



From Our Principal

Resignation

By now you will have read that I have been offered and accepted the position of Director at the new merger school of Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti and Discovery One schools in Christchurch. This is a unique opportunity for any school leader – a chance to establish a new school. In all honesty, this was the only job that could have dragged me away from Waiau Area School.

I need to stress that this was not an easy decision to make. I genuinely love working as Principal of Waiau Area School. It has taught me so much about Y1-13 rural education, managing structures, community expectations, staff and students. Without my positive experience here, there is no way I could have been successful in my application to the merger school. It is also important for myself as a parent that I consider what is best for my family in the long term. We have enjoyed the relaxed lifestyle here and I will personally really miss being able to just walk next door to have lunch with my family every day.

As a community we should feel proud of the culture that I have been involved in developing here this past year at Waiau Area School. Students have become the focal point of our conversations. We spend more time as a staff talking about what we can do to help students achieve. We are a school that will continue to make a positive difference to the children of Tuatapere and its surrounds.

My new position officially starts in Term 1 2014. I will however begin my job in establishing the school from 4 November. I feel confident that the work I have done here has helped make the school a stable environment and an attractive workplace for any prospective applicant to the job.

The transition to the Acting Principal will be smooth and will not impact the learning of the students of Waiau Area School. I realise that for some members of the community this may be seen as yet another change. I know that I have created systems here that will outlive personnel. The positive changes we have made to our curriculum, structures, and communication will continue.

Thank you so much for your support this past year. Without it I doubt we could have achieved any of outcomes we have made this year.

Mr Steven Mustor, Principal

School News

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

A very big welcome to Declan Kelly who this week joined Miss E's class (Rm1), and Zane Collins who has joined Mrs Ward's yr7/8 class. And we also welcome back Brycen Erskine to Room 2 with Miss Wilson. We hope you all enjoy your time here at WAS.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at the last Assembly of Term 3:



Ella Erskine – Rm2 – For your outstanding attitude toward learning. You always give 100% to all you do. You are a delight to have in our classroom and an excellent example to others.

Jorja Unahi – Rm3 – Jorja has been working hard in her reading and it has proven successful as she has moved up 2 reading levels. Well done Jorja!

Lizzie Addenbrooke – 7/8HW – For working hard to gather and use resources for her report writing and for having a positive attitude to her learning.

Sophie Unahi – 12JS – For persistence and perseverance in her writing. Sophie demonstrated the ability to rework a piece of writing in a recent assessment.

Farewell for Steven Mustor ...

Welcome to Kevin Orlowski

The school community is cordially invited to attend a farewell morning tea for Steven:
**11am-12noon – Tuesday 29 October –
in the School Library.**

There will also be an opportunity to meet our Acting Principal, Kevin Orlowski, who will be at WAS from Monday 4 November.

For catering purposes, RSVP to the School Office by 24 October.

STAR COURSE

Congratulations to Angus Porteous on completing his automotive course at SIT and achieving 100% attendance. His tutor was very impressed with his level of skill and commitment. Well done Angus.

Miss Rachael Poole, STAR/Gateway Coordinator

SENIOR SWIMMING AND SENIOR TENNIS

Entry forms are on the wall by the Science Lab. Please enter and earn house points.

Miss Rachael Poole, Sports Coordinator

ROOM 4 CAMP

A big thank you to Grace Drain, Rachael Reid, and Coleen Ebron for their help on Room 4 camp. We were very impressed by your behaviour and how well you engaged the students in activities. You have impressed all the parents and teachers who attended camp. Kia kaha girls.

SPORTS EXCHANGE – AURORA COLLEGE

The sports exchange with Aurora College is happening next Wednesday (23 October) for year 7-10 students. Forms have been sent home with students; permission and payment (\$10) is necessary to enable students to attend. These are due to be returned to the School Office by the morning of Tuesday 22 October.

Miss Rachael Poole, Sports Coordinator

2013 / 2014 TIMELINE

29 January to 19 April	Term 1 (12 weeks)
6 May to 12 July	Term 2 (10 weeks)
29 July to 27 Sept	Term 3 (9 weeks)
Mon 14 October to Wed 11 December	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Sat 19 October	Rugby Trip (All Blacks vs Wallabies) – Dunedin
Wed 23 October	Yr7-10 Sports Exchange with Aurora College – Invercargill
Fri 25 October	Yr7-13 Swimming Sports
Mon 28 October	Labour Day
Tue 29 October	11am-12noon – Community/ Staff farewell for Mr Mustor
Thur 31 October	Halloween Disco – School Hall Preschoolers → Yr8
Tue 5 November	Yr5-8 Western Zone Golf Tournament – Otautau
Wed 13 November	Pet Day
WEEK 6	Yr1-10 Performance Week
Fri 6 December	Annual Twilight Gala
Wed 11 December	End of Year Prize-giving – School Hall
2014	
Monday 3 February to Thursday 17 April	Term 1 (11 weeks)
Monday 5 May to Friday 4 July	Term 2 (9 weeks)
Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September	Term 3 (10 Weeks)
Monday 13 October to Thursday 11 December	Term 4 (9 Weeks) (tentative end date)



News from Our PTA



Halloween Disco

6.30-8.00pm – Thursday 31 October
School Hall – Gold Coin Entry
Preschoolers to Year 8

Hot Chips • Mini Hotdogs • Spider Drinks •
 Halloween Cookies and more ...

Pre-Disco Trick or Treat walk to houses: Meet at School carpark at 5.30pm. If parents can help out with walk or a house for kids to go to for trick or treating, please phone Christine on 2255538 ASAP.

ANNUAL TWILIGHT GALA

4.00pm till late – Friday 6 December
School Grounds

Paintball • Swimming Pool • Stalls • Games • BBQ •
 Film Club • Music and much, much more ...

Come along with a picnic blanket, a bottle of wine/beer, and make a night of some great family entertainment. If you would like to book a stall for a \$10 fee, please phone the School on 2266285, or Christine on 2255338.

Mrs Christine Murch, PTA Chairperson

News from Our Teachers

FROM MRS WARD – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Southland District Youth Council Forum

On the last Friday of Term 3 I took a group of Senior students to Winton to participate in the Youth Forum Expo. What a wonderful opportunity this was for these students. They were able to spend time with singer Annah Mac, James Beck from Attitude for Schools, and actor Tim Foley. They were also privileged to have Frana Cardno and Gerry Forde address the group, and the day was spent working with students from other schools, enjoying their company, and participating in activities.

SMAC Maths

I would also like to congratulate the SMAC Maths contestants. Due to illness, some of our teams were reduced to two participants, but held their own and all our teams achieved higher placings this year compared with previous years.

Waiau Valley Homework Activity

While we were disappointed with the number of entries we received, we were pleased with the quality. Judging of the entries is happening today. I apologise for the lateness of this. The winning family will be notified early next week. The entries are display in the Library. I will be sending a letter home to each family who participated.

This is a very short term with a lot of activity, most importantly, we are still learning in the classroom.

Kind regards, Helen Ward, Deputy Principal

FROM MS WILSON – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora and welcome back to Term 4. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. The children have come back refreshed, happy, and excited to see their friends. We have a very busy term planned and no doubt it will fly by. Christmas will be here before we know it!

A few events coming up:

- Science Roadshow (at WAS in Week4);
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Pet Day
- Swimming

Notices will be sent home informing you of all the details in due course.

As a Junior team we would like to remind you that we are available to you at any time so please don't hesitate to contact us if the need arises. Have a great weekend everyone!

Ms Donnah Wilson, Assistant Principal

NCEA ASSESSMENT

Congratulations on your effort and persistence in the first three terms. Those of you who have been working consistently all year are probably feeling less stressed than those of you who haven't. Remember – there is still time for you to achieve your NCEA goal if you attend with the right attitude.

Students are now finishing up work on their internal assessments. We want all our students to achieve the NCEA goal they set earlier in the year, and to allow them more time to do this we have set **the final due date for any internal assessment as Friday 22 November**. This means that students will be able to attend classes as usual during the exam period and have teacher support to complete their assessment tasks.

I have posted out to students information regarding their upcoming Externals. Please take the time to carefully read the Instructions to Candidates – NZQA are very strict about following these rules, and a breach may result in a Not Achieved grade for the student.

Please check your admission slip carefully and contact me directly if there are any errors in your external entries. For questions about a specific subject, contact the teacher of that subject.

Ms Jen Smart, Principal's Nominee

TIMETABLE – SENIOR TUTORIALS

Week 1

Friday P5 – CV, Cover letter and interview skills OR
– Study Skills

Week 2

Tuesday Afterschool tutorials
Thursday Lunchtime – Bridging from school

Week 3

Tuesday Afterschool tutorials
Friday P5 – Study Skills

Week 4

Tuesday Afterschool tutorials
Friday P5 – Bridging from school

TUESDAY AFTERSCHOOL TUTORIALS

Session 1 = 3.30–4.15pm | Session 2 = 4.15–5.00pm
5.00pm = Kai time

Week 2
Session 1: L1 English / L2-3 Math Session 2: L1 Math / L2-3 English / Ag Computer Room Open
Week 3
Session 1: L1 Math / Senior Science / Ag Session 2: L1 Science/ L2-3 Math Tech Room Open
Week 4
Session 1: L1 Science/ L2-3 English Session 2: L1 English / Senior Sciences Computer Room Open

U65KG SOUTHLAND RUGBY

During the term break, two students from Waiau Area School, Jackson McCallum and Lewis McKay, represented Southland in the South Island U65kg Rugby Tournament in Dunedin. After three days of intense competition, Southland were declared Tournament Champions, beating

Canterbury Metro 41-26, narrowly losing to Otago 17-15, and beating Canterbury Country 47-15.

It was the first time Southland have won the tournament since 2005 and it is an impressive achievement for Lewis and Jackson who are truly future Stags in the making! Go Southland!

U65kg Finishing positions:

Shield Section

- 1st Southland (Shield Winner)
- 2nd Canterbury Metro
- 3rd Otago
- 4th Canterbury Country

Cup Section

- 5th Nelson Bays (Cup Winner)
- 6th South Canterbury
- 7th Mid Canterbury
- 8th Otago Invitational

Mr Richard Bennett

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.

Tui Netball End of Year Results

Sorry for the delay in getting this report out to the community, but better late than never I guess.

WOW!! I was very proud on the last Saturday of netball to watch four of our Tui teams playing in finals over at Winton and especially proud when three of them won! So after a hard fought season for some, this is how our club ended up.

Our Future Ferns Team coached by Kaylene Bennett and managed by Kirsty Erskine had a great season and by all accounts have learnt a lot and will be rearing to go next year.

We had a combined team with Orawia that was coached by Trudy Slee and managed by Dale Egerton. It was a new concept for our club and seemed to work really well. It was good to see the girls being able to play in their own age-group and ability and I know they have had a fun year.

Our 7th grade team was coached by Rachael Poole and managed by Isobel Devery. They had an awesome year ending up 1st in their grade and at Central prize-giving were presented with the cup for second least average goals.

5th grade team was coached by Hayley Adams and managed by Fiona Addenbrooke. After a slow start to the season this team improved so much and ended up 1st in their grade after a mighty win against Otautau on the last day.

Our 3rd grade team was coached by Leanne Erb. These girls were up against it with injuries and players pulling out early in the season. They did however have a good win on the last day to put them into 3rd position.

We had some awesome talent on show in our Reserve Grade Team. This team, coached by Dayna Adams and managed by Megan Souness, had an awesome year of netball. Losing only 2 games for the season put them in good position going in to the final game against Takitimu, which they won to take out their grade. Some of these players will be taking a step up next year and I look forward to seeing them progress in their netball.

Our Prem Reserve had a mixed year. With players away for various reasons we very seldom had the same team on court which makes it hard to get a combination going. In saying that, they still managed to finish runner-up in their grade which was a good effort. Coach of this team was Diane Newton, Manager Wendy Adams.

We had 3 girls selected for central teams this year. Lizzie Addenbrooke in the Yr7 team, Tui Waihape in the U/15 B team, and Hayley Adams in the U/15 A team.

Results from Prize-giving were as follows:

- ◆ As it is hard to single out one or two players in the Future Fern age it was decided to present them all with a medal.
- ◆ 7th grade: most improved: Brooke Egerton; most consistent: Bethan Clarke
- ◆ 5th grade: most improved: Ruth Bennie/Georgia Powell; most consistent: Ella Wylie
- ◆ 3rd grade: most improved: Olivia Hammond; most consistent: Zoe Erb
- ◆ Reserve grade: most improved: Marissa Johnston; most consistent: Hayley Adams
- ◆ Prem Reserve grade: most improved: Christina Vaughan; most consistent: Dayna Adams
- ◆ Sportsmanship: Rachael Reid
- ◆ Most Promising Junior: Bethan Clarke
- ◆ Most Promising Intermediate: Lizzie Addenbrooke
- ◆ Most Promising Senior: Sophie Unahi
- ◆ Club Cup for services to the club went to Megan Souness.

A big thanks goes to our umpires for the season: Renee Souness, Lisa McCracken, Diane Newton, and Cathy McKay.

The club would like to thank our sponsors: Waiau Hotel, Waiau Town & Country Club, Tui Freight, Barrett Shearing, D&D Heavy Haulage and all of our wonderful supporters throughout the year. Roll on next year!!!!

Wendy Adams, President

Graeme Laing Swimming Lessons

Graeme Laing from Matamata is coming back to the Blackmount Pool to take swimming lessons for children 4½ years old and older, from 6-10 January 2014 (9 lessons). Six spots left. For further information, ring Trudy Slee on 2258899.

SOUTHLAND GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR A TOUCH TEAM

GARAGE & CAR BOOT SALE

7am-1pm Saturday 19 October

SGHS Gym & Tennis Courts

Come and grab some bargains or park up your car (\$20/car) and sell some pre-loved items for yourself.

Ph: Sue Day 0275485008 or Alex Meijers 032116030

Fundraiser to help with costs associated with attending the National Secondary Schools Touch Tournament in December 2013.

The Southland Society of Model Engineers present,

The Great Little Train Show 2013

Labour Weekend 26th & 27th October 2013
10am till 4pm daily



- Indoor & Outdoor Railways
- Food and Drinks Available
- Retailers, Model & Doll House Displays
- Outside Train Hides Only \$2
- Radio Controlled Boats & Off Road Racers

SSME Club grounds and Badminton Halls, SURREY PARK, INVERCARGILL

Children \$2.00 (up to 14 years) Adults \$5.00 (15 years and older)
Family (2 Adults and up to 3 children) \$10.00

SORRY WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE