



From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Appointment of New Property Manager

I'm happy to announce the appointment of our new Property Manager, Rick Murphy. Rick is a keen home renovator and handyman and is excited to be working at Waiau Area School. He will manage the school's caretaking, security and continue to ensure that the school is a safe place for our students. We look forward to working alongside you Rick.

Learning Behaviours

At Assembly this week I discussed three things students can do over this term to ensure they achieve at a high level. The first is attending. Unsurprisingly, students who attend school regularly outperform those with sporadic attendance. The second is participating in class work. If you make an effort with your learning in class, you can expect to find it easier to learn. You'll have your friends to learn with and a teacher available to answer your questions immediately. If you don't participate you're likely to find it difficult to grasp the concept when you need it later. Finally, students need to seek and act on the advice given to them (from their teachers or peers or parents). I really want students to want to succeed at school. It's important that students take responsibility for the parts they can control – their attendance, participation and willingness to act on advice.

Our School Environment

This year Mrs AK and the Board of Trustees began a number of projects to make the school a better learning environment. These projects have included upgrading the Y7-8 classes, installing lockers, and restoring and repairing several areas of the school to their former glory. Similar projects are likely to continue throughout the next few years, with the long term goal having a school that suits its purpose, but mostly a school that students are proud to attend and call their school. A concern for me continues to be the way some of our students are treating our environment. This year we have had damage to several areas of the school. All of these actions divert money from projects that transform the school into a modern learning environment, putting money instead into repairing the damage caused by the foolish behaviours of a handful of students. I know that I will have your support in reminding our students of the value of our school environment.

NCEA Fees

Earlier in the year I outlined the purpose of the NCEA fee. There seems to be some confusion over this fee. This fee is charged by NZQA and allows students to have their credits put onto their system. It is not a fee for external exams. External and internal assessments are

covered by this fee. If you have not yet paid the \$76.70 fee, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that your child receives recognition for their NCEA work this year.

Upcoming Events

I would like to encourage all of the community to pencil-in / attend a number of dates and events that are coming up. **Pet Day** is an important opportunity for the school to work with the community to create an exciting day for our children. Our students and staff will be working hard to ensure that their entries wow the judges.

Our school Commissioner, Chris Shaw would like to invite you to a **Parent Community Meeting**. This is further opportunity for you to meet Chris and ask him questions.

Y11-13 students will go on **study leave** from 5 November. For most of them this is their opportunity to work hard of preparing for the **NCEA External Exams** that begin the following week.

The **Tour of Southland** will also wind its way through Tuatapere on 31 October. It's a great opportunity for our students to see part of New Zealand's premier cycling race.

School Badges

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Achievement Badges at last week's Assembly. Well done!

Academic Achievements:

Damian Bogle

- 100% in his "Thinking with Evidence" Science test

Angus Porteous

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 1 Science (Internal)

Steven Mustor
Acting Principal

From the Office

Newsletters are issued on a fortnightly basis. If you don't receive a copy, it can be viewed online at <http://www.was.school.nz/>

Welcome to Our New Student

A big welcome to Jamie Harris-Macaskill (yr9) who has joined us from Southland Boys. We hope you enjoy your time here with us Jamie. 😊



Assemblies

A reminder that full School Assembly is held on Mondays at 9.00am in the School Hall.

**** Parent Community Meeting ****

Parents/caregivers are invited to attend an update meeting with our Commissioner Dr Chris Shaw at **4.00pm on Tuesday 30 October in the School Hall.** Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there. (A reminder notice will go home with students on Monday.)

Student of the Week Awards

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

Room 3

Chase Moir – For writing a story with simple sentences and no help about your Dad. Well done Chase!

Room 4

Cheyenne Waihapa – For making a positive start to her learning. Settling to work and making good choices in class. Well done Cheyenne!

7/8HW

Jack Birch – For making a great effort with his work and being an awesome member of the class.

7/8JQ

Lewis McKay – For starting the term with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.

9/10SP

Tui Waihapa – For her positive attitude to learning.

13AC

Cheyenne Carey – For continued dedication towards learning in Biology.



Summer Sandals

Please be aware that students in the Junior School are allowed to wear black sandals during the Summer months (Terms 1 and 4) – in a style similar to those shown here, i.e. no jandals.



Student Absences

As always, please ensure you inform the School Office if your child will be absent from school for one reason or another. A quick phone call or text message is all it takes. Also, it is Ministry requirements that we are informed of the reason for the absence so that it can be coded correctly into the database we upload to the MoE from time to time.

Cheers, Kiwia



Lost Property

Once again we have a build-up of clothing and footwear at school. If your child has 'misplaced' clothing over the past term or three, chances

are it could be here. Next time you're at school please pop in to see if anything belongs at your home.

From Our Lead Managers

From Mrs Helen Ward

School Camps / Market Day

Thanks very much to those of you who have returned the permission slips for yr7-10 camps. I appreciate that camps take a considerable amount of money from the family budget, particularly if you have two or more children in yr7-10. This year we are going to hold a Twilight Christmas Market on 30 November to raise money to start a fund that will support subsidising camps for this year and the future. Please read the ad in this newsletter publicising the event. As always, for success, a partnership between home and school is vital and a letter will be coming home on Monday asking for your support.

Curriculum Learning

The market has provided us with a wonderful opportunity for student learning around sustainability. Your son or daughter will be coming home and talking about developing ideas for economic success. All curriculum areas in the yr7-10 school are focussing on the topic of Sustainability. Please encourage and support your son or daughter with this project.

Upcoming Events

Finally, a reminder that this term is very short, but there is still a lot of learning to be achieved and activities to participate in with Pet Day, 7 A Side Summer Tournament, 8 Mates College Games, and Have A Go Day on the horizon.

Helen Ward, LM Yr9-13

From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti

It's been an excellent start to the term with our syndicate science topic around weather. Titled 'Four Seasons in One Day' – what causes our weather to change? We've certainly had our share of wild weather.

SMAC Maths

On Wednesday, students from our yr7/8 cohort participated at the SMAC Math competition at James Hargest Senior Campus in Invercargill.



Rm4 students participating in a training session with a Southland Cricket coach on 24 October.

Sun Smart Kids

The children in the Junior Syndicate are looking a whole lot smarter with their 'groovy' sun hats thanks to our School PTA. These were distributed last week and it's great to see we've got ideal spring weather to utilise the hats to their full effect.

Readathon

There are still a number of students who are yet to bring in monies from the reading fundraiser. Please ensure these are brought to school as soon as possible. We hope to have a special draw at next week's school assembly. All

participants will have their names placed into a special draw. A person from each class will be awarded a prize.

Up to Yr 8 Western Golf Tournament

Best of luck to the teams participating at the Western Golf Tournament at Otautau Golf Course on Tuesday 30 October. We will report the teams' progress in the next newsletter.

Waiau Valley Pet Day – Wednesday 7 November

The pet day is fast approaching with less than two weeks to go. Yr1-8 students will be bringing home permission slips on Friday. **Please indicate on the form whether your child/ren will be attending Pet Day and return it to school by Wednesday 31 October.** This will allow plenty of time to organise supervision at school for those students not attending.

Paul Anderson-Kereti, LM Yr1-8

From Our Teachers

SMAC Maths

Well done to the four teams who took part in the SMAC Maths competition at James Hargest on the evening of 24 October. Teams from yrs 7-10 solved mathematical problems for 20 minutes at a furious pace with much heated conversation. Our students put in a massive effort and had a great time; sadly though they missed out on a placing.

*Mr Paul Maloney
HOD Maths*

Tour of Southland

The 2012 PowerNet Tour of Southland Cycle Race will be passing through Tuatapere on Wednesday 31 October and we are planning to take all students from



Year 1-10 to the finish line to show our support of this event. Senior students will not be attending due to the proximity of their forthcoming NCEA examinations. The Tour of Southland is a very prestigious competition, attracting both national and international athletes, and this is an excellent opportunity for our students to experience elite sport without cost!

Stage 3 of the tour ends outside the Waiau Hotel at approximately 11.00am and we will aim to leave school just before interval (10.45am) and make our way on foot to the event. We will return after the Stage 3 prize-giving ceremony.

Several members of staff will be accompanying me to ensure the safety of students, but we would ask you to emphasise with your child the importance of appropriate behaviour and acting responsibly when representing the school. Parents/caregivers, friends and family are welcome to accompany us on this trip and can meet us at school before we walk to the finish line. **New Entrant students are required to wear their high-visibility vests.** If you **DO NOT** wish your child to

participate with this trip, please contact the school as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for alternative arrangements to be made. We will assume that you allow your child to be included if we do not hear otherwise.

Mr Richard Bennett

HOD Physical Education and Health

From Our Students



Wanted: Paint

Do you have any old house paint or normal paint or spray paint that you don't want anymore? Could year 7/8JQ please have it for our Market Day projects? *Thanks, Jaz and Jaimee*

From the Seniors

On Tuesday 16 October Western Southland Police Officers had a meeting in our School Library. At interval they challenged us Seniors to a game of Volleyball. Naturally the Seniors won; defeating the Police by 25-23. It was a good game and we all had a great time. Looking forward to a rematch over a game of Touch. ☺



2012/2013 Timeline

Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December	Term 4, 2012 Confirmed end date
Tuesday 30 October – 4.00pm	Parent community meeting with Commissioner Chris Shaw – School Hall
Thursday 1 November	Junior Leadership Forum yr10
Monday 5 November	Study Leave begins for Senior students
Wednesday 7 November	Pet Day yr1-8
Wednesday 14 November	7 A Side Summer Tournament yr7-10
Wednesday 21 November	8 Mates Challenge yr9/10
Wednesday 28 November	Have A Go Day yr9/10
Friday 30 November – 4.00-7.00pm	Twilight Christmas Market
TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER	PRIZEGIVING
Tuesday 29 January to Friday 19 April	Term 1, 2013
Monday 6 May to Friday 12 July	Term 2, 2013
Monday 29 July to Friday 27 September	Term 3, 2013
Monday 14 October to early/mid December	Term 4, 2013

PTA Meeting

Wednesday 31 October, 7.30pm, School Staffroom
All welcome.

Community Notices

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

Waiau Valley Lions Club Quiz Night

Fundraising for Tuatapere Swimming Pool Project

When: 7.30pm Wednesday 14 November

Where: Waiau Town & Country Club

Cost: \$10 per team of 4

Waiau Swimming Club

Starting on Tuesday 30 October and Thursday 1 November.

New registrations arrive at 5.00pm on their night of choice.

Training will begin the following week. Swimming is open for any children from the age of 5.

Enquiries to Dale Egerton on 2266865.

The SBS Bank Mara-Fun-Run is back!

Time: 11.00am

Date: Sunday 11 November

Cost: \$5.00

Each competitor receives a Marafun finisher's medal and certificate. Entry forms from Sport Southland, PO Box 224, Invercargill; or by phoning 03 211 2150; or email www.southlandfestivalofrunning.co.nz. Entries on the day from 10am at SBS marquee, Surrey Park Athletics Track.

golf southland WESTERN ZONE
9 HOLE GOLF SERIES

PRIMARY and SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS & HCP AND
NON HCP AND ADULTS DIVISIONS

ADULTS ARE INVITED TO COME PLAY WITH JUNIORS
LET'S GET PLAYING!

9 HOLE SERIES DATES:

- OTAUTAU GOLF CLUB:
Wednesday 24th October 2012
- DRUMMOND GOLF CLUB:
Wednesday 31st October 2012
- TUATAPERE GOLF CLUB:
Wednesday 7th November 2012
- RIVERTON GOLF CLUB:
Wednesday 14th November 2012
- DRUMMOND GOLF CLUB:
Wednesday 21st November 2012
- TUATAPERE GOLF CLUB:
Wednesday 28 November
- DRUMMOND GOLF CLUB:
Wednesday 5th December 2012

REPORT TIME:
4.15pm
TEE OFF 4.30pm

ENTRY FEE:
\$5 for Juniors
\$10 Adults

PLEASE FILL IN ENTRY FORM
OR CONTACT TO ENTER.
JENNA GAINFORD
027 4888 037 / 03 931 0082
gdmssouthland@gmail.com

Entry Forms
available from the
School Office

Tuatapere Netball Club Report 2012

The Tuatapere Netball Club had a brilliant season with 4 of their 7 teams winning their grade at the Central Netball competition. Premier Reserve coached by Diane Newton and Wendy Adams went through the season with only one loss. A great effort.



The 4th grade coached by Wendy Adams had a slow start to the season but came together when it was needed. I am very proud of the girls.

The 5th grade coached by Rachael Poole also had a slow start to the season but with some excellent coaching by Rachael they improved and finished well.

The 8th grade coached by Hayley and Dayna Adams had a great season; some great young talent in this team. Look forward to seeing them progress through the grades.

I would also like to thank our coaches of our other teams: Dayna Adams, who coached the Reserve Grade Team, Jaime Dickson, 6th Grade and Kaylene Bennett, Future Ferns. Also a big thank you to our managers Vicki Unahi, Leanne Erb, Cheryl Baldwin, Isobel Devery, Jackie Clarke, and Dale Egerton, and all our parent supporters and committee.

We had three of our girls selected to represent Central at Tournaments: Zoe Erb in year 8, Hayley Adams and Sophie Unahi in the Under 15 A Team.

Hayley Adams has also been selected in the Southland Under 14 Development Squad.

We were very proud to have one of our own presented with a trophy at the Central Prizegiving this year. Dayna Adams was presented with the MVP Cup for services to netball in her club and centre. Dayna coached two teams in our club, helped out with umpiring at Central when needed and also was the coach of the Central under 15 B Team who were runner-up at the Dunedin Tournament this year. All this while playing in our victorious Prem Reserve Team. Well Done.

Results from our prize-giving:

7th Grade	Most Consistent: Grace Church Most Improved: Hannah Devery
6th Grade	Most Consistent: Eleanor Carey & Amanda Baldwin Most Improved: Danni-elle Kennard
5th Grade	Most Consistent: Gemma Evans Most Improved: Tania Hita
4th Grade	Most Consistent: Ashleigh Wilson Most Improved: Caitlin Hammond
Reserve Grade	Most Consistent: Hayley Adams & Sophie Unahi Most Improved: Marissa Johnston
Premier Reserve	Most Consistent: Lana Roberts Most Improved: Jenna Toomata Most Valuable Player: Diane Newton

Special Prizes:

Sportsmanship: Jasmine Bogle
Most Promising Junior: Bethan Clarke
Most Promising Intermediate: Zoe Erb
Most Promising Senior: Caitlin Hammond
Club Cup for services to the Club: Rachael Poole

Thanks to our Sponsors for the Season:

Barrett Shearing Waiau Town & Country Club
Tui Freight Waiau Hotel

Wendy Adams
President, Tuatapere Club

Netball Southland Fast Feet Enrolments Closing Soon!

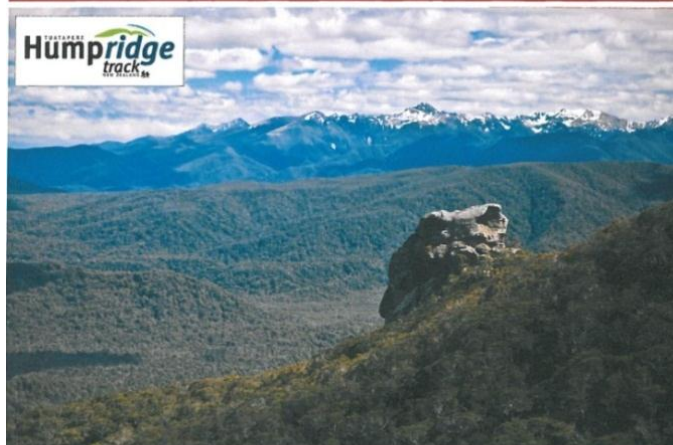
Netball Southland is pleased to offer the 'Fast Feet' programme aimed at children aged between 5-7 years of age to improve their ball and movement skills with a netball emphasis. The four sessions cost \$20 per student and the programme is being run in Invercargill, Winton and Gore during October/November 2012.

If interested, Registration forms are available from your School's Office. Any questions, please feel free to contact me direct on (03) 217 1303 or at megan@netballsouthland.org.nz.

Megan McKenzie
Netball Development Officer, Netball Southland

KIWI SPECIAL

16 Nov 2012 • 17 Nov 2012



- Two departure dates (16 & 17 November 2012)
- 3 days /2 nights on the Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track
- Bunk-room accommodation in our fabulous lodges
- Hot shower at both lodges
- All meals included
- Upgrade options available
- Offer only available to NZ residents

\$250pp

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Tuatapere District Lions Charitable Trust

CHILDRENS TRAVEL FUNDING

The Tuatapere District Lions Club 2012 Hay Day provided for the creation of an on-going fund to assist young people wishing to travel to organised cultural, sports training or competition, or personal development opportunities.

School children who live in our Hay Drive canvassing area--from Blackmount to Pahia and including Tuatapere and Orepuki are eligible to apply to this fund-- including boarding school children

Application forms are available from your local school or by contacting Secretary John Knowler, Hay Convenor Quinton Donald or any Lions Member you know.

October 2012

Dr Eric Elder Bursary Fund

Applications for the above Bursary
open 1 November.

The Dr Elder Bursary is valued at \$1500 and is open to all persons wishing to undertake tertiary studies for 2013. Application forms are available from the National Bank in Riverton and close on 10 January 2013. Completed application forms to be forwarded to:

Mrs Raewyn Minty
88 Wairio-Wreys Bush Road
R D 1
OTAUTAU 9689

Community Trust of Southland School Leaver Scholarships

Do you know a student who is committed to achieving an overall excellence endorsement in NCEA Level 3?

Then let them know they could be eligible to receive a **\$3,000** Community Trust of Southland School Leaver Scholarship.

CLOSING DATE

Applications can be made anytime up until 31 March

Want to Know More?

For detailed information, including eligibility and application forms visit www.ctos.org.nz or contact our Scholarship Advisor on **0800 500 185**.

WHERE

Waiau Area School

Free Entry • Entertainment

Twilight Christmas Market

Bouncy Castle • Big Dig • Silent Auction • Paintball • Golf • Cake Stall • Facepainting • Gumboot Throwing • Dunk-a-Teacher • Pony Rides • Entertainment • White Elephant Stall • Produce Stall • Sausage Sizzle • Second Hand Clothing Stall • And more ...

WHY

To raise funds for School Camps

TIME

4.00—7.00pm

DATE

Friday 30 November

CONTACT

The School Office on admin@was.school.nz
or 03 2266285 if interested in having a stall
during our Twilight Market—cost \$10.