



## From Our Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Perseverance

Last week all of our Y11-13 students were involved in practice exams. Ordinarily I would be using this time to tell the school community how incredibly proud I am that our students took this opportunity with both hands; took the time to act on advice, study, revise and practice. Unfortunately, most of our students were unprepared, disengaged, left early, did not study, and failed to use the allocated time effectively. It is a shame because practice exams are just that; a chance for students to learn the practice needed to be successful in exams. If our students are serious about achieving then they need to take every opportunity available to them.

It highlights the need to instil in all of the students at Waiau Area School the need for perseverance. Perseverance is important as without it, it is almost impossible to learn anything new. Perseverance is about not giving up, having another go, trying it again, seeing if you can do it a different way, or keeping at something until you have done the absolute best that you can. Turning up to an exam without preparation is not a good way to show that you are committed to your learning. It instead highlights your lack of perseverance, and desire to gain the results you deserve.

Students can learn how to persist. It is not something that you have to be born with. Repeated acts will become habits. Perseverance is one of the most important habits that we can develop as learners. Just as we use physical exercise to train our muscles, and we use puzzles to exercise our minds and memories, creating opportunities for perseverance will exercise and grow a student's character. Throughout the day, at home and school there are many opportunities to practice perseverance. Doing it well will ensure that you can control your future choices better.

All of our students can benefit from opportunities to face a challenge, and with an appropriate amount of support, to persevere to finish the task. As teachers we need to teach you that it is not only things that can be quickly and easily achieved which deserve our time. Remember that for every great world changing invention, there were probably thousands of failed prototypes. Had the inventor not persisted the world may never have achieved the level of technological proficiency to put a tiny computer, phone and organiser in your pocket.

As educators, we are not always able to 'catch' every time a student perseveres, so you can help us by praising your child for having more than one go to do something, being a dedicated team member, trying a little harder, faster or longer at a task or challenge. Praise them for not giving up as soon as something seems a bit difficult. Encourage them so they can see themselves as achievers.

I genuinely believe that the words we use can shape how we think, and how we think shapes how we act. When something seems too hard or you are struggling to get it first time, I would like you to change your default response from, "I can't do it", to, "I can't do this YET". That tiny word YET shows that you are starting to value the challenge in your learning and are ready to persevere.

### School Badges

I congratulate the following students who were awarded badges at last week's Assembly. Well done!

#### Academic Achievement Badges

##### Hayley Adams

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 1 PE

#### Sporting Achievement Badges

##### Georgia Powell, Eric Ward, Ella Wylie

- Representing Western Zone at the Southland Primary School Cross Country champs

##### Lizzie Addenbrooke, Ben Egerton, Courtney Erskine,

##### Lucas Gutsell, Ella Wylie

- Representing Western Zone at Southland Primary Zone Netball Tournaments

*Steven Mustor, Principal*

## School News

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at last Friday's Assembly:



**Baxter Erskine – Rm1** – For making great progress within his reading, writing and numeracy. Baxter has also been displaying some awesome independent work habits! Well done!

**Meadow Rodgers – Rm2** – For making outstanding progress in learning to read and write in English. Meadow you have impressed me with your perseverance and hard work.

**Pania Geary – Rm3** – Pania has made a great start to Room 3. She is working hard and has already passed her first basic facts test and has shown great reading skills.

**Chase Moir – Rm3** – Chase has made a great start in Room 3. He is working hard and is showing fantastic self-management skills. I am impressed with the work he is putting in for his maths, reading, writing and topic work. Well done!

**Kirsten Devery – Rm4** – For taking responsibility for her learning and using her initiative within the classroom. Kirsten, you have such a positive approach to learning, which is reflected in all areas of your work. Well done.

**Felix Egerton – 78HW** – For improvement in his reading skills.

**Jack Dowling – 10SP** – For his exceptional attitude to learning in the last week. Jack has shown solid leadership skills and a real enthusiasm to study.

**Hayley Adams – 11PM** – For the success that she has gained in her school examinations.

**Cheyenne Carey – 13AC** – For preparation and achievement in her school examinations.

## Lunchtime Nachos

Wednesday 28 August

\$3 small – \$5 large

(Funds raised go towards sending 10 students to the SISS Netball Tournament)

## KIDSCAN

The Mufti Day held on Friday 9 August raised \$112 for KidsCan. Thank you to all those who made a gold coin donation.

## LANGMUIR ANGLING TROPHY

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



### Criteria:

- ◆ Heaviest trout, weighed by either Kiwia Howley or Gillian Hammond. (The fish will be weighed with the head on and gutted.)
- ◆ The student must produce a current Fishing Licence.
- ◆ Competition finishes at the end of October each year.
- ◆ Any fish caught after October will be put into next year's competition.

## Canteen Closed ...

The School Canteen will be closed on  
Monday 26 August

## Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle

Monday 26 August

\$2 sausage/bread

(Funds raised go towards sending students to the SISS Netball Tournament)



## MEADOWFRESH

### “COOL OUR SCHOOLS”

A quick reminder about the Cool Our School stickers on MeadowFresh products. Any stickers you have collected, give them to your child to stick on to the Sticker Collection Sheets at the School Office. The promotion runs until 27 September. Big thanks to those who have handed in stickers already.

*Cheers, Gillian Hammond*

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – PROOFS

These were sent home with students on Friday 16 August. If you wish to order photos, please fill out the order form, attach payment, and return the envelope to the School Office **by Friday 30 August**. Sports Team photos are on display in the foyer of the School Office if you want to pop in to view/order.

**Cheques payable to Geoff Horrell Photography please, not the School.**

## SCHOOL INVOICES

As shown on the letter you will have received in June, money owing on your account with the school is **due by 30 August at the very latest**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or automatic payment. (Our bank account number is: 03-1750-0350602-00. Reference: Student's name.)

## FOR SALE – SHEEP MANURE

**\$15 A BAG OR 10 BAGS FOR \$100**

Proceeds going towards the 10 girls travelling to the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament in Christchurch in September. Please phone Wendy Adams on 2266383 or the School Office on 2266285. We appreciate your support.

## HI-VIZ VESTS

We ask that all school hi-viz vests are returned to school ASAP. We will soak and wash the vests and re-allocate to those students who require them (yr1-6). Any yr7/8 students who may still have vests since Junior School are asked to return them immediately please.

## HEADLICE

These little creepy crawlies are making their presence known at WAS. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair and treating as appropriate if headlice are found. **A reminder to ALL children, young and old, DON'T share your mate's hat/hoodie!** This is a classic way for the little critters to crawl from head to head ... boys or girls ...

### What to look for

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings.
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shafts.
- There may be unusual itching on the head or neck.
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (headlice bites).

### Myths

- Headlice jump or swim from person to person.
- Only dirty people have headlice.
- People with dark-coloured hair get headlice more than other people.
- Headlice prefer certain blood types.
- Children get headlice from classroom carpets or animals.

**The TRUTH is: headlice only CRAWL, they only feed on BLOOD, they only live on HUMAN heads.**

## WELL DONE YEAR 5 NETBALLERS

Congratulations to Lucas Gutsell and Courtney Erskine who were part of the Western team that competed successfully in the Primary Zone Year 5 Netball tournament in Invercargill on Thursday 15 August. They all worked very hard and came second overall in the tournament, after a very hard fought and close final. Also, a big thanks to all parents and supporters who were there on the day. Well done!! *Lisa McCracken*

## 2013 TIMELINE

29 January to 19 April	Term 1 (12 weeks)
6 May to 12 July	Term 2 (10 weeks)
Mon 29 July to Fri 27 September	Term 3 (9 weeks)
Thur 29 August	Quiz Night – Waiau Hotel
Wed 4 September	Yr5-8 Western Zone Speech Competition – School Hall
Sun 1 to Thur 5 Sept	SISS Netball Tournament – Christchurch
Week 9	SMAC Maths – Invercargill
Wed 25 to Fri 27 Sept	Room 4 Camp – Borland Lodge
Mon 14 October to Wed 11 December	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Sat 19 October	Rugby Trip (All Blacks vs Wallabies) – Dunedin
Mon 28 October	Labour Day

## News from Our Teachers

### FROM MRS WARD – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

#### Sporting Achievements

During the past few weeks three students from year 7 and 8 represented Western at the Primary School Netball Tournaments held in Invercargill. They were Lizzie Addenbrooke, Ben Egerton and Ella Wylie. Congratulations to the three of you for your selection and well done on your participation.

We would also like to celebrate Jackson McCallum and Lewis McKay for their selection in the Southland Under 65kg Rugby team. What an amazing result that comes on the back of a very busy rugby season. We look forward to hearing about your achievements over the next few weeks.

#### Uniform ... Again ... And Again ...

This is just to let you know, that from now on, students will be asked to remove any pieces of clothing that are not part of the school uniform. Once again, if you are having trouble getting any part of the school uniform, get in touch with the office and let us know. We will help you!

#### Professional Development

Over the past two weeks students might have noticed staff observing each other's teaching practice. This is part of on-going PD which all staff at WAS are involved in.

#### SISS Netball Tournament

Thanks to all those people who supported the Quiz held at the Hotel on Monday 19 August. We made a very healthy \$418. Our next Quiz Night is Thursday 29 August, again at the Waiau Hotel, at 7.30pm. See you there!

#### Waiau Film Club

It has been extremely pleasing to see the Film Club being used so often by community and school groups. What an awesome facility this is turning out to be.

#### Work Experience

We have a small number of students who would benefit from some work experience. If you are interested in providing this, could you please contact me at the school.

#### Upcoming Competitions

- At 7.30pm on Wednesday 4 September we have Speech Comps for the Western Zone group made up of Takitimu, Otautau, and WAS. This involves students from yr5-8, and will be held in our School Hall.
- The SMAC Maths Competition will be held in the last week of term 3 in Invercargill. We have entered three teams; yr7, yr8, yr10.

Notices around both these events will be sent home next week to those students involved.

*Mrs Helen Ward, Deputy Principal*

## FROM MS WILSON – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Junior School Certificates

Well done to the following students who had Certificates presented to them at last week's Junior Assembly:

Class	Academic	Value (Managing Self)
Rm1	Eric Williams for Spelling Nicholas Erskine for Addition & Subtraction Facts	Di-Anne Keast
Rm2	Amyee Gutsell for Editing her Writing	Emily Templeton
Rm3	Luke Temoko for Reading	Kassadee Scott

*Ms Donnah Wilson, Assistant Principal*

## NCEA

Students have been given a goal-setting worksheet by their homeroom teacher, to help them plan toward their NCEA target for the year (the sheet has an actual target on it). One copy is for their records, and the other must come back to their homeroom teacher by **Tuesday 27 August**.

Many students are deciding whether or not they want to attempt the external exams, so please talk this through with your child. This goal-setting helps students see how many credits are available in each of their courses, and which ones they need to aim for in order to meet their target.

*Ms Jen Smart, Principal's Nominee*

## HOMEWORK CLUB

From Wednesday 28 August, Homework Club will run in the yr7/8 Homeroom from 3.15-4.15pm.



**WHO CAN COME?** This is for yr5-10 students.

**WHAT IS IT FOR?** This is an opportunity for students to have support to complete homework set for the week.

**WHO WILL BE THERE?** Mrs Ward will be supervising this and, on occasion, other staff will also be involved.

**HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?** Parents will need to fill in a permission slip available from the office.

**FROM TIME TO TIME** staff might direct some students to Homework Club to complete work set.

**Afternoon tea will be provided free of charge.**

## “AIMING HIGHER” UPDATE

### MTB TRACK BUILDING IN GARSTON

On the weekend of 13-15 September a group of senior students from Waiau Area School's "Aiming Higher" course will be travelling to Garston to assist with the construction of a single-track mountain bike trail. As well as getting exclusive access to some unique sub-alpine countryside and being able to test-ride part of the track that has already been built, these students will be able to claim that they helped to build one of the best MTB tracks in Southland and possibly, the whole of New Zealand.

The MTB track is the brainchild of Tom O'Brien, who has spent several years restoring a miner's hut on his property that is available for trampers to stay in, as the following excerpt explains:

*Tom O'Brien, owner of Blackmore Farm and founder of High Country Walks has followed his passion by offering up a little hut on the back side of his 5000 acre farm. Called the Chinaman's Hut, it was restored some years ago, by local volunteers, Tom and his father. The hut is situated on the rolling mountains of the Slate Range, just south of the Remarkables Mountains, on the border of Otago and Southland.*  
<http://blog.mtnspirit.org/2012/01/11/a-restored-mountain-hut-getaway-with-good-energy/>

Tom wants to give mountain bikers similar access to the stunning scenery on his property and has been building the MTB track throughout the winter with the help of "WWOOF'ers" (Willing Workers On Organic Farms) and other willing volunteers and organisations. The school was introduced to Tom through Gordon Baker, from Splat Speedball, who has been working hard to establish the monthly Waiau Paintball Club here in Tuatapere. Gordon has kindly offered our Aiming Higher students the use of his holiday home in Garston so that they have somewhere warm and comfortable to come home to after a hard day on the mountain! Gordon has also donated some armchairs and other furniture to the Waiau Film Club, which is most appreciated. Don't forget – the Waiau Paintball Club is held near the Tuatapere Swimming Pool on the second Sunday of every month from 1pm-4pm.

### WAIU FILM CLUB

The Film Club has been well-utilised over the past few weeks with a number of community groups booking the facilities for their social functions, break-ups or fundraisers. Thanks to Tuatapere and Orawia Netball Clubs for looking after the cinema so well and for your lovely thank-you cards. Well done to the students who supervised the first movie night, screening "Treasure Planet" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" – it was a great success.

Finally, a huge thank you to Maurice and Isobel Green for donating a luxurious sofa and a stereo system – there



is no question what the best seats in the house are now, thanks heaps!

**A reminder to the Aiming Higher students:** There is limited space available for the Mountain Biking opportunity, so please get permission slips and money to the office as soon as possible, and definitely before the deadline of **Friday 30 August!**

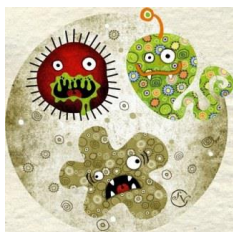
**A request for help!** If you have any tools/equipment that you could loan to the students for when we travel to Garston, please get in touch with us at school. We are in particular need of **pick-axes and square-bladed spades** that will be useful for cutting the tracks. Thanks in advance for your help and a huge thank you to Gordon for his generosity.

Until the next update, keep Aiming Higher!

*Mr Richard Bennett and Mr Simon Pearce*

## THE DREADED LURGY ... AND A PLEA FROM TEACHERS

Please, if your child is feeling unwell, complaining of sore tummies, or sore throats, keep them at home comfortable and warm.



There's an array of illnesses doing the rounds at the moment: colds – with symptoms of sore throats, coughing, headaches, high temperatures; and tummy bugs – with symptoms of nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. These illnesses spread very easily from person to person, and we ask that you keep your child at home until you are confident they have recovered.

*Many thanks, Staff of WAS*

## Community Notices

If you have a Community Notice to advertise in our School newsletter, please email it to the school at [newsletters@was.school.nz](mailto:newsletters@was.school.nz).

### WAIAU VALLEY VICTIM SUPPORT GROUP AGM

The Waiau Valley Victim Support Group are having their AGM at the Waiau Hotel Cafe Bar at 8pm on 26 August. All welcome. Members please note that a general meeting will precede at 7pm. Please bring along a small plate.

### BROXY RIDER COACHING FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

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Farm – MX – Trail – Enduro – XC – Super X**

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### RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING TO SWIM TRY WAIAU SWIMMING CLUB

For learning, fitness or competition, there is something for everyone. Make use of our coaches and our great swimming facilities. Lessons will start October 2013. Choose from Tuesday or Thursday. Information coming soon.  
Or phone Dale on (03) 2266865.

### HOKONU MAORI ENDOWMENT FUND

Laina Niha, Secretary – 87 Burrows St, Bluff 9814 – Telephone (03) 212 8962

Applications are invited from tertiary and secondary school students yr9 upwards for the Hokonui Endowment Fund. The Hokonui Endowment Fund is an education fund for applicants who can trace their whakapapa to the original Maori owners of Rakiura/Stewart Island. For more information and/or application forms contact either: Christian Fife (03) 217 8706, or Laina Niha (03) 212 8962, or Ricky Topi (03) 212 8556, or Louise Fowler (03) 212 8577, or Karen Johnson (03) 212 7384.

Completed application forms must have a bank account number enclosed and need to be received for processing by 31 October 2013.

### FOR SALE

Brand new School blazer, sz108; School tie; School skirt, sz16; 2 white shirts, sz18. Phone 027 9397646.

### TUATAPERE NETBALL CLUB FINALS

Last weekend we had five teams play semi-finals over at Winton. All teams performed extremely well and we have four teams through to finals this Saturday.

Premier Reserve play Drummond for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm;  
Reserve Grade play Takitimu for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12noon;  
3rd grade play Spar Bush for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am;  
5th grade play Otautau for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am;  
7th grade play Takitimu for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12noon.

The final of the Premier Grade is played at 2pm followed by the prize-giving for all teams, umpires and rep players. We would love to see lots of supporters over there cheering our teams on.

Remember our club prize-giving is on Friday 30 August, at the Waiau Hotel Lounge Bar at 6.30pm. A reminder to hand in any cups or trophies to your coach or manager ASAP.

See you all at the netball on Saturday.

*Wendy Adams, Club President*



## 8 February 2014

Mark your diaries now for the  
75<sup>th</sup> Waiiau A&P Show

We want to make this the best show yet  
And we need your help

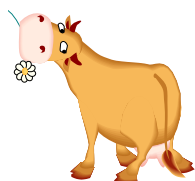


If you

- or a community group you are involved in, have any ideas for something you want to offer at our 75<sup>th</sup> Waiiau Show
- have a little time to spare and can help us out
- have any memorabilia from previous shows that you would be happy to share

then we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Isobel Devery on  
(03) 2266822 or  
any of our committee members



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SOMEONE ELSE COULD USE?

**PASSITON!**  
WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

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Simply drop your gear off to your local school – they'll call us and we'll pick it up!

The gear will be distributed to schools, clubs and community organisations in need – so **PASS IT ON!**

see [www.sportsouthland.co.nz](http://www.sportsouthland.co.nz) for more

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