

NEWSLETTER

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"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

Robert Collier

9 December 2020

The Principal's word

Thank you to our whanau and school community for all the outstanding support throughout 2020 and what a year it has been for us all! As a school in a small town, Waimate High School relies on our community to enable us to move forward in the best interests of all our students. Together we can achieve so much more.

Thank you to parents, caregivers and friends of the school for attending Junior Prizegiving, our special grand finale for the school year. It was great to see so many students receiving acknowledgement for their outstanding achievements.



Congratulations Leadbetter House on winning the House Shield



Lucy Matheson: awarded the Ko ro Matau o to Matauranga Taonga for top Maori academic student in the junior school.





Year 9 Music class performing at Junior Prizegiving

Last Wednesday we had the Big A prize draw. In the prize draw were all students who achieved at least 40 Big As. For each set of 40s received, their name went in again.

The lucky winners were:

Abbie Joyce - \$50 voucher from Soul, Surf and Skate

Nadia Ferreira - \$10 Macy's coffee voucher

Alisha Swann - \$10 Macy's coffee voucher

Willow Williams - \$10 Rainbow Dairy voucher

Kayla Proudfoot - \$22 socks from Cameron's

Emily Cooney - jar of lollies from Quirky Magpie

Thank you to these awesome sponsors.

Congratulations to Niamh O'Donnell, our 2017 Head Girl. She has been named as one of three 2021 Freyberg Scholars throughout New Zealand by the Ministry of Defence. She has been awarded a \$23,000 scholarship to study a Master of International Studies with a focus on national security and defence. Well done Niamh on this incredible achievement!



Niamh O'Donnell 2021 Freyberg Scholar

Music Roadshow

Last week Mr Shea, Miss Harvey and Ms Brook took a keen bunch of Year 9 and 10 Music students on a small Roadshow out to Waihao Downs and Centennial Schools. This was the culmination of our term 4 module that had been running. We had 24 students involved in presenting a 45 minute programme of group and solo music items from a range of music styles. The group did very well to set up and pack up the large amount of band gear needed for the performances. Our students really enjoyed the opportunity to share their music with others, and we had great feedback from the students at both the schools we visited. Hayley Harrison was a great MC, introducing all of our items, and Georgia Soper was great with joke telling with the audiences when we had gear problems. Well done to all of the students involved, we are very proud of you! If you attended the Junior Prizegiving yesterday then you would have been lucky enough to hear the group performing one of their favourite songs.



Peer Support Camp last Friday and Saturday was a great introduction to Year 11 students who will be our Peer Support Leaders in 2021. They experienced some of the activities they will be using with their Year 7

students. It was great to see such awesome teamwork. A huge thank you to Mrs Harvey, Mrs Simpson and Mr Schumacher for making this camp possible.



Introducing our Prefects for 2021:

Head Prefects: Emily Hargreaves and Hannah Soper
Prefects: Eliza Boyne, Emma Freeman, Jaden Meynell and Hayley Sutton.

Congratulations to these students on their selection. The Prefect team was selected through a robust job interview process which included interviews by a selection panel of four staff and four students.

Transition Day

Year 8 students who are joining us in 2021 for Year 9 came along to our Year 9 Transition Day last Wednesday. They had a great day exploring life at Waimate High School and all the subjects we have to offer. In English, they put together this awesome video. Check it out and enjoy!

<https://www.facebook.com/waimatehighschool/videos/2857492737906387>

9H Porotiti Making

9H learning the art of Porotiti making with Te Ana Māori Rock Art Centre. The porotiti is a humming disc or wind instrument which had many traditional uses by Māori.





Rotary Grant

Congratulations to Alisha Roberts and Kate Melville who have received a grant from Rotary to support their Hands on at Otago experience in January 2021 at the University of Otago. A huge thank you to the Waimate Rotary team for their generous financial support.



Katelyn Ronson

Congratulations to Katelyn for achieving her Grade 6 Practical exam in Piano with Distinction. She also passed her Grade 5 & 6 Tap Dancing Exam with Distinction. Awesome work Katie.

The William Pike Challenge students participated in the Longbeach Coastal Challenge this morning. All thoroughly enjoyed their time running the 5km circuit or biking the challenging 12km track. A special mention goes out to Lachlan Douglas for his 1st place in the junior 12km bike - great effort



SC Primary Swimming

On the 23rd of November, Maddie Matthews, Lucy Matheson, Scarlett Evered and Alice Hurst were finally able to go to the SC Primary swimming competition. The girls all swam well, especially considering that they haven't had the training time of students who live in town. The highlight was Maddie getting a 2nd place in the 25 m Freestyle. Well done



Activity Days

Students had lots of fun trying out a variety of activities over the past couple of days. Here are just a few of the highlights:





Big A Awards - Respect, Responsibility & Real Honesty

These are our cornerstone values that we live by. Students are rewarded with Big A's from teachers or prefects when they demonstrate or display actions that embody these values. Students collect these and share them with their Learning Advisor who keeps a record of how many they have amassed. Once students reach the key milestones below, they are presented with a particular acknowledgement. Congratulations to all the following students who have reached the various milestone awards.



Year 7 students who have achieved their 120 Big award badge.

Year 7/8 30 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate)

Tayla Cooper

Year 7/8 60 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate & Termly Prize Draw)

Regan Beazley
 Luke Keenan
 Emily Thompson
 Ciaran Keen
 Egan Hearsom
 Emmet O'Neill
 Jake Sullivan
 Emily Cooney



Junior 120 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate & Badge)

Arnika Constable
 Scarlett Evered
 Maddison Matthews
 Layla Pathe
 Regan Rempala
 Alisha Swann
 Sam Tiffen



Year 9/10 20 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate)

Elsa Leary
 MacKenzie Young
 Jade Constable
 Eliane Craig
 Charis Loye
 Jack Williams
 Lexis Mawdsley

Year 9/10 40 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate & Termly Prize Draw)

Leslie Del Mundo
Hayley Harrison
Lauriann Hodder
Abbie Joyce
Micah Roberts
Antonie Sceglinskas

Senior 10 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate)

Katelyn Ronson
Emilee Veldkamp

Senior 20 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate & Termly Prize Draw)

Scott McKinlay

Senior 40 Big A Awards 2020 (Certificate & Badge)

Jakeb Carroll
Lily Shortus



Careers - spotlight on University of Otago

Last week I had the pleasure to attend the University of Otago in my role as a Careers educator. I was part of a large group of Careers Educators throughout Aotearoa invited to be a part of this experience. Each year the University opens its doors to school Careers Advisors/Educators to offer an extensive educational experience and to strengthen school/university relationships. We heard presentations from leading academics in Politics, Science, Health Sciences, Business (finance & accounting), Student support services, Unipol recreation Centre, Residential colleges, Campus Watch (who work 24:7 to offer a safe University experience for our students). I thoroughly enjoyed my Otago experience. It was informative, inspirational, educational, and entertaining. The facilities are incredible. I came away feeling excited that our Waimate High students

attending the University of Otago will be fully supported in their transition from school to University. To find out more about the University of Otago and what they have to offer students, check out their website: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/index.html>

Junior End of Year Reports

Junior reports have been emailed to families today and will also be available on the school portal.

Junior Prizegiving Results

A full list of the Junior Prizegiving recipients are now available on the school website.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays (closed between 25th December to 5th January).

The following Dental Clinic will be open during these school holidays:

- **Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru**

The clinic will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**

Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Calendar

2021

Wed 27 Jan	School Office re-opens
Thu 28-Fri 29 Jan	Uniform Room Open 11am – 2pm
Fri 29 Jan	Teacher Only Day
Mon 1 Feb	Yr 12/13 Course Confirmation
Tue 2 Feb	Yr 11-13 Full Day
Wed 3 Feb	Yr 7 & Peer Support Leaders and Prefects - Powhiri
Thu 4 Feb	Whole school full day
Mon 8 Feb	Waitangi Day

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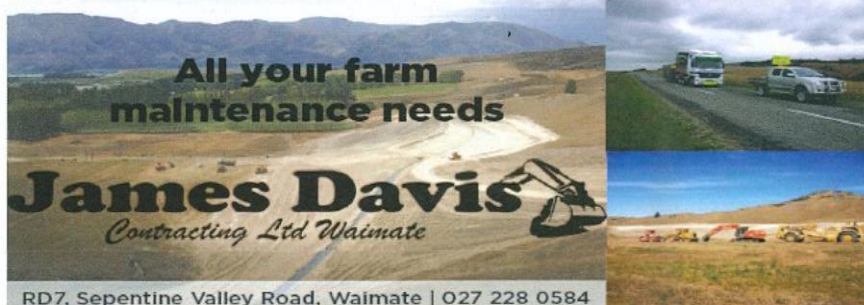
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