



Waihi News

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Dear Parents

Time and again when you hear talk of the fine line between winning and losing; success or failure; reaching your goal or missing out, the power of our mind is discussed.

At a meeting I attended with some of our country's top sports coaches, this topic was raised. It was agreed by all that, "...perhaps the single greatest motivator for any child is knowing that a trusted adult believes in them." If we can raise the self-esteem and personal confidence of our children, then I really do believe that they are capable of far more than they imagine is possible.

Over these last few weeks of term, we have all of our children away at camp. I know that when they return there will be many stories of individuals overcoming challenges and exceeding expectations. The resultant smiles and boosts to their self-esteem will be great to see. Successfully completing the long gruelling Otago Rail Trail ride, as our Year Eights did last week, summoning up the courage to tackle a daunting physical or mental challenge or trusting your friends to keep you safe (or dry in tents if the weather turns next week for Year Seven), positive attitudes will make all the difference.

I am looking forward to a couple of days visiting students and staff on camp and I want, as a parent and headmaster, to offer my sincere thanks to the staff and parents who are accompanying the children on our Waihi camps this year.

Kind regards.

Allan Short
Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

*"The will to win, the
desire to succeed, the
urge to reach your full
potential... these are the
keys that will unlock the
door to personal
excellence.*

Confucius



**'Tangled Up'
Waihi Annual Giving
Dinner & Auction
Saturday 8 May 2021
6.00pm until late**

**To book a table, tickets or donate auction items please
email Penny admin@waihi.school.nz
or Wendy executive@waihi.school.nz**

Summer Sports Exchange with John McGlashan College

Thank you to our friends from John McGlashan College for travelling to Waihi for our annual Summer Sports exchange. Our students played touch on Wednesday afternoon, had great fun hosting billets overnight and then the 1st XI cricketers had a wonderful game on Thursday.

Honours were shared with John McGlashan coming out on top in the touch and the Waihi 1st XI Cricket winning their game.

We are looking forward to our Winter sport visit to Dunedin later in the year.



'Pass the Pub' MTB Race

Congratulations to Oliver Loader and Alex Harrison who competed in U15; 'Pass to Pub' race last weekend. Both boys raced exceptionally well, with Oliver getting first place and Alex Harrison third.

This was a fantastic result boys!



Year 8 Camp 2021 – The Rail Trail

The first day we travelled to Middlemarch, where we pitched our tents, went for a swim and collected our bikes.

It was a cold night in the tents. The following day was our big day on the bikes when we biked 60km. We stopped at the site of the Hyde rail disaster and had a look at the monument. We finally reached Ranfurly and pitched our tents again.

Some of us went to Curling at Naseby and others went to the Sled Dogs. Curling was really fun, even though it was our first go for most of us. The sled dogs were really interesting and cute.

Wednesday morning, we swapped activities. It was our second day on the bikes and our bottoms were aching. We made it to Hayes Engineering and had a good look around, and then it started to rain. It was really cool going through the big tunnels on the way to Omakau. That day we had biked 55kms and were looking forward to hot showers and dry clothes. We were really lucky to get cabins that night.

Thursday was our final day, and we biked 37Kkms to Clyde and thankfully, it was the easiest day. We got to the end and returned our bikes, and then headed to Cromwell in the vans. We had a great time at Highlands Raceway on the go-karts, and a good look around the museum.

We would sum up this camp as exciting, exhausting, thrilling, brilliant and fun. We will always remember this camp.

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to come and help and to our teachers for all their hard work in organising this camp for us.

Year Eight



Boarding at Waihi

As well as welcoming two new day students, Phoenix Smith and Darcy Attridge to Waihi in the past couple of weeks, we also welcomed Poppy Mawle to Pyne House. Poppy collected a Headmaster's Award at assembly on Friday.

Our boarders continue to mix with day children showing we are one community when possible.

Golf at Denfield continues to thrive twice a week and Mr Clayson and Mr Short thoroughly enjoy taking around 15 children out to golf each week.

We will play for the Ryder Cup in Term Two before the days get too short and it becomes dark

A fun evening after dinner for the Year 5/6/7 while the Year 8's were on camp last week. A trip to the Geraldine Dairy for ice creams with Mr Clayson, all three matrons and Miss Goodsir and Miss Ristow. A trip to the park followed!

Pyne House has a new Post Box!

Nurturing Creativity and Family!

Mr Clayson wants to thank the Matron team and some of the younger children for making and designing this lovely post box for boarders' mail.

Letter writing and receiving is crucial to the wellbeing and development of our pupils and he loves the way the children have taken ownership and made their very own post box!



Weeks Ahead ...

Saturday 20 March

Methven Show – Agri Kids

Monday 22 March

Year Seven Camp to Wainui

Tuesday 23 March

Year Seven Camp to Wainui

Wednesday 24 March

Year Seven Camp to Wainui

Sunday 28 March

1st XI Cricket vs. Waihi Old Boys, Akaroa

Monday 29 March

Waihi Trust Board meeting

Year 5/6 Camp – Peel Forest

Tuesday 30 March

Year 5/6 Camp – Peel Forest

Wednesday 31 March

Year 5/6 Camp – Peel Forest

SCPSSA Swimming Sports

Thursday 1 April

House Singing Competition (afternoon)

Monday 5 April

MacKenzie Show

End of Term One

TERM TWO

Tuesday 28 April

Teacher only day

Boarders return 5.00pm

Wednesday 29 April

Term Two commences

School ANZAC Day Service



Winter Sports Trials

It is hard to believe but this week is the end of summer team sports for Term One however there may be one or two games of tennis on next weekend.



Mr Sharp will be busy preparing winter sport pitches and some trials, particular Rugby will take place in the final week of term.

Please can you ensure that your son or daughter has the relevant equipment with them for winter sports; mouthguards; shinpads; hockey sticks etc. Summer sport equipment can go home once the season has finished

Waihi House Singing Competition

Thursday 1 April 3-4pm

All parents welcome to attend

Come along and witness for yourself this fun but fiercely contested House competition





'Tangled Up'

Waihi Annual Giving Dinner & Auction

Saturday 8 May 2021
6.00pm until late

You can help to support our School by:

OFFERING A 'PROMISE'

This can be as large or small as you wish,
all promises are welcome.

Items that have been donated in the past
*include paintings; equestrian lessons, clothing;
accommodation; livestock; flights; dinner
vouchers; decorated cakes; fishing trips;
whitebait; jet boat rides; wine; café vouchers;
volunteer services; shop vouchers; home
baking ... just to name a few.*

BUYING A 'PROMISE'

There are many auctions on the evening,
some may cost \$5 and
others \$500, but every single one counts
and most of all every dollar will really
make a difference to the boys and girls at
Waihi.

PROMOTING THE EVENT

OUTSIDE OF OUR IMMEDIATE SCHOOL FAMILY

Get together friends and family and book
a table of 10 for a great evening of fun, fine
food and entertainment. It's always
wonderful to have past, present and future
families enjoying our Waihi hospitality.

PURCHASING TICKETS TO THE EVENT

Tickets are \$70 per person - This includes
a glass of champagne, beer or wine and
nibbles on arrival, followed by a three-
course meal. Beer, wine and soft drinks are
available from the cash bar throughout the
evening.

**Monies raised will be used to build a low ropes challenge
course for our students in the Orchard**

For more information, to book your tickets/table, or offer a promise,
contact Penny or Wendy at the School Office on 03 687 8014 admin@waihi.school.nz