

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2010

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Newsletter:10:2:2 The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

It is always enjoyable for staff to hear about the achievements of our students in their lives after school. In assembly this week I read out the reflections of Richard MacGeorge, a previous student of Waimate High School. There are some important messages for us all in what he has to say.

Head Students Charlotte Kennedy Nuttall and Josh Wilson represented our school most ably in the ANZAC service last Sunday when they presented readings during the service. Charlotte and Simon Bertenshaw participated in the street parade and presented a wreath on behalf of the students, staff and board. It was pleasing to see a number of our students participating in this special event.

Janette Packman
Principal



Board of Trustee Elections Declaration of Parent Election Results

At close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Buckingham, Ken
Cochrane, Martin
Dooley, Michael
Stevenson, Tina
Wilson, Jill

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare

Foster, Trudy duly elected.
Johns, Marie
Returning Officer

Reminder to Parents

PTA AGM TUESDAY 4th May 7.30pm in the Staffroom. Supper provided. If you are interested in helping with fundraising ideas for our school, but don't know how, then come along next Tuesday night. If you're not able to get to meetings, but have some ideas, or wish to help, then leave your name and number at the school office or ring Trish Davis 689 7983 evenings.

Uniform

All students are expected to be wearing the correct winter uniform from Monday 3rd of May. It is expected that parents purchasing new shoes for students will fit them out in lace up shoes.

Plenty of boys winter uniforms available at the Uniform room.

Health

Headlice is in the school especially in the Year 8 area. Contact Kate (Health Nurse) 03 684 1510 for advice or treatment.

Miniball

Miniball refs, anyone who plays basketball and would like to do some refereeing, Primary school miniball teams need your help. It's on Tuesday and games are between 3.30 and 5.30 pm lots of fun Ring Kathy McGirr 689 8975 or txt your name to 027 746 6860.

Basketball Refereeing Clinic to be held Monday 3 May, 7.30pm in the Waimate Fire Station Meeting room. All aspiring referees for BB and Miniball should attend. (please bring pen and paper).

Basketball News

The Basketball season is now upon us and is shaping to be a successful time for Waimate High School Teams.

A year 7 & 8 boys' team has been competing on Thursday nights with some success in the SCBA Primary Schools' competition. The team is coached by Mrs Michelle Richards, with help from Curtis Richards, and managed by Mrs Rochelle MacMillan.

Five teams are playing in the Waimate Senior Competition; 3 boys' and 2 girls'. As well four teams have been entered in the SCBA Secondary schools competition held on Friday nights in Timaru.

Four miniball (junior basketball) teams will be playing in the local competition. Support to coach and manage these teams would be welcomed.

In all over 80 students are involved in some form of basketball representing school teams.

The coaches for these teams are: Ryan Manson, Steve McGirr, Lindsay Robertson, and Marty Cochrane. Hayden Russell, Emma Rich and Curtis Richards

are helping coach teams in the local competition.

Team Managers are Jane Wilson, Pat Lyall, Jill Wilson, and Tina Stevenson.

Permission forms and subscriptions for students involved in these competitions should have been returned by today.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding school basketball please contact Lindsay Robertson, TIC Basketball.

Richard MacGeorge, who ended his Waimate High School days in 1980 as Head Boy Prefect, Captain of the First Rugby XV and Pitcaithly House, recalls an ANZAC Day service that was by no means his finest hour.

Thirty years have passed since I stood trembling in front of the school body on ANZAC Day in my final year. My job was simple, to wait patiently until my colleague, Fiona, had finished reading the first half of the Roll of Honour commemorating those who have served in New Zealand's Defence Forces.

It was a solemn moment as she drew to a close and I was to take her place to recite the rest of the names of those brave former students of the school who have fallen in battle. In the gravest tone I could muster I started on my list. Half-way through reading the first name I realized that I was actually re-reading Fiona's list. I should have simply continued of course but, mortified by my error, I deftly took a recoverable position into the unrecoverable by issuing a single, choice, expletive.

I looked up, hoping my bad language had not carried to the audience, but it had. The hall was silent for a moment and then all but the staff erupted in laughter. Some of my fellow students thought I was a legend and to others I was a loser.

And it is this that I really want to talk about, because I didn't feel like a loser or a legend but I knew I'd seriously messed up and had to find redemption somehow. It might have been about then that I started thinking about the way we are perceived, how we perceive ourselves and how we are really. I concluded that coming to understand ourselves is the first step towards building a quiet confidence to listen to our inner voice and give things a go.

Another discovery I made was that developing a series of core principles provides useful guidance as we bumble our way through life. Some of those that are important to me are: not wasting energy finding blame when things go wrong but focusing on fixing the problem; realizing that our financial well-being comes from adding even more value to others – there are no shortcuts; believing that a positive attitude, work ethic and genuine interest in others will win over brains alone, and; accepting that failure and making mistakes will happen but it's how we respond that is most important.

I finished the Roll of Honour and the gaff was soon forgotten by everyone but me. After leaving school I stumbled through a commerce degree at Lincoln, becoming more and more interested in finance as time went by. Then I stepped into the unknown and just kept plodding in a general financial direction as my interests became more refined and opportunities either came my way or were created by taking some risks. Nowadays I help governments in what I think will be tomorrow's leading markets plan the infrastructure (like power stations, water and waste, roads etc) that we are lucky enough to take for granted. It's cool.

During this time I found myself standing on what were the battlefields of Gallipoli in Turkey. Walking around the fragments of bone and rusted out bully beef cans that lay strewn around, the reality of what those guys went through there and elsewhere sank in a little more. Maybe that swear word I uttered all those years before was finally appropriate.