltd who were keen promoters of angling, and agents for the Acclimatisation Society.

Criteria:

- Trout to be weighed by either Kiwia or Gillian.
- The fish will be weighed with the head on and gutted.
- The student must produce a current Fishing License.

Competition finishes at the end of October each year. Any fish caught after October will be put into the next year's Prize Giving.



Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded certificates during the last fortnight:



Room 2

Bailey Bennett – For a great attitude with your work always doing your best and trying to do better. Well done Bailey!

Kate Bennie – For showing great fair play during the Footy Fun day. You made sure the younger children in your team got to kick the ball. Well done Kate!

Room 4

Kirsten Devery – In exposition writing, Kirsten is able to clearly provide supporting statements to justify her point of view. She also displays good work habits in class.

Livia Campbell – Olivia receives this award for her good speech presentation. She used a clear voice with good volume. Well done Livia!

7/8HW

Jack Dowling – Fantastic work and attitude for all the week.

Hannah Evans – For commitment to her learning and working at a high level.

7/8JQ

Jackson McCallum – Mr Burke has been impressed with the effort you have made in music. Keep up the great work!

9/10AP

Jade Robinson – For effort.

Anna Hammond – For consistent effort with English.

9/10SP

Jayden Kollat – For his attitude and effort in class.

11PM

Logan McLean – For his contribution to wide school life.

13AC

Sophie Unahi – For continued dedication to personal excellence in Art.

Daniel Baldwin – For continued dedication to learning.

There will be a ball dancing night on Tuesday 21 August, 6.00-7.00pm so that you can practice your dance moves. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Diack for giving up their time to take these lessons. Student contracts need to be in by Monday.

Miss Quinn is also after a styley wrought iron chair for solo and group photos on the night of the ball. Please get in touch with the School if you have sometime suitable.

Last week we had a mufti day to fundraise money for Jackie O'Brien's daughter; we raised a whopping \$169.40, so thank you to all the students who contributed. This week we have had midyear school exams for the senior students; good luck to everyone, we hope you do well.

Simon, Max, Nicola, Logan

Rippa Rugby

Last weekend, the Waiau Area School Rippa Rugby team ventured to a chilly and drizzly Rugby Park in Invercargill to participate in an annual Rippa Rugby tournament.

We were competing against 7 other teams throughout Southland for the final prize, a trip up to the National Rippa Tournament in Wellington, with all expenses paid.

We played three games within our pool group. First we played against Salford School. It was a tough encounter to kick off the tournament and sadly we lost 7-4. Next we had a big success with a score of 8-6 against Edendale School. Finally, we had a hard game against the tournament winners Limehills, losing 9-4. Since we only won 1 out of 3 games, we weren't able to make the semi-finals.

Apart from not winning all our games and making it into the semi-finals, our team had a very successful day, and we hope to do it again one day.

By Ruth Abigail Bennie, Rm4

From Our Students

Wanted



Any large, large, large pieces of cardboard to be dropped at the School Office please! We need it to create our Eiffel Tower for the Senior Ball ☺

From Our Head Students

Hello, well it's nearly that time of year again, one more week closer to the Senior Ball that is being held on Saturday 1 September. Everyone in the ball committee is hard at work and would like to ask if there is anyone out there willing to lend us their round picnic tables for the night of the ball? If so please contact the school; it would be much appreciated.

Mufti Day / Sausage Sizzle

On Friday 24 August there will be Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for our team to attend the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament in Dunedin. Cost: \$2 for sausage sizzle and gold coin for mufti.

PUB QUIZ!

On Wednesday 22 August, there will be a pub quiz at the Waiau Hotel to help fundraise to get us to the South Island Secondary Schools netball tournament.

Time: 7.00pm

Cost: \$5 per person

Please bring along a donation for the raffle table.

We look forward to seeing you there! ☺

From Our Teachers

Fees for NCEA

Students must pay their fees to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, and to receive certificates. Fees are \$76.70. Fees are paid to the school. Financial assistance is available to help with the payment of entry fees. To be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent/guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit (benefit-based applications)
2. have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)
2. be a fee-payer with two or more children who are candidates (multiple candidate applications), where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

The forms to apply for financial assistance will be available from the School Office. Financial assistance applications should be made to NZQA by 1 September 2012. The due date for payment to NZQA of all fees is 14 September 2012.

*Mr Steven Mustor
Principal's Nominee*

Attitude

On Tuesday 21 August we will be visited by a youth education group called "Attitude". Here is a brief excerpt from their website



to give you an idea of who they are and what they do:

"ATTITUDE is the youth education division of Parents Inc., dedicated to creatively teaching life skills that will assist teenagers to make life-enhancing choices. The inspirational programmes encompass all aspects of total wellbeing and are designed to help prevent youth suicide, teen pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI's), amongst other problems faced by teens."

Students from Y9-13 will receive a presentation that deals with issues that are relevant and appropriate for their age-group and have an opportunity to ask any questions.

To complement these presentations, students will also be visited by the regional Health Nurse to give them up-to-date advice about services that are available in the local area.

The schedule for these presentations is as follows:

Period 4: Y11-13 students in the Hall for Attitude presentation.

Period 5: Y9/10 students in the Hall for Attitude presentation & Y11-13 students in the Library

for Health Nurse (Y10's to join later if Attitude presentation finishes early).

To find out more, please visit these websites www.theparentingplace.com | www.attitude.org.nz | www.nyldnz.org and feel free to contact the school if you do not wish your son/daughter to be involved in these presentations.

*Mr Richard Bennett
HOD Physical Education & Health*

From the Lab ...

Reasons to care about Curiosity landing on Mars



Mars is our closest alternate home.

Why do we need an alternate home? Because someday disaster will strike the Earth. It has happened before, more than once. Without a doubt, it will happen again. What happens to humanity if all of us are here? Let's just say it's safer to explore our options. Mars is nearby and relatively hospitable, as far as planets go.

Curiosity can help us get to Mars.

Some of the experiments and tests Curiosity will perform will help characterise how suitable Mars is for manned missions and colonisation. For example, Curiosity plans to analyse the type and amount of radiation at the Martian surface. This is vital information that we need before sending people to Mars.

Because we're exploring!

A lot of people have the perception that all the great discoveries in science have already been made. Of course, that is not true! There are unanswered questions, unasked questions and entire worlds to explore. Exploring Mars is exciting. You never know what we might discover.

Because Curiosity will be a Hot Wheels toy.

Whether this is a compelling reason for you depends on your view of Hot Wheels toys, but Mattel is releasing a 1:64 scale model of Curiosity, available in stores in September.

You can watch the action live!

This isn't one of those missions where you wait for NASA for analyse the results and release pictures at some indefinite time in the future. View more at

<http://www.nasa.gov/ntv>

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 15 September

* Saturday 22 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 31 August. If you have any questions please be in touch.

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.

8 Mates – College Challenge

These days have been designed to provide opportunities and encourage participation for Yr 9-10 students to be involved in different sports. Each term there is a different sport challenge against other southland schools, this term it was Badminton and 5 aside netball. A great day of sport, participation and competitiveness was shown by all our students who attended. We entered two Yr 9/10 teams; each team consisted of eight students. Waiau 2 was placed 2nd after all the scores had been tallied up, with each team member receiving a Sport Southland drink bottle.

Well done to both teams, we look forward to the Term 4 challenge!

Thank you to Mrs Teri Diack who provided transport for some of the students; without the help of parents on these days it would be impossible for us to attend.

Mrs Tania Egerton

From Our Librarian

This term in the Library we have been learning how to process the new books.

The computers are now going super fast for the students to use, so this week we have been learning how the Encyclopedia Britannica works on the EPIC database on tki. EPIC is a venture between New Zealand libraries and the Ministry of Education, giving schools free access to a worldwide range of electronic resources. Through EPIC schools can access databases containing thousands of international and national magazines, newspapers, biographies, substantial reference works, and images. EPIC lets you access up-to-date full text articles covering a huge range of subjects.

Britannica Online School Edition PreK-12

Suitable for both primary and secondary students, Britannica Online School Edition gives instant access to the vast resources of four complete encyclopaedias. Encyclopaedia Britannica Online combines accurate information with easy searching and coverage enriched by selected websites, multimedia, and magazine sources.

Britannica Online School Edition PreK-8

Offers content aimed at primary and intermediate school levels, and includes the Britannica Learning Zone for younger children. Learning materials include English, Maths, Science and Social Studies resources, with interactive whiteboard-compatible content. All levels include thousands of graphics, animations, video and audio clips, in an interactive learning environment.

Scholastic Book Club Offer 5 has one week to go.

Offer 6 opens 20 August 2012.

The Invercargill Public Library is running two competitions: Design a Dust Jacket for your favourite book and Design your perfect library. Drop your entries into the Invercargill Public Library by 8pm Friday 31 August be sure to add your Name, contact details and school year. The prizes include an art set to get you up and running with designing and drawing. Contact outreach@ilibrary.co.nz or phone 03 211 1763 for further details.

Cool Website: <http://www.ilibrary.co.nz/>



WEEK 10

Term 3

COMING SOON

PERFORMANCE WEEK 2012

Can you SING, DANCE, ACT, PLAY AN INSTRUMENT or LIP SYNC?
PERFORMANCE WEEK IS FOR YOU!

Get your mates together and see Mr Burke or Mrs Pope
for an entry form

PRIZES TO BE WON, CELEBRITY JUDGES
OPEN TO YEAR 1-13

2012 Timeline

Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September	Term 3, 2012
Tuesday 21 August	Yr9-13 Visit by ATTITUDE
Wednesday 22 August	Pub Quiz fundraiser for SISS Netball Tournament
Friday 24 August	Mufti Day / Sausage Sizzle fundraiser SISS Netball Tournament
Saturday 1 September	WAS Senior Ball
Week of 17 September	Performance Week
Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December	Term 4, 2012 Confirmed end date

Next PTA Meeting
7.30pm, Wednesday 22 August
Staffroom

Canteen News from Mrs Murch
Due to students littering the Ice Tubes plastic container, the School has requested I discontinue selling this item.

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.

Tuatapere Netball Club

We're going for Gold this weekend! Four of our seven teams are in finals this weekend at Winton. Come and support the girls.

8th Grade play Mossburn at 10.30 Ct6

Premier Reserve play Drummond B at 11.30 Ct5

5th Grade play Mossburn at 12.30 Ct3

4th Grade play Takitimu at 12.30 Ct5

Also our nearest rivals Orawia are playing for 3rd and 4th against Riverton in 4th Grade. (Go Orawia)

This is an awesome effort for our club and I am very proud of the girls. GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS.

Remember our prize-giving on Friday 24 August at the Waiau Town & Country Club starting at 6.30pm.

Wendy Adams
President, Tuatapere Club

Haua Mana Maori Research Project – University of Otago

We are looking to meet with Maori aged 16 upwards who may be living with a disability, be it mental, spiritual, dysfunctional whanau/relationships or influences.

If you have any queries about this project or what we are asking of you, please do not hesitate to contact Katrina Bryant on 03 4794034 or

Katrina.bryant@otago.ac.nz

(If you would like to participate, pop in to the School Office to collect a Participant Interest Form.)

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.

WAIU STAR JUNIOR RUGBY

☆☆END OF SEASON PRIZE GIVING☆☆

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Junior Prize giving an amazing turn-out to celebrate the achievements of our younger and possible future players, it was the perfect way to end the season. Thank you to anybody who helped make our season run so smoothly off the field unfortunately results couldn't be mirrored on the field, but that's rugby for you and better luck for the 2013 season!

☆☆ D Grade ☆☆

A big thank you to Alister Richards, Blair Vining and Jimmy Clark for coaching our rippa team this year you did an amazing job well done.

☆☆ Fairplay: ☆☆

Lily Vining

☆☆ Most Improved: ☆☆

Peter Devery & Jake Anderson

☆☆ Most Consistent: ☆☆

Dylan Clark & Jack Richards

☆☆ C Grade ☆☆

This team was coached by Nigel Minty, Dave Church, Daryn Gutsell who were amazing coaches showing amazing amounts of patience job well done. The team was managed great by Michelle Palmer thanks again.

☆☆ Fairplay: ☆☆

Michael Church

☆☆ Most Improved: ☆☆

Mathew McLellan

☆☆ Determination: ☆☆

Dylan Phillips

☆☆ Most Consistent: ☆☆

Lucas Gutsell

☆☆ B Grade ☆☆

Thank you to Phil Baird, Derek Chamberlain and Tim Boyle for coaching our B Grade team in the Central-Western Competition. Having only 13 players this season was a real struggle. But coaches and players should hold their heads up high as their dedication through the season was awesome, next year guys!

☆☆ Most Improved: ☆☆

Max Baird

☆☆ Determination: ☆☆

Connor Fowle

☆☆ Most Consistent Forward: ☆☆

Nic Chamberlain

☆☆ Most Consistent Back: ☆☆

Felix Egerton

☆☆ A Grade ☆☆

This was a mixed team between Waiau, Ohai/Nightcaps & Otautau coached by Shane Robertson (Nightcaps) and Brendon Diack and managed by Teri Diack. With 3 clubs involved they still scraped through most weeks with the bear 15. They improved with every game and there was amazing comradery within the team, so well done.

☆☆ Conduct: ☆☆

Craig Diack

☆☆ Most Improved: ☆☆

Zack Fowle

☆☆ Most Consistent Back: ☆☆

Alice Chamberlain

☆☆ Most Consistent Forward: ☆☆

Lewis McKay

☆☆ Most Promising Schoolboy: ☆☆

Lewis McKay

A big congratulations to all the players and also to those that received trophies, also a big congrats to Mark Gill who received "Waiau Star Junior Personality" Award. Thanks again and see you all in 2013.

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