



# Waihi News

16 October 2020

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## From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

The first week of term has flown by and once again Waihi boys are throwing themselves into everything with gusto.

This week we have had: our St. John’s in School First Aid programme for all classes; and boys have been out on the tennis courts; in the cricket nets and getting initial timings done on the Athletics track in preparation for the Sports Day in Week Six.

The boarders have spent many happy hours in the evenings enjoying the sunshine and extended daylight hours. Much biking has been going on, together with excited glances over to the Orchard where trucks have been delivering material in preparation for the bike Pump Track build over Labour weekend. Two groups have made their first visits to Denfield Golf Course with Mr Clayson and Mr Short providing another alternative activity on these beautiful Spring evenings.

Yesterday the marquee went up on the Quad ready for Saturday evening’s Father and Son Dinner and we have over sixty signed up for our golf day on Sunday.

Next week we have a raft of activities which see the boys competing in and out of school. Good luck to: Runners in the SCPSSA Cross-Country at Waihi on Tuesday; Year 7 Rugby team at SCPSSA Rugby 10s in Timaru Wednesday; teams representing Waihi on Thursday at the SC Primary Tennis in addition to the Choir’s trip to the ‘Kids for Kids’ Festival in Christchurch; and finally to Jacob and Isaac Adam, Callum Kingsbury and Jake O’Sullivan who fly to Auckland next Friday for the National Chess Championships taking place across Labour Weekend.

With all of the busyness of Waihi, our focus in Chapel is ‘slowing down’ and ‘wellbeing’. We are discussing how busy and stressful life can be and how important it is for our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing to also remember to take time out from time-to-time and to slow down.

Certainly ‘timeout’ from life’s stresses is one experience we all know to be of positive benefit. I was sharing with some of the boys some thoughts of one of my favourite childhood fictional characters, Winnie-the-Pooh, who was something of an expert when it came to taking things easy. He was quite the philosopher on the subject too - *“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.”*

I hope that over the past term holiday you all found time to slow down with your sons and appreciate all the wonderful things we have around us that make life so very special.

Kind regards

Allan Short  
Headmaster

### **Headmaster's Thought for the Week**

*“What I like doing best is Nothing.”*

*"How do you do Nothing," asked Pooh after he had wondered for a long time.*

*"Well, it's when people call out at you just as you're going off to do it, 'What are you going to do, Christopher Robin?' and you say, 'Oh, Nothing,' and then you go and do it.*

*It means just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering."*

*"Oh!" said Pooh."*

**A.A. Milne (Winnie-the-Pooh)**



### **Labour Weekend**

Traditionally we have a short break over the weekend and once again this year there is **no school on Labour Day, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

Could **boarding families inform Mr Clayson as soon as possible** of arrangements for their son that weekend. Most years all boarders go home that weekend, as it is the last 'long weekend' of the school year. If boys cannot get home or are not visiting with friends for the weekend, they can stay in Pyne House, we just need an early indication of numbers for staffing purposes.

### **Summer Uniform**

If anyone is in need of new summer uniform, please contact Penny in the office. We understand that some boys have grown substantially since term one and hence old uniform does not always fit!

Please can all boys be in full summer uniform after Labour Weekend. Note: Year 5-7 boys need to be in sandals. Year 8 boys (only) who have outgrown their sandals may wear black shoes and socks as an alternative.

### **Waihi Gatherings**

Information on these evenings, (Timaru Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at Columbus Coffee and Ashburton Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Somerset Grocer) is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope current, past and prospective families will join us on one of these evenings.

Future Waihi Gatherings will be organised for further afield (eg. we usually have annual events in Christchurch and Dunedin) to make attendance more convenient for Boarding families in the various regions.

### **Waihi School – Open Day Signs**

Waihi School will be having an Open day on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

We would like to update our Open Day signs and need to locate some of the signs that were used in August. If you have one sitting in your garage, can you please let us know so that we can collect and update.

If you are happy to have a sign up outside your house or business, we would love to hear from you – please contact Wendy – [executive@waihi.school.nz](mailto:executive@waihi.school.nz)



## Naesby MTB Report

We woke to a wonderful day in the town of Naseby. We arrived at 8am to sort our gear and make up the running order. The briefing was at 8:45am and the start of the race at 9:00am.

Waihi put in two strong teams with Ollie Anderson and Quinn O'Sullivan doing the Le Mans start to start the 12 Hour race. Ollie Anderson and Quinn O'Sullivan both put in a solid first lap. The course consisted of a 11.5km loop through forest and awesome single track. Plenty of climbing, but also a lot of downhill! The tracks were in perfect condition, nice and dry which meant that the racing was fast and furious. It was challenging but everyone put in an awesome effort. Everyone got tired as the day progressed and we are sure that everyone slept well that night!

As the day came to a close, teams were trying to fit in as many laps as they could. For the last 90mins of the day, lights were required by the riders which made things a little more interesting for those out on the course. After packing up the gazebo we all headed down to prizegiving. We had an awesome day and it was great to catch up with some of the Waihi boys who took part last year.

We would like to thank Mr Morland and all the parents who came along to support us. We already looking forward to taking part next year!

**Connor Howes and Freddie Saunders**





## “Waihi Gatherings in Timaru and Ashburton”

John Rolleston, Chair of the Waihi School Board of Trustees and Allan Short would like to invite all parents, current, past, prospective and old boys to a social gathering in Timaru and Ashburton.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm – 8.00pm – Columbus Coffee**, 50 Theodosia Street, The Landing, Timaru. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm – 8.00pm – The Somerset Grocer**, Burnett Street, Ashburton. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Please RSVP to Wendy Groves [executive@waihi.school.nz](mailto:executive@waihi.school.nz) and advise the venue/day you would like to attend. Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone whom you feel may be interested in hearing about Waihi School..



### Term 4 Calendar

#### Week 2

Monday 19 October	Year 8 Exams
Tuesday 20 October	Year 8 Exams SCPSSA Cross-Country at Waihi – First race at 11.00am
Wednesday 21 October	Year 8 Exams South Canterbury 10s Rugby in Timaru
Thursday 22 October	Year 8 Exams South Canterbury Primary Tennis Championships in Timaru Kids for Kids Choir Festival , Horncastle Arena, Christchurch
Friday 23 October	Year 8 Exams Juniors 'Food for Thought' day – trip to New World LABOUR WEEKEND starts – boarders please let Mr Clayson as soon as possible your arrangements
Saturday 24 October	National Chess Power Finals in Auckland
Sunday 24 October	National Chess Power Finals in Auckland Mackenzie A&P 'Spring Fling' - <i>Waihi School will be there!</i>

#### Week 3

Monday 26 October	LABOUR DAY – no school – Boarding House is open
Tuesday 27 October	“Waihi Gathering” in Timaru for parents & prospective parents – Columbus Coffee – 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 28 October	St Andrews fixture fixture at Waihi NZC Year 8 Cup – Christchurch SCPSSA MTB event in Timaru NZ Cricket Finals in Christchurch
Thursday 29 October	“Waihi Gathering” in Ashburton for parents & prospective parents – Somerset Grocer



## Kids for Kids Choir

Thursday 22 October 2020

7.30pm at Horncastle Arena, 55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington, Christchurch

Featuring Jackie Clark & Nathan King

Adult \$24.50

Child/Student/Senior \$18

Family (2 adults & 2 children) \$68

Tickets are available via Ticketek;

Phone: 080 842 53

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ADULTS \$15

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to make your booking

### 10.30AM MATINEE

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020

### 7.00PM EVENINGS

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020

