



NEWSLETTER

Monday 5th March 2018 Term 1 Week 6

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

There are six weeks left of this term. I trust all is going well with your child's schooling and you are aware of the happenings at WAS. If not, you know where to find us all! As you probably have experienced or heard, we're all working hard towards maintaining consistency, growing even stronger relationships & expectations amongst students and providing engaging learning programmes & opportunities. We've still got a lot to achieve and perseverance is the key! We're also very realistic that there will be a few low moments with poor choices made by students. The good news is that there is always tomorrow - where one learns from their mistakes, receives support, takes ownership and moves on. We'll continue to work through the barriers and grow some real self-belief amongst students. The barriers



are becoming less and less with our family oriented environment and strong teaching programmes coming into fruition. We're certainly trying. Again, please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat about school life. We care about your child/ren and I know you do too. We have some amazing students at WAS.

If you didn't get the chance to have a parent - teacher interview... Please deal directly with your child's teacher - the door is always open.

Our current staff are:

Primary end - B Block.

Mrs Donnah Cleaver - Room 1 = 10 chn - Year 1 and New Entrants (expecting a further 8 throughout the year).

Miss Clare Robinson (Miss R) - Room 2 = 14 chn - Year 2, 3 & 4.

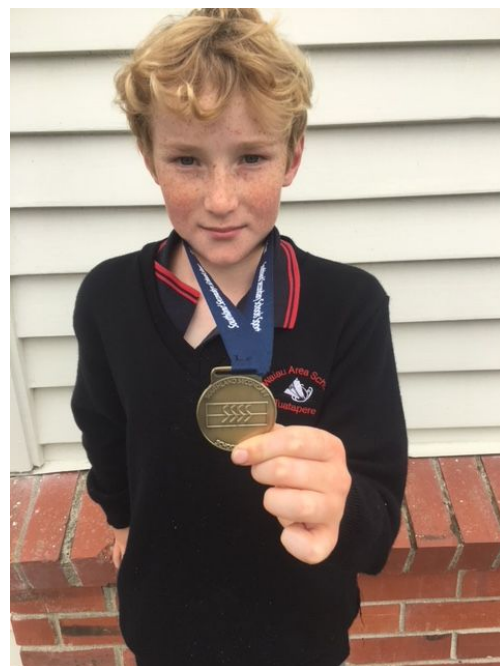
Mrs Sue Fleming - Room 3 = 18 chn - Year 4, 5 & 6.

Mrs Mary Ann McNab - Room 4 = 17 chn - Year 7 & 8.

Just in case you've missed the lowdown: Clare has been at Isla Bank as Teaching Principal for the last ten years. She brings a wealth of curriculum and assessment knowledge, along with some very strong teaching practices.

Mary Ann is an ex RTLB (Resource Teacher in Learning and Behaviour) as well as having an extensive teaching background. Like Clare, Mary-Ann is doing an excellent job moulding our future leaders.

Sue is lead teacher of the junior end and she is well supported by Donnah and staff. Sue is also part of the senior leadership team, making decisions for WAS moving forward. We have an extremely stable and competent junior end. It's exciting times, especially when the junior children are also being exposed to some of the specialist areas and teachers... Te Reo, Music, Art, PE, Cooking - just to name a few!





In the middle school - situated in the Tech Block are our Year 9 & 10 students. Miss Quinn is their homeroom teacher. As we all know Miss Quinn knows our students inside out and cares very deeply about their well being and education. Jasmine (Jazz) is also part of the senior leadership team (SLT) and continues to make sound decisions moving WAS forward. She is that person who does a lot behind the scenes that sometimes goes unnoticed. The staff know how much she does and appreciate her connectedness and expertise.

Mr Maloney is the homeroom teacher for the Year 11+ students. These finely tuned athletes hang out in C Block. Mr Richard Bennett (known as Benno) along with the two Paul's and Wayne with the support from Jazz work together to ensure NCEA is alive and kicking. Our Year 9-14 students are well supported with varying curriculum and alternative learning opportunities. English and maths are two key subject areas these students get regular teaching in.

Staff involved in your child's education and supporting WAS: Primary teachers - as mentioned above - Donnah, Clare, Sue and Mary Ann; Mr Paul Burke - PE and Music; Mrs Gemma Bennett - primary end release and reliever; Robyn Stanning, Mel Templeton, Kiwia Howley - Support staff; Catherine McKay - office manager; Cheryl Baldwin - gateway school luxury van chauffeur; Mrs Hannah Wilson - Art; Whaea Hine Wensor - Te Reo; Karen Reid and Thelma Johnson - Cleaning staff; Katrena Evans - Library; Mr Paul Maloney - Maths, NCEA, Science, Principal Nominee; Miss Jasmine Quinn - English, Social Studies, additional learning opportunities and specialist subject areas, Pastoral care, NCEA support; Mr Wayne Edgerton - Woodwork, Wilderness Academy, Gateway and Alternative Education opportunities; Mr Richard Bennett - Health & PE, Wilderness, Gateway, NCEA support; PB4L/Pastoral care; Mrs Lisa Redhead - Music and senior English; Mrs Lea Kollat - BoT secretary; and of late, Israel Calder - student support.

Board of Trustees: Amanda Baldwin - Student Rep; Jasmine Quinn - Staff Rep; Dwayne Unahi - Chair; Honorlea Mangion - Policies & Procedures, Student Achievement and supporting role to Chair; Phil Erskine - Community Liaison, Social Committee planner, support role to property officer; Graham Parsons - property officer, school houses landlord rep; Rachael Poole - Finance and support role to policies & procedures and BOT related secretary support for Lea and Catherine;

Congrats to our four amazing senior students who were acknowledged this week. **Amanda** and **Destiny** for their head student roles and **Brook** and **Angela** for their roles as school prefects. This is a huge achievement and an honour for any student. These four top notch students would give any students a run for their money in any school! We're all immensely proud of them all. This not only looks good on their CV's but will stand them in good stead. All the best you four.

Film Room - last chance to make an offer on this building. This will be either demolished or removed depending on offers. We've had a few already so please come and see me if you're keen to find out more.

Job Opportunity - Gardens, Lawns and weeding! How versatile are you? Please let me know if you'd be keen to take on a part-time job (perhaps ten hours a week?). This position would involve mowing the lawns (perhaps six hours a week depending on the time of year), maintaining our gardens, weed spray (five times a year), edge trimming, pruning and general upkeep of the school environment. With this there is perhaps the possibility of earning a few more dollars with additional jobs throughout the year - waterblasting, and few touch-up paint jobs. Interested? Please make contact with me to discuss this further.

Complaints and Concerns Policy - it's always a good idea to put this out to the community each year so everyone knows the process. Please find attached our school's policy.

Farewell to Lily and Naomi Mitchelmore - all the best to Anita and the girls for their trip back to CHCH.

Congrats to our 16 WAS Students who were **selected** to attend Western Primary School **Swimming Champs** last week. Luca Unahi, Sofie Templeton, Lachlan Parsons, Di-Anne Keast, Lee Edgerton, Alisha Parsons, Elektra Harding, Emily Templeton, Peter Devery, Nevaeh Thomason, Ethan Parsons, Alyssa Harding, Jasmin Hutchby, Malakai Mangion, and Nelson Wilkins - well done to you for participating.

I am away this week. If needing to speak with management, please see Miss Quinn, Mrs Fleming or Mr Bennett. Have a lovely week and go the Hurricanes.

Regards Andrew Pardoe-Burnett

WAS Seniors Volunteering at GODZone!!!



Head



Students

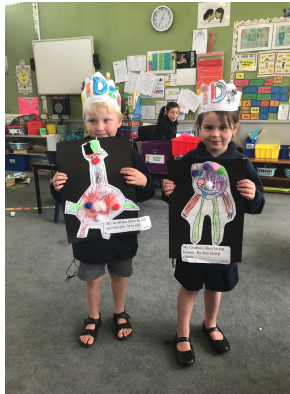
Waiau would proudly like to announce that our head students for 2018, are **Amanda Baldwin and Destiny Thomason**. We believe that they are the best candidates for this position, and will show leadership throughout all activities. Also we have two prefects **Angela Pierce and Brook Hutchby**, who will also show guidance to our younger students. Well done all of you.



Student Voice

We're back again for the catch-up on how the school has been going. This week, we've had a lot of progress, on revamping the gym along with tidying up other areas around the school. First of all, the gym is being renovated by, Crankston Buildings from Riverton, they are doing a great job of ensuring the building is up to standard for the Area School's Tournament. The hallway is getting new boards on the wall, which will give the gym a new and welcoming look. Also, the boys changing room is being fixed up and will end up looking as good as the rest of the building. A massive thanks to Phil Erskine and Graham Parsons for helping out too - they've saved the school heaps of money by lending a hand. Thanks also to Shane Taylor (Riley's dad).

For 'Point Of Difference' this week, we are making aprons in sewing, stools in woodwork and designing pillows, for the library in art!



Room 1 have also been writing stories about the Gruffalo, and making letter crowns! One of the amazing athletes at our school participated in a mixed triathlon team at Central Southland College. **Peter Devery**, Jendi Minty and Felix Fowle, entered the competition with Jendi swimming 150 metres, Felix biking 7km and Peter running 2.5km. They won their race for their age group, and even got a 1st place medal!

Other things going on around our school are, **Jarran and Shayle** have started to paint the back of the tech block wall, and are eventually going to graffiti it, with the help of other students and **Miss Mel**. They have been given this opportunity to show their style of art and their passion



towards it. Some students from our school also got the chance to have a go at Waka Ama, which was held at the Te Wae Wae lagoon. The waka holds six people at a time including the person steering. All the students really enjoyed themselves, and would like to thank **Mel Edwards** for coming as a parent helper. Without these people, things like this would not be able to happen! Thank you also to everyone in the community who has helped us so far, and will continue to support Waiau throughout the year. To brighten your spirits we thought we'd chuck in a little joke...

What did the fish say when it hit the wall?' DAM!

Holly & Tekoa

TERM HAPPENINGS

Wed 7 th Mar	Whole School Athletics with Hauroko at WAS
Wed 14 th Mar	Parents Maths Night - 6pm - 7pm
Thu 15 th Mar	Duffy Books Show - Duffy and the Cloak Bay Bully
Fri 16 th Mar	Southland Secondary Schools Athletics - 8:30am - 6:30pm
Fri 16 th Mar	Newsletter Deadline – 12pm – Articles to be emailed to newsletters@was.school.nz or dropped in at the office
Mon 19 th Mar	Newsletter Distributed
Thu 22 nd Mar	Māori Families (and anyone else who is keen to share ideas) Consultation – Shared Tea – 6:30pm - WAS Hall.
Fri 23 rd Mar	Western Southland Primary Schools 'Wellness Day' - Riverton
Mon 26th Mar	WAS Community Meeting - 6:30pm - School Library - All welcome to attend
Wed 28 th Mar	BoT Meeting 6:30pm - 9:30pm - All welcome to attend
Fri 30 th Mar	Good Friday
Mon 2 nd Apr	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tue 3 rd Apr	Easter Tuesday/Southland Anniversary Day - School Closed
Wed 4 th Apr	Newsletter Distributed
Thu 5 ^h Apr	Ki O Rahi – Takitimu – Yr 5-8's

Sat 8 th Apr	Southland Primary Athletics
Thu 12 th & Fri 13 th Apr	Overnight stay - WAS – Year 3 upwards
Fri 13 th Apr	Last day of Term 1
Mon 30 th Apr	First day of Term 2
Fri 4 th May	Newsletter Deadline – 12pm – Articles to be emailed to newsletters@was.school.nz or dropped in at the office
Mon 7 th May	Newsletter Distributed

Students Of The Week

Maiken Rutland: For learning ten sight words, and finding them in his reading book, well done Maiken you're a superstar.

Amelia McPherson: For her outstanding attitude towards learning, which shows the excellent progress she has made in a short time she has been at school.

Portia Byron: Showing the Waiau way by respecting herself through her diligence and perseverance.

Deacon Erskine: Settling into the classroom and contributing to learning in Room 2.

Kathryn Hammond: Working hard in class and also contributing to learning in Room 2.

Jazaiah Thomason: For a positive attitude towards learning in literacy and maths.

Elektra Harding: Showing leadership skills, being helpful and supportive of your peers.

Ainslie Henry: For making a positive start since joining the Waiau whanau. You are supportive of others around you and have a caring nature.

Jack Richards: For improvement in attitude towards reading and persisting when it gets hard.

Connor Egerton: For your positive attitude and start to learning this year and stepping up in all classes.

Netball South School Calendar

8 - 14 - Steel Club - Invercargill & Winton - 5th February - 12th Feb – 9th April (Monday's)
Year 1 – Year 8 - Future FERNS Festival Day - Invercargill -

21st March - 28th March

Year 9 – Year 11 - NetCAMP - Alexandra - 29th March - 21st – 24th April

Senior B & Year 10 A teams - Southland Secondary Schools League - 16th March - 9th May – 4th July (Wednesday's)

8 - 14 - Steel Club - Steel Club - 13th April - 7th May – 2nd July (Monday's)

Senior A teams - Southland Secondary Schools League - 15th June - 25th July – 29th August (Wednesday's)

8 - 14 - Steel Club - INV & Winton - 6th July - 30th July – 17th July (Monday's)

Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 & Year 8 teams - Southland Primary Schools Tournament (SPST) - INV - 10th August - Year 5 – 11th September, Year 6 – 12th September, Year 7 and Year 8 – 14th September

Top Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 & Year 8 teams from SPST - Challenge Tournament - Balclutha - 18th September - 23rd September

For further information head to <http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballsouth/Home> Or Contact Alex Morrison-Bailey alex.morrison-bailey@netballsouth.co.nz

From The Community

Waiau Star Junior Rugby

Thank you to those of you who have registered to play rugby this season. To those that have not registered yet you can either register online at www.sporty.co.nz or pick up a registration form from the school office and return when completed. Practice dates have now been set. A and B Grade players (ages Under 13 and Under 11) start practice on Tuesday 6th March at 4pm at Otatau. C and D Grade players (ages Under 9 and Under 7) also start on Tuesday 6th March at 3:30pm at Waiau Area School. Any queries please contact Sheryl on 03 2254 404 or 027 2894 578

Winton Football Club

There will be a have-a-go and club information day along with second hand boot sale on **Saturday 3 March 2018 at 2pm** at Moore's

Reserve Winton. All interested junior players (4 - 16 years, girls and boys) are welcome to attend or contact Wendy Boniface wendyboniface@slingshot.co.nz or 027 4270 447. Senior player contacts are: Bronwyn Campbell for men 027 2436 979 or grant.bron@velocitynet.co.nz and Martina Lips for women 021 037 5695 or bartandmartina@gmail.com



Rotary Youth Exchange Programme

The Rotary Youth Exchange Programme is one of the oldest student exchange programmes in existence (started in 1929). It is an official programme of Rotary International and currently

it globally involves over 8,000 student movements per year. RYE is a 12-month overseas exchange program open to all

16-18.5 year old school students. It enables the selected students to live and learn within another country and culture. We are seeking applications for the 2019 exchange year and would appreciate if you could include the attached information with your school newsletter so that students and their parents can be made aware of this exchange opportunity. Outbound students attend school during their exchange year and value the opportunity for personal growth and confidence in a different country and culture.

Gary Williams, Youth Exchange Chair 210 720 20, District Governor 201 320 14, Rotary International District 9980

Want To Learn Self Defence?

Aparima Taekwondo Club are holding free self defence classes starting Thursday 1st March, 6pm - 7pm, Aparima College Gym, Napier Street, Riverton. Classes will run for 5 weeks. Suitable for all ages. To register contact Richard 027 3868 602

Billets for Area Schools

As most of you may know, at the start of next term we'll be hosting the Area Schools Tournament. Which means, we need the help from our community! There will be over 100 students needing a place to stay, and we kindly ask you for your help on housing these students, as it will be a hard and exhausting three days!

Junior High Hockey

We are looking for any Year 7 & 8's that are interested in playing hockey this year. It is hoped that we will be able to enter a Western team but if there are not enough players for that then we are able to combine with Central to enter a team. The Junior High competition is 11 a side and is played at the Invercargill hockey turf on a Thursday afternoon. Everyone is welcome and previous hockey experience is not necessary. Dates and costs to be advised at a later date. Registrations close next week so please text Rosanne Allen 027 7151 809 by Wed. 7 March if you're keen.

Primary School Hockey

If there are Year 4-6 kids keen to play hockey then please let me know so we can register a team.



They play in the Invercargill Primary School Competition at the Invercargill turf on a Wednesday after school. Dates and Costs to be advised. It is 6 a-side and the kids do not need to have any previous hockey experience. Rosanne Allen - 0277151809

3P Zone Talent Development

Calling all talented players striving to improve their overall netball skills and wanting to represent their Centre in 2018! This is an excellent platform for you to prepare for the upcoming netball season and refine your skills. Following the ZTD days, a limited number of players will be selected to participate in the 3P - Player Performance Programme aimed to assist with player preparation for the representative season. Dates for 3P are April 8th, April 29th and May 6th. Sunday 17th March, Invercargill, 10am – 3pm. Featuring a session with Southern Steel and Sunshine Coast Lightning players. Players from Year 9 through to young adults interested in extending their netball capability. Players will be divided into groups based on age and ability. \$60 inclusive of two or more sessions. All players will attend a minimum of two Talent ID Days and are welcome to attend more if they would like to. Strength and conditioning assessments and sessions, player education, skills development, game play and specialist coaching sessions delivered by high performance players and coaches – including players and coaches from the 2018 Ascot Park Hotel Southern Steel. Extended capabilities and learnings of performance in netball and, for those identified, player selection for the 3P sessions to be held throughout the Zone on April 8th, April 29th and May 6th. Register at: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballsouth/Performance-2/Zone-Talent-Development-Registrations> To discuss the 3P programme or the suitability of talent at your Centre, Netball South's Lauren Piebenga is available at lauren.piebenga@netballsouth.co.nz or 027 3392 500.

9.30	Field	Senior Boys	5 & 6 yr olds EGG & SPO SPRINT TR
	High jump 1	Senior Girls	
	High jump 2	Senior Boys	
	Long Jump 1	Bye	
	Shot Put 1	Jun & Int Boys&Girls	
	Discus 1	U12/U13 Boys&Girls	
10.00	Track		
	400m	Under 12 Girls	Combined F
		Under 12 Boys	
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		Under 13 Boys	
		Junior Girls	Combined F
		Junior Boys	
		Intermediate Girls	Combined F
		Intermediate Boys	
		Senior Girls	Combined F
		Senior Boys	
10.35	Field		
	High jump 1	U12 & U13 Girls	
	High jump 2	U12 & U13 Boys	
	Long Jump	Jun&Int Boys & Girls	

WAS & HVPS ATHLETICS DAY

Athletics Day Wednesday 7th March

Please meet in the Junior Playground for 8:50am. First event is at 9:00am.

Students may wear their House colours or school PE gear.

Dean - Yellow

Longwood - Blue

Rowallan - Red

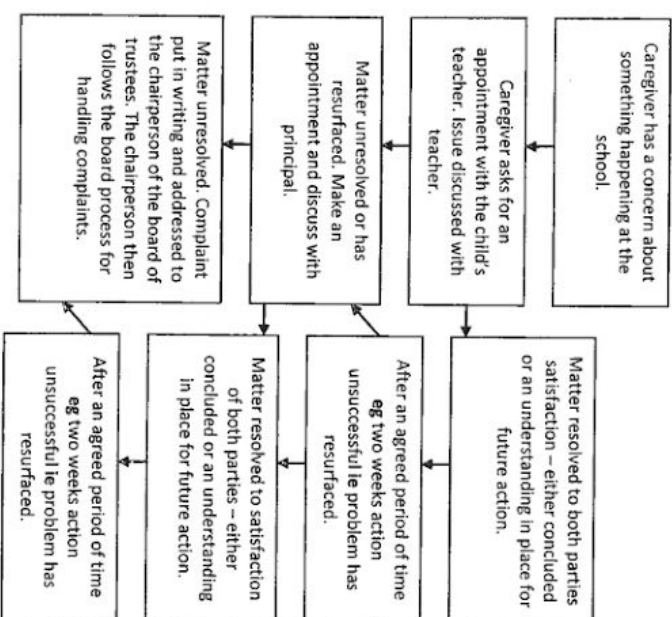
GR8 Coffee will be on site all day for your caffeine fix!

Postponement day is the next fine day.

Good luck to all competitors and thanks in advance to all parent helpers!



Complaints Procedure for Waiālu Area School



Stage One: School Community Process

Notes:

1. While minor issues may be able to be discussed in a quick informal chat with a staff member, normally in order for both parties to give the matter full attention, arranging a time to discuss the matter is the preferred option.
2. If the complaints procedure has not been followed the board will normally return any letter of complaint to the writer and ask that they follow the procedure first.
3. The board needs to formally receive a complaint in order to act on it. If a complaint is serious enough for the board to deal with, it is serious enough to be put in writing. If you have concerns about expressing the matter clearly in writing please discuss the matter in confidence with the board chair [or another delegated board member] to enable them to assist you with this.
4. All parties to a complaint may bring a support person to any meeting where the issue is to be discussed.

Waiālu Area School Board of Trustees Complaints Procedure

Letter of complaint is acknowledged by the chairperson and the complainant advised of the next steps in the board process. The letter becomes part of the correspondence that will be dealt with at the next board meeting while the public is excluded.

Letter is tabled at board meeting (with the public excluded) and referred to relevant parties for reporting back to the board. The board decides whether to deal with the matter as a whole or appoint a committee to investigate and recommend to the board.

At the meeting of the board/committee the reports are received and the parties may be invited to speak to their complaint or answer questions. The board/committee considers the evidence and/or information and comes to a decision or recommendation.

Depending on the delegated powers of the committee either they or the board as a whole come to a resolution as to how the board will respond and/or what action will be taken.

The board's response is communicated to the parties to the complaint. This may be either publicly or confidentially depending on the case.

Any of the parties may request the board to reconsider their decision – however normally for such a reconsideration to take place new information that would have been relevant to the board's deliberations must be produced.

*shaded area denotes "public excluded meetings"

Stage Two: Board Process

Guidelines:

1. Issues of a serious matter, eg allegations of physical abuse, may require a special meeting of the board to be called.
2. All letters addressed to the chairperson of the board are for the **whole board**. The chairperson cannot decide independently as to what action will be taken.
3. Resolution or dismissal of the complaint must not be discussed before all the information is to hand.
4. Conflict of interest will be determined on a number of issues, including whether the complaint involves the actions of any trustee.
5. The board must exercise caution when dealing with complaints regarding staff, particularly in relation to confidentiality and processes to ensure the principles of natural justice are met. It is advisable to contact the regional NZSTA personnel/industrial adviser in such cases. The board will need to consider the relevant staff disciplinary policies, employment contracts, and expert advice from the NZSTA adviser.
6. The board recognises that not all complainants will be satisfied with the outcome of a complaint. After one reconsideration, if the board is confident of its decision, it will refuse to enter into further discussion / correspondence. In making such a decision the NZSTA helpdesk can assist by giving an objective assessment of a board's processes in dealing with the complaint.
7. A complaint regarding lack of compliance in relation to an agreed complaint resolution will be treated as a serious matter and actioned with urgency as a new complaint rather than as a reconsideration of the previous issue.
8. Trustees need to be clear in their mind of the difference between a complaint they have as a parent [ie regarding their own child] and a complaint they have as a trustee [eg obstruction of staff preventing them carrying out board work]. In the first instance they are required to follow the normal procedures and are excluded from decision making due to conflict of interest. The latter case is dealt with as an agenda item for the whole board [possibly with the public excluded].