



From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Organisation for 2013

Our preparations for 2013 are well underway. We expect to make an appointment at the start of next week for a new yr9-13 English. We have also advertised three more positions – a Junior School teacher, a literacy support teacher for yr7-13 and an Agriculture with Music / Art teacher. I am confident that all of these positions will be filled with teachers of the highest quality, with a focus on the needs of our students at the forefront of their planning and practice.

I can also confirm the make-up of our yr1-10 classes for 2013.

- yr1-2 with Miss Edgerton
- yr2-3 with a future appointment
- yr3-4 with Miss Dickson
- yr5-6 with Mr AK
- yr7-8 one class with Mrs Ward as homeroom teacher
- yr9-10 one class taught by our senior subject specialists

Our yr11-13 students will have a wide number of courses on offer (including English, Mathematics, Science, Hard Materials, Food Technology, Agriculture, Physical Education and several distance learning options). These options will be confirmed by 3 December and final course confirmation will be sent out to all 2013 yr11-13 by 7 December.

The school continues to be in the luxurious position of having smaller class sizes than most schools. While class size is not the most important factor in a child's educational achievement, it does help ensure that our teachers know exactly where they are at and can provide evidence to support their decisions.

It is a normal reaction to question the placement of your child with a teacher for the following year. I am happy to hear any concerns or questions you have regarding our classes for 2013.

Staff on Leave

Mrs Abina Pope has been forced to take leave for the remainder of the year as the result of a car accident she had a few months ago. We wish her well with her recovery and thank her for her efforts with our yr7-10 students. Mrs Deborah McClure will replace her for the rest of the year.

Upcoming Events

There are a huge number of exciting events coming up before the end of the school year. The **Twilight Christmas Market** is an exciting opportunity for the school and the community to come together and have some fun. There are a huge number of interesting stalls and fun activities that should cater to everyone's taste.

Our middle school students have **Camp** and **Have A Go Day** to look forward to. Our **Helper's Morning Tea** is a great opportunity for us to thank all of the people who have supported the day to day running of the school this year. **Prizegiving** has also crept up on us. It's an excellent chance for our students to be publicly rewarded for their efforts at school. We hope that you're able to attend or support all of these events.

School Badges

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Achievement Badges. Well done!

Academic Achievements:

Cheyenne Carey

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 2 Biology

Nicola Diack

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 2 Biology (x 2)

Gemma Evans

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 2 Biology (x 2)

Roberta Jarman

- Excellence in NCEA – Level 1 Science

Steven Mustor
Acting Principal

From the Office

Student of the Week Awards

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



Room 1

Kahu Geary – For making great progress in all aspects of school life.

Taelah Haines – Showing progress in all areas of school life.

Emily Templeton – For always trying her hardest and making good progress in all subject areas.

Room 2

Jay Egerton – Making a great card for Astar and presenting all the cards to Astar – you did a great job. Well done Jay!

Amie Pratt – For being able to follow instructions and make a great flower card. Well done Amie.

Room 3

Lucas Gutsell – Lucas has been working really hard in all areas of his school life. He gained 45/45 in his STAR Test, has moved up a level in his reading and shows great leadership in the classroom. Well done Lucas.

Room 4

Ben Egerton – For making positive progress in his learning. Ben has worked really hard in his reading and performed well in the recent STAR test. Well done Ben!

Bruin Roe – For making positive progress in his learning. Bruin has been able to locate and share key weather

facts using texts. He is also able to order and find sets of fractions. Well done Bruin!

7/8HW

Phillipa Addenbrooke – For consistently showing leadership around learning in the classroom.

7/8JQ

Robbie Bell – For a positive change in behaviour and for the enthusiasm shown toward preparation for Market Day.

Jasmine Bogle – For the leadership she has shown in our class Sustainability Unit.

Felix Egerton – For the effort he is putting into his Technology projects.

9/10SP

Nathan Diack – For his improving attitude to learning.

Liam Egerton – For his contribution to sports exchange.

9/10TA

Bryan Hall – For being a positive member of the Homeroom and consistent effort across all learning areas.



Thank you to all those who came along and supported fundraising at Wednesday's Quiz Night at the Pub. We raised just over \$430 for our School Camp Fund. ☺

White Elephant Stall Twilight Market Day

It's time to clear out those attics and basements, sheds and cupboards, and under the bed!

Your trash is bound to be someone else's treasure and we'd love it if you would donate your unwanted 'treasure' to the school.

Things can be dropped off at the School Office the day before the market please.

All profits from this stall will go directly to the School Camp Fund.

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, Office

Missing Rugby Jerseys

Five jerseys from our rugby kit have 'gone missing' since Area Schools. If you see these at home, please return to the School Office ASAP. \$1700 worth of fundraising went into the purchase of these – what a huge waste if these jerseys aren't returned. Below are photos of what the jerseys look like – with the TCC emblem on the front. They can be returned ... no questions asked.

The missing jerseys are numbers 2, 10, 11, 14, 15.
Without them, the kit is obsolete.



Sports Tracksuits

There are a **HUGE** number of school tracksuits that haven't been returned after sporting events. A lot of these are under Seniors names.

If the tracksuits are not returned to the School Office by 7 December, invoices to the value of \$200 will be issued.

Old Waiau Area School Uniforms

If you have a Waiau Area School uniform you no longer require, the School Office would be happy to accept donations of these items to re-stock our 'in case of emergency' store.

Cake Stall – Twilight Market Day

All donations of baking for the above stall will be gratefully received. Baking can be delivered to either the School Office or Dale Egerton on the day of the market. If you have any queries, please get in touch with Dale on 2266865.

All profits from this stall will go directly to the School Camp Fund.

From Our Lead Managers

From Mr Paul Anderson-Kereti

It's been a very busy time for the Junior Syndicate. Staff have been completing end of year assessments and finalising the end of year reports.

Good Morning visit to Waiau Area School

Whilst other parts of the country had royalty visit their regions, we had our very own royalty grace our school last Thursday. A huge thank you to students, staff and parents who joined us in hosting the flamboyant Astar and the Good Morning crew. As we saw, we were at the mercy of TV time and things did not quite go to plan. However, it was an awesome experience. ***We have been told that the footage will be cut and run on TV One's 'Good Morning Show' on Thursday 6 December.*** We look forward to this event being televised to the nation!



Class Swimming



Some classes have begun swimming instruction for the remainder of the year. The focus of these lessons is around water confidence, stroke development, and swimming mileage. It is also hoped that we can build on the effective swimming knowledge learned at the start of the year. Please ensure your child has the right gear for their swimming lessons.

Parents are welcome to come and help with classes. Please contact your child's teacher to confirm swimming times.

Readathon

Last week, the children who participated in the 'Readathon' received an ice block for their efforts. We also announced the winners of the class draws, who each received a \$20 book voucher. A special thanks to our PTA committee for their support in this fundraiser.

Kia Kaha

Over the next few weeks, our junior classes will be covering a health unit called 'Kia Kaha'. This anti-bullying programme is provided to schools by the New Zealand Police. We will have the presence of Constable Fenton, our Police Education Officer, in our syndicate to help staff teach and promote the anti-bullying campaign.

Paul Anderson-Kereti, LM Yr1-8

From Our Teachers

"Aiming Higher" reaches for the stars!

After its first year in operation, the "Aiming Higher Level 1" course has truly started with a bang; and we are destined for bigger and better things in 2013!

"Aiming Higher" allows students to participate in a wide range of exciting and unique activities whilst gathering naturally-occurring evidence for several NCEA Achievement Standards as well as 'real-life' qualifications and experience.



Next year will grow and grow as we try to link employers to students and get the community behind our young people. So impressed were the national examiners with the programme there will be an article to follow on progress being made at WAS, to quote:

"We were very impressed with what we saw and heard yesterday and that this was supported by what (student A) said to us in the interview. Your Aiming Higher programme exemplifies best assessment practice for qualifications. Well done to everyone responsible."

We can't wait to begin next year and are really looking forward to seeing everyone involved! Please be waiting for a letter if your child is interested in the course (and local businesses we are about to contact you too) If you

have any queries or suggestions, please don't wait for the letter, feel free to contact us at the School!



Mr Richard Bennett / Mr Simon Pearce

End of Year Prize Giving

Prize Giving will be held:

Time: 7.00pm

Date: Tuesday 11 December

Venue: School Hall

Students can wear mufti to school on this day so that uniforms can be washed and organised.

Students need to be at school at around 6.30pm – in full uniform. They are to line up in Homeroom classes ready to be lead in to the Hall by 7.00pm.

We welcome all families to attend this celebration of the successes of our students.

Miss Jasmine Quinn

Summer 7 A Side – 15 November

Thirty-two students travelled to Northern Southland College in Lumsden to compete in the Country Schools' Summer Sports Exchange as the other half of the WAS team remained in Tuatapere to host the visiting teams from Aparima, St Peter's and NSC.



A brief shower of rain stopped play on the cricket field at Lumsden and forced the Lawn Bowlers inside at Tuatapere, but the weather held off for the most part and allowed the tournament to continue.

Our students represented the school remarkably well, with all teams participating in good spirit and with excellent sportsmanship. Highlights of the day for each age group were 2nd place in the Y9/10 Touch and another 2nd place in the Y7/8 Volleyball.

Thanks to all staff and parents who helped out on the day and congratulations to the yr7-10 WAS competitors.

*Mr Richard Bennett
HOD Physical Education*

Junior Read-a-thon

On Friday 16 November names were drawn for the Junior read-a-thon prize. The following children won the Whitcoulls book vouchers kindly donated by the PTA:

- ☀ Room 1 – Peter Devery
- ☀ Room 2 – Randall Dakila
- ☀ Room 3 – Jorga Unahi
- ☀ Room 4 – Nic Chamberlain

All children who participated in the read-a-thon received an ice block, also courtesy of the PTA. Congratulations everyone.

Miss Kristen Hammerich, Rm2

From Our Support Staff

Summer 7 A Side Results

All students had a great day last Thursday, even though the weather was against us. Results for the day:

Bowls

Unfortunately bowls was rained off so the kids instead had a lot of fun playing indoor bowls and Unihoc.

Cricket

- 1st – St Peters
- 2nd – NSC
- 3rd – WAS

Touch yr7/8

- 1st – NSC
- 2nd – Aparima
- 3rd – St Peters

Volleyball yr7/8

- 1st – St Peters 1 & St Peters 2
- 2nd – NSC & Waiau

Tennis

- 1st – St Peters
- 2nd – NSC

Touch yr9/10

- 1st – St Peters 1
- 2nd – WAS
- 3rd – St Peters 2

Volleyball yr9/10

- 1st – St Peters
- 2nd – NSC
- 3rd – WAS

*Mrs Tania Egerton
Sports Coordinator*

Produce Stall – Twilight Market Day

Would you be keen on running the above stall? If so, please get in touch with the School Office.

All profits from this stall will go directly to the School Camp Fund.

2012/2013 Timeline

Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December	Term 4, 2012 Confirmed end date
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

Second Hand Clothing Stall Twilight Market Day



I'm sure we all have tucked away at the back of the wardrobe, or in the bottom drawer, bits of clothing that have 'shrunk' or even perhaps 'stretched'? If so, how would you like to donate them to our clothing stall? Things can be dropped off at the School Office the day before the market please.

All profits from this stall will go directly to the School Camp Fund.

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.

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

Tuatapere Community Pool

Pool keys are available for this season. If you would like one, please contact Rachael Poole – 2266364.

- Family Key and Season ticket: \$140
- Adult Key and Season ticket: \$120
- Kid Season ticket: \$35

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

Bertie Budgie Toy Appeal



It is once again time for the annual Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal. Gifts are available for children up to 10 years old. If you need help with Xmas presents please contact the Community Worker at 2266483 or 027 7575983 before 7 December.

Southland Mountain Bike Club's
Southland Times

Kids Skids

Mountain Bike Experience

Sunday 2nd December
Southland Mountain Bike Club tracks
Sandy Point, Invercargill
Rides start at 11am so don't be late!

- A Mountain Bike Event just for the kids (aged 5 to 12)
- Separate courses for 5 to 7 years, 8 to 10 years and 11 to 12 years
- Test your ability in the skills area
- Heaps of spot prizes thanks to Bluelight, the Southland Mountain Bike Club and Wensley's Cycles

Entry:

- Entry fee is \$10 per rider, \$15 for two family members or \$20 per family
- Entry forms and Ride Rules can be downloaded from the Southland Mountain Bike Club website or from Wensley's Cycles on Tay Street
- All entries will be taken on the day at the event from 10am

www.southlandmtbclub.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

DATE

Friday 30 November

TIME

4.00—7.00pm

CONTACT

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