



From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Senior Study Leave

The school has felt a little empty this week, with our yr11-13 students heading home to continue studying for the NCEA external exams. I know that as a parent of a senior student you will be supporting them by providing encouragement, direction, and motivation over the coming weeks. One of the important aspects of our senior students being on study leave is the opportunity it provides for our middle school students to show their leadership skills in the school. Over the final few weeks of term I will be expecting our Year 10 students in particular to step up and show me how committed they are to the school.

Pet Day

I was really thrilled to be able to leave my meeting with our visitors from NZQA for long enough to see our students involved in a wider community activity. Our students looked like they were having a great time, engaging with the wide range of activities and showing off their entries with pride. I hope that we are able to continue to take advantage of community initiatives like this as they truly show our community in its best light.

Reports

Over the next two weeks teachers will be writing end of year reports for every student at Waiau Area School. This report will capture the learning students have undertaken from Term 3. With the end of the year rapidly approaching, I would encourage parents to contact their child's homeroom teacher now, if you would like to discuss their learning. This will ensure that your child's report offers no surprises and provides you with a chance to support your child's learning for the rest of the year.

PTA

I had the pleasure of attending the last PTA meeting for 2012. I was extremely impressed with the commitment that the members of this group have to our school. I encourage any parents who are looking for a good way to be involved in the school, to contact them about attending their next meeting. I would also like to thank the current members of the PTA for the amazing contributions they have made to our school, for supporting sporting and learning initiatives, as well as their continued support of events such as the School Ball and Prizegiving. Your help is definitely appreciated by all of the staff and students at the school.

School Badges

Congratulations to the following student who was awarded an Achievement Badge at last week's Assembly. Well done!

Academic Achievements:

Cheyenne Carey

➤ Excellence in NCEA – Level 2 Biology

*Steven Mustor
Acting Principal*

From the Office

Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at the previous two Assemblies:



Room 2

Amyee Gutsell – For writing a great character story with great descriptions about your Mum. Well done Amyee!

Brycen Erskine – For great progress in writing, reading and spelling. Well done Brycen!

Room 3

Cody Harvey – For excellent work on his Science Fair project.

Room 4

Flynn McCallum – For making a positive start to his learning. Settling to work and making good choices in class. Well done Flynn!

7/8HW

Ella Wylie – For participating and contributing effectively in Science.

7/8JQ

Shaina Ebron – For continual positive on task behavior and for the increased use of new vocabulary.

Zack Fowle – For working diligently and completing all class tasks within the set timeframe.

9/10SP

Liam Egerton – For his great attitude and enthusiasm towards sport and participating in his classes.

Jamie Harris-Macaskill – For making a brilliant start to his schooling at WAS and settling in well. It also recognizes the skills shown in reading Shakespeare unaided and with great clarity.

11PM

Cidrick Ebron – For his positive contribution to school life.

**** Newsflash – Assemblies ****

For the rest of this term, Assemblies will be held on Fridays.

Yr7-10 students will have Assembly at 9.00am in the Hall.

Yr1-6 students will have Assembly at 2.40pm in the Junior Block.

School Invoices

Firstly, a big thanks to so many of you who have paid school fees over the last couple of months – this has been much appreciated. And to those of you who have started automatic payments, thank you also!

I have recently sent out reminders to families who still owe money; further to the 2012 fees, I have been asked to continue recovering debts dating back to 2010. Any debts you may have had prior to 2010 have been written off. If you have queries about the fees letter, please don't hesitate to give me a call, or pop in to see me at the School Office.

Cheers, Gillian

Quiz Night

When: 7.00pm Wednesday 21 November

Where: Waiau Hotel

Why: Fundraising for School Camps

Cost: \$10 per team (max. 4 people)

Prizes for the raffle table will be gratefully received.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Banking for Students

Remember those days of school banking? When you'd bring a \$1 note to school with your wee bank book and get it stamped and the money would be deposited into your first ever bank account? Well, Westpac Bank have offered to come out to school to talk to our students about the benefits of saving money from a young age, and set-up bank accounts.

If your child is keen on opening a bank account, let us know and if there is enough interest, we will ask a Westpac rep to come out early next year.

Cheers, Kiwia/Gillian

The Langmuir Junior Angling Cup

Please note that entries for this trophy have now closed.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

It seems the above is doing the rounds and has hit our School. Please take the time to read the following information from the Ministry of Health:

"Anyone can get hand, foot and mouth disease, but it is most common in children under 10. Preschool children tend to get sicker. If your child has hand-foot-and-mouth disease, they'll have painful sores in their mouth and a rash with blisters on their hands and feet. Human hand-foot-and-mouth disease is not related to foot and mouth disease in animals.

Symptoms:

- Mild fever is usually the first sign of hand-foot-and-mouth disease. This starts three to six days after your child has been exposed to the disease.
- After the fever starts, your child may develop other symptoms, including: painful red blisters on their tongue, mouth, palms of their hands, or soles of their

feet; loss of appetite; a sore throat and mouth; a general feeling of weakness or tiredness.

- The disease is usually mild and lasts three to seven days.
- It can be confused with chickenpox or cold sores in a child's mouth.

Treatment:

- The only medicine recommended for hand-foot-and-mouth disease is paracetamol.
- Most blisters disappear without causing problems. In the mouth, however, some may form shallow, painful sores that look similar to cold sores.
- Make sure they drink plenty of liquids to avoid getting dehydrated.

Prevention:

Hand-foot-and-mouth disease is spread by coughing or sneezing, or by contact with mucus, saliva, blisters or the bowel movements of an infected person. Children are contagious for around 7 to 10 days.

Keep your child home from childcare or school until the fever is gone and their mouth sores have healed."

From Our Teachers

Pet Day

Another successful Pet Day was held on Wednesday 7 November. There was a fantastic turn-out of children / animals / baking / vegetables / projects – all under the blue skies of a perfect Southland day! Congratulations to all involved; especially those who were awarded ribbons, certificates, and rosettes.



Read-a-Thon

The Junior children have just completed a very successful Read-a-thon. We have raised just over \$1400 from the 50% of children who participated.

It was most encouraging to see the number of books children read over the two week holiday period. Our champion reader was Emily Templeton from Room 1 who read 59 books. Well done Emily! Our champion class was Room 4 with 12 children participating. I am sure those who read over the holidays will have found it beneficial and enjoyable.

We can now look forward to purchasing a number of big books for each class. A Big thank you to all the parents and children who supported the Read-a-thon. You have all helped to make a large improvement in your children's literacy.

Miss Kristen Hammerich, Rm2

Otautau Touch

Yr1/2 Tuatapere Tigers

Big thanks to parents for helping out and to Phil Erskine and Alton Devery for running on the field with the kids.

Wk 1 Peter Devery Player of the Day.

Wk 2 Harrison Erskine and Katie Unahi Players of the Day.

Next Games Monday 12 November at 4.00pm and 4.30pm.

Yr5/6 Waiau Warriors

Wk 1 played Otautau. Well done Nic Chamberlain for getting Player of the Day – 5-2 to Otautau.

Wk 2 played Otautau and made improvements from last week. Well done Sam Unahi for getting Player of the Day. Thanks to Rachael Poole for helping out.

Next Game Monday 12 November at 4.00pm.

Miss Jaime Dickson, Rm3



Peace Poster

Congratulations to Jasmine Bogle, Shaina Ebron, and Maddison Hampton for receiving certificates for participating in the 2012-2013 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Well done.

*Mrs Annette Ferguson
HOD Art*

From Our Students

Tour of Southland

The Tour came through Tuatapere on Wednesday 31 October and students from our school were there to see them at the finish line and also to cheer them on at the start of their next leg. Thanks to Jordan Erskine for supplying some of these photos along with PowerNet Tour of Southland who have sent us a cd of their visit through Tuatapere ...





Cricket with Param

On Wednesday 24 October students from room 3 up to the senior school had cricket lessons from Param, who works for Cricket Southland. Param taught us how to bat, bowl, throw, catch and field during our session with him. I really enjoyed everything but learned the most about fielding properly.



The year 7 and 8s had a game of non-stop cricket. It was so much fun and we had so many laughs. Everyone got a chance to bat and field and try out their new skills.

By Zack Fowle

From Our Support Staff

Library News

Scholastic Books

Scholastic Book Club Offer 7 is out and due to close for ordering on Tuesday 13 November 2012. Orders can be left at the School Office.

Overdue Books

Big THANK YOU to all of those who have returned books. By now everyone who has an overdue book due as at 31 October 2012 should have a letter; it would be great if these books could be returned to the school as soon as possible. If the Library is not open please leave the books at the School Office.

Stocktake

The Stocktake of all the Library books will start on Week 6 this Term. All Library books need to be returned so

they can be included in the stocktake and no more books will be issued until next year.

Miss Joanne Fraser
Librarian

2012/2013 Timeline

Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December	Term 4, 2012 Confirmed end date
Thursday 15 November	7 A Side Summer 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
Wednesday 5 to Friday 7 December	School Camp to Te Anau yr7/8
TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER	PRIZEGIVING
29 January to 19 April	Term 1, 2013
6 May to 12 July	Term 2, 2013
29 July to 27 September	Term 3, 2013
14 October to early/mid December	Term 4, 2013

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.

Touch Southland Western Under-10 trial

Where: Holt Park, Otautau

When: After the completion of the Western Primary module November 19

Who: Touch Southland is looking at holding a Southland-wide under-10 competition in February 2013.

This is the trial for the *Western* region. **NOTE:** To be eligible for this team you need to be born in the year **2003** or later.

Scott Eade

Touch Southland Development Officer

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

Summer Jam Annual National Youth Leadership Event

Regeneration Summer Jam

For the last three summers we have assembled an amazing group of young people from around New Zealand who are already leading the change in their communities, schools and organisations. These large annual events are an opportunity for our crew to upskill, plan actions, have fun and consider the question "where to from here?" We call these events 'Jams' because like an improvised musical jam session the result is a spontaneous combination of all the participant's skills and knowledge and energy. The concept is youth teaching youth, and while we do have facilitators, youth workers and invited speakers we are part of the Jam.

Summer Jam 2013

This year's Summer Jam will be held at the Living Springs Conference Centre near Christchurch from 20-25 January 2013. The full cost of the six day event is \$375 including accommodation, meals and workshops. You can download a copy of the invitation by hitting the download link below.

You can register easily online just by clicking

<https://regeneration-summer-jam-2013.lilregie.com/step1>

Tuatapere Community Baths Update

The pool will be open to the public from Monday 12 November from 7.30-8.30am and 3.15-4.30pm. Weekends from 2.00-4.00pm.

A parent roster will be up and running the following week. If there is enough interest we will look at holding an evening session. If you are interested in helping out by supervising once in a while please contact Rachael Poole on 2266364.

Carnival Day and Photo Competition

Barnados, in conjunction with Cornerstone New Life Church, is holding a Carnival Day at 9 Tay Street, on Saturday 17 November from 11.00am-1.30pm. This is a fun, free family event for everyone with bouncy castles, face painting, a special Dad's Zone, candy floss and loads of other fun things to do. Enter the Dads Having Fun Photo competition while at the Carnival. All you need is a photo of you and your dad (or granddad, uncle, stepdad etc) having fun together. Attach it to the entry form available at the carnival then tell us what is happening in the photo and the fun you are having. Loads of great prizes, especially for Dads and their kids (Mum can join in too!)

Cornerstone New Life Church

Tuatapere Netball Club AGM
7.30pm • 28 November • Waiau Hotel

Art Exhibition

Call in and see our current exhibition **Far North-Deep South** before the last day on 18 November! Our friends at the northern end of the exchange have selected a diverse and interesting group of quality art works from 20 established and emerging artists. We look forward to showcasing southern artists at a Whangarei exhibition around this time next year.

Riverton Community Arts Centre

129 Palmerston Street, Riverton

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 11am-4pm

Web: www.rivertonarts.org.nz



JUMP ROPE JAM
THE ULTIMATE SKIP OFF

Sunday November 18th, 1 - 3pm
Stadium Southland Velodrome.

Entry \$5
including a free drink on arrival and spot prizes!

- ★ Cadbury giveaways
- ★ Live music
- ★ Dance performances
- ★ Prize giveaways
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Raffles
- ★ Photo booths

- get a photo with your Southland Sports Star!

Primary Schools Challenge
Group Relay Challenge
Celebrity Sports Star Challenge!
STAGS SHARKS STEEL Skip it out!

To register your team, or for more information:
enquiries@stadiumsouthland.co.nz

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.