



Principal's Portal

Dear Parents/Guardians

School Fencing

We welcome the progress made to date on the new fencing at the front of our school. We are very fortunate that the Ministry of Education is funding this fencing, as well as a replacement fence along the river boundary, and along the Birch Street boundary. This fencing will ensure the health and safety of our younger students and has been long overdue. Along with our on-going property upgrade Waiiau Area School is going from strength to strength.

Senior School Camp

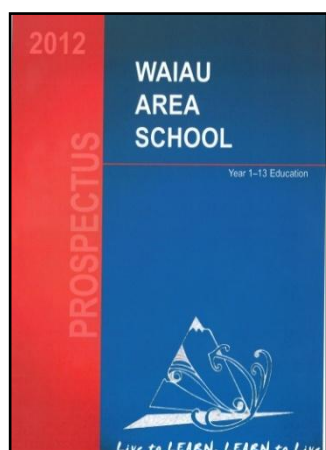
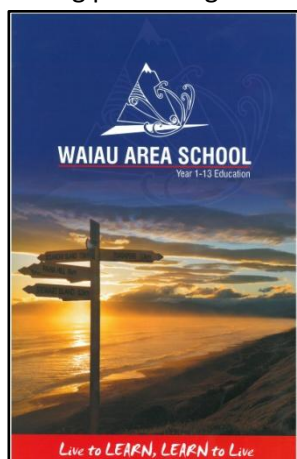
Without a doubt our senior students had a ball at their Senior Camp in Queenstown. It was entertaining hearing the "moments like these" ski stories. Thank you to staff and to the Level 2 PE students for organising the event. Also thank you to the parents who were in attendance.

South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

We wish our young ladies, Miss Dickson and parents a great week away in Dunedin at the Netball tournament.

Prospectus

As stated in earlier communications we have been working on the new school prospectus and the documentation to go with this. We have completed this process and documentation that promotes our school and provides key stakeholders with information is now up to date and current. Below are a couple of samples of our new branding promoting a consistent and professional look.



To coincide with this, Mrs Helen Ward (Lead Manager of the Middle School) recently visited Hauroko Valley, Blackmount, St Patricks and Takitimu schools to speak with prospective Year 6 students. You will be able to read information from Mrs Ward in this edition regarding the upcoming Open Day.

NCEA

We are nearing the end of our NCEA academic year and it is vital that students knuckle down and give their study their all. It is important that students apply themselves

to their studies in order to achieve successful results. You will learn in this newsletter that tutorials will be offered once again this year to support our Senior students. We want our students to succeed and will do our utmost to provide avenues for them to do so.

Lunchtime Concert

We are fortunate to have some very talented musos in our midst! A lunchtime performance was held recently to farewell Miss Sarah Hall (*far right*) who had been doing some relief teaching for our school. A few of our students joined in and impressed us greatly with their vocal and drumming skills.



School Badges

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Achievement Badges at the 20 September and 27 September Assemblies. This is a very impressive list of achievements – well done to you all!

Academic Achievements:

Cody Campbell:

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 1 PE

Coleen Ebron:

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 1 PE

Floyd Pipson:

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 2 PE

Angus Porteous:

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 1 Maths

Sophie Unahi:

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 1 PE

Sports Achievements:

Hayley Adams:

- Selected for the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament
- **GOLD Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Futsal Team at National Area Schools Tournament
- **GOLD Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Netball Team at National Area Schools Tournament

Phillipa Addenbrooke:

- Selected for the mixed yr8 Western Zone Netball team for the Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament

Amanda Baldwin:

- Selected for the mixed yr7 Western Zone Netball team for the Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament

Ruth Bennie:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Wayne Blackler:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Livia Campbell:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Nic Chamberlain:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Jesse Culbertson:

- Placing 1st at the Southland Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Tournament – Pairs

Hannah Devery:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Kirsten Devery:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Coleen Ebron:

- Selected for the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament
- **GOLD Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Futsal Team at National Area Schools Tournament

Ben Egerton:

- Placing 1st at Western Athletics – 10yr Boys Discus

Felix Egerton:

- Placing 1st at Western Athletics – 10yr Boys 100m

Zack Fowle:

- Placing 1st at Western Athletics – 11yr Boys 1500m

Brad Hammond:

- Placing 1st at the Southland Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Tournament – Pairs
- Selected for the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament

Holly Hammond:

- Placing 1st at Western Athletics – 8yr Girls 100m
- Placing 1st at Western Athletics – 8yr Girls 60m

Maddison Hampton:

- Placing 1st at Western Cross Country – 12yr Girls

Lewis McKay:

- Breaking the school record for U12 Boys 25m Backstroke
- Placing 1st at Country Schools Swimming – U12 Boys 25m Backstroke
- Placing 1st at Country Schools Swimming – U12 Boys 50m Backstroke
- Placing 1st at Country Schools Swimming – U12 Boys 100m Backstroke
- Selected for the mixed yr7 Western Zone Netball team for the Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament

Floyd Pipson:

- Selected for the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament

Georgia Powell:

- Placing 1st at Western Cross Country – 10yr Girls
- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Amie Pratt:

- Breaking the school record for U8 Girls 25m Backstroke
- Breaking the school record for U8 Girls 50m Backstroke
- Breaking the school record for U8 Girls 50m Freestyle

Ruth Reo:

- Selected for the mixed yr8 Western Zone Netball team for the Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament

Curtis Swann:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Bree Thomas:

- Placing 1st at Western Athletics – 11yr Girls Discus
- Selected for the mixed yr7 Western Zone Netball team for the Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament

Lewis Unahi:

- Selected for the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament

Sam Unahi:

- Placing 1st at Western Netball – yr5-6 Western B Grade Team

Sophie Unahi:

- Breaking the school record for Intermediate Girls High Jump
- Placing 1st at the Southland Secondary Schools Athletics – U15 Girls High Jump
- Selected for the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament
- **GOLD Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Volleyball Team at National Area Schools Tournament
- **GOLD Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Futsal Team at National Area Schools Tournament
- **GOLD Excellence:** Selected to compete at South Island Athletics Champs

Simon Van Dam:

- Selected for the South of the South Team for the National Area Schools Tournament
- Excellence in NCEA – Level 2 PE
- **GOLD Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Rugby Team at National Area Schools Tournament
- **GOLD Excellence:** Competing in the South Island Volleyball Team at National Area Schools Tournament

Ella Wylie:

- Placing 1st at Western Athletics – 10yr Girls High Jump

School Ball

I was very fortunate to share a fantastic Saturday evening with our Year 11-13 students at the Waiau Area School Senior Ball. Our students looked really impressive and their behaviour and conduct also matched this. I wish to thank Miss Jaime Dickson and the ball committee on organising a very successful event. Also we wish to thank Mr and Mrs Brendon Diack, the Tuatapere Fire Brigade, the Waiau Area School PTA, Johnny McIntosh, Miss Jasmine Quinn and Miss Anita Collett for their contributions. We will bring you photos in our next newsletter.

Onwards and upwards ...

Noho ora mai (stay well)

Maryse Anderson-Kereti

Principal

From the Office

School Uniform

The Waiau Area School uniform becomes compulsory at the beginning of Term 1 2013. If you need a recap of the uniform, you can collect the uniform list from the School Office.

And keep an eye out for SchoolTex sales through PostiePlus between now and 2013 to pick up a bargain. Remember, we sell ties (\$20ea) and boys socks (\$10pr) at the School Office.

School Fee Invoices

A big thanks to all those who have paid their school fees to date. Just a few reminders:



- Payment is due by 20 October.
- Setting up an automatic payment 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.
- 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.**

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

Cheers, Gillian

For Sale at the Office

Does your child need a helping hand with their 1 to 12 times tables? We have fridge magnets available for \$2.00 each (size 22cm x 22cm). If interested, first in, first served.

3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Student of the Week Awards

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



Room 1

Emily Templeton – For making superb progress in her writing. Emily can now write stories independently – well done!

Room 3

Tomas Gill – For working well in researching and compiling his speech.

Hana Moir – Hana has been working hard making improvements towards her reading and writing.

Dylan Phillips – Dylan has improved his attitude in class. He is working towards his goals.

Room 4

Nic Chamberlain – For his exceptional speech presentation. Nic was awarded 2nd place in the yr5/6 division at the Western Zone Speech Competition.

7/8JQ

Ruth Reo – The effort you made at the concert by singing and playing the drums was amazing. Taking yourself out of your comfort zone is never easy. Well done!

11PM

Jasmine Jenkins – For developing skills in Art.

From Our Lead Managers

From Mr Steven Mustor

*** * Important Information for NCEA Students * ***

Tutorials and Workshops

We are at the business end of the NCEA year. Students have seven more school weeks to complete their internal assessments before going on study leave from

Monday 5 November. As a school we will be offering a range of support opportunities for students sitting both internal and external assessments.

Next week, Miss Collett (L1 Science & L2 Biology), Mr Maloney (L1 & L2 Maths) and I (L1, L2 & L3 English) will begin **external preparation tutorials** after school. Information regarding these tutorials will be finalised this week and sent to parents / caregivers on Friday.

We will also be offering **internal assessment catch up / completion workshops** throughout the study leave period. These are designed to catch any students who still need to complete some work to gain their certificates. There will be workshops for all classes offered this year (Art, Technology, Food Technology, PE, English, Media Studies, History, Science, Biology, Maths, and online Physics and Statistics). I will publish the timetable for these workshops in the next newsletter.

Fees

Just a reminder that **NCEA fees are due on Friday 14 September**. All students wishing to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, and receive certificates, **must pay the NZQA fees of \$76.70**. These fees are to be paid directly to the school. Financial assistance forms were to be submitted to the School Office by 1 September.

Steven Mustor, LM Yr11–13

Mrs Helen Ward

Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament

Congratulations to Lewis McKay and Bree Thomas for their Western team coming first last week at the Southland Primary Schools Netball Tournament in Invercargill. Bree was captain of this team and was able to bring the trophy home. This is the first time that Western has won this trophy.



Uniform Shoes

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that they are required to wear black leather-like shoes therefore soft canvas shoes are not permitted. It is OK to

wear these at PE but please change back into your school shoes at the end of the period. Mr Bennett has said that he will check that this happens.

Open Day – 14 September

An Open Day for year 6 students will be held on Friday 14 September. Please read the information on the back page of the newsletter. Staff look forward to spending the day with students from Waiau Area School year 6 and those students who will be coming along from contributing schools.

Helen Ward, LM yr7–10

From Our Teachers

Otautau Touch

Another touch season is upon us. If you are interested in playing touch in term 4 then please let me know by 14 September so I have time to make arrangements to enter teams. Details below:

- Venue:** Holt Park, Otautau
Time: Between 4.30pm and 6.00pm on Mondays
(Times might change subject to team entries)
Grades: Mixed only in Yr1/2, Yr3/4, Yr5/6, Yr7, Yr8
Fees: \$15 per player
Format: Seven weeks of competition plus a catch up day if required
First Games: Monday 29 October 2012
Entries Close: Wednesday 26 September 2012

Thank you, Jaime Dickson

Performance Week 17–21 September

Entries close on Friday 15 September

Daily performances will take place from
2.00–3.00pm Monday to Thursday.

Finalists from these heats will compete on the Friday 2.00–3.00pm for the Grand Final Prize. Parents and Grandparents and caregivers are most welcome to come to school each day to see the performances.

Junior School Read-a-thon

The Junior School is having a read-a-thon which will run from 17 September to 12 October. There are two purposes:

- ⊙ Raising money to enable the Junior School to buy Big Books to be used in each class at reading time.
- ⊙ To encourage the children to read books for pleasure from libraries and realise that there are books which are not guided reading books that they are capable of reading.

Forms detailing the Read-a-thon will be sent out prior to 17 September. There will be one prize per classroom awarded to students who participate in the read-a-thon.

Miss Kristen Hammerich, Rm2

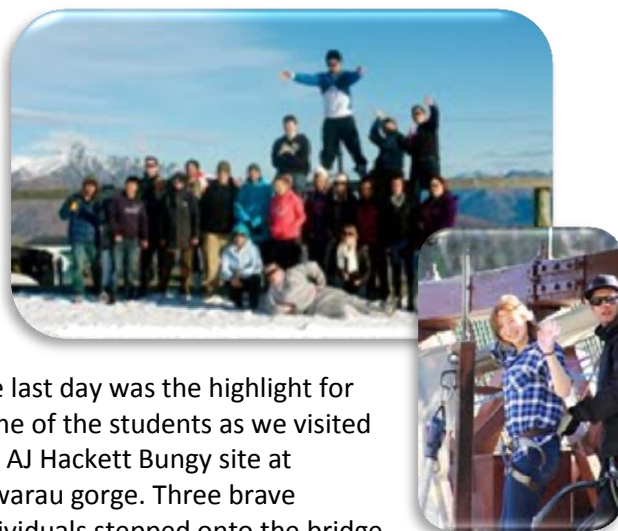
Senior Camp

Just after 5am on Monday 27 August we set off for Queenstown.

Three hours later we arrived at the Southland Ski Club at the top of Coronet Peak with just enough time to unpack the vehicles and head up the mountain to collect our skis and snowboards. The morning session with the instructors went by in a flash and, after a quick lunch, we hit the slopes for the afternoon. Logan, Marissa, Floyd and I were the first to get the chairlift to the very top of the mountain and we ended the epic run with a well-earned hot chocolate!

The next day we headed down the mountain to see what Queenstown had to offer. First stop was the Skyline Station where we picked up our tickets for the Gondola and the maximum FIVE luge rides; as Jesse will tell you, "Once is never enough!"

The gondola whisked us above the township to the Luge racetrack, where we battled it out for pole position against the backdrop of Lake Wakatipu. The afternoon activity was the "Queenstown Assault" photo challenge where each team had to interpret cryptic clues and provide photographic evidence of completing all 10 tasks. Once the challenges were complete, we went back up to Coronet Peak and had a great laugh reviewing the unique photographic interpretations on the big screen at the ski lodge! A final group photograph on the ski-field predictably turned into a snowball fight, which I can safely say the staff and parents won comfortably.



The last day was the highlight for some of the students as we visited the AJ Hackett Bungy site at Kawarau gorge. Three brave individuals stepped onto the bridge and hurled themselves towards the water; well done to Simon Van Dam, Marissa Johnston and Coleen Ebron for facing their fears!

A huge thank you to Michael Scott, Helen King and Brendan Diack for offering their time and vehicles to accompany this trip and to Mr Mustor, Miss Collett and Mrs Egerton for all their hard work. *Mr Richard Bennett*

FILM CLUB

3.15PM FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

MIDDLE SCHOOL (YR7-10)

GOLD COIN FOR POPCORN & FIZZY

"JOHNNY ENGLISH"

From Our Support Staff

From Our Librarian

There are six computers in the Library now, and for the past two weeks they have been very busy with students using Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for kids, with great online reading games and activities. Check out the website: <http://readingeggs.co.nz/>. A 14-day free trial is available.



If students need help with research I am happy to help them and can use the main computer for their query.

Scholastic Book orders for Issue 6 close September 20 2012. There is still a chance to order from Issue 5 depending on availability.

Miss Joanne Fraser
Librarian

2012 Timeline

Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September	Term 3, 2012
Week of 17 September	Performance Week
Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December	Term 4, 2012 Confirmed end date
Monday 5 November	Study Leave begins for Senior students

Truancy Issues

A reminder to all parents/caregivers of The Education Act's stipulations around truancy. The Act states that by law all children between 6 and 16 are required to attend school on every day that the school is open, unless there

is a justified reason for them to be absent. The Act clearly defines the three acceptable reasons for absence:

- Illness;
- Family bereavement;
- Family emergencies.

Truancy also includes:

- Persistent or increased lateness.
- Being absent from class or school without permission on a number of days.
- Not being enrolled at school.

Any other reasons are seen as unacceptable and unjustified. And although schools will often allow time off for sporting and cultural activities, they are not legally required to do so, and should not give permission if the absence will affect the student's education.

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.

For Sale

Table and Chairs (4) Fridge/Freezer
Washing Machine Freezer
Microwave Lounge Suite
Gas Heater Queen Beds x 2
Ring 027 6884632 or 03 2266027 after 6pm.

WAI AU SWIMMING CLUB AGM

7.30pm Thursday 6 September – Waiau Hotel

More For Sale

Two hydroponic growing lights. Ideal for indoor plant growing. \$200 each or \$300 the set. Phone 022 6809842.

Winton Football Club Inc

'A Night with Ricki Herbert'

Internationally recognised coach to the New Zealand All Whites and Wellington Phoenix, Ricki Herbert is the guest speaker at a fundraising dinner for the Winton Football Club Inc. Come along and hear Ricki for the first time in Southland.

Date: Friday 14 September
Time: from 6.30pm
Venue: Croydon Lodge, Gore
Ticket cost: \$60 per head.
Contact: Jackie Scherp 027 457 9765 or jackie.scherp@telecom.co.nz

Disclosure: Information published in this newsletter is at the discretion of the editor.

Experience Waiau Area School's Middle School

Open Day Friday 14 September

We invite our current Year 6 students to attend our Open Day. Their parents are also welcome to attend the formal walk-through.

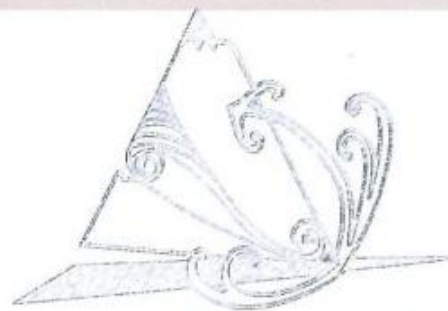
8.50am – Assemble at the School Office.

9.00am – Formal walk-through of our school with question and answer time with our Principal and Head Students.

9.30am – Students will be treated to a full day's learning and will experience Middle School classes.

1.20pm – Lunch will be provided for our Year 6 students and visiting students.

We also welcome attendance from any Year 6 and Year 8 students who are intending enrolling at Waiau Area School for Year 7 and Year 9 in 2013.



Live to LEARN, LEARN to Live