



Waihi News

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From the Headmaster

Dear Parents

At assembly this morning I talked about first impressions and how important they are. Mr Morland shared a story about one of our boys from the choir who was ordering food at the food court in Christchurch during their recent trip. He was unaware that Mr Morland was close by and watching as he ordered his sushi.

An elderly lady behind this young man took the time to speak to this particular Waihian and told him how impressed she was with his lovely manners. Once he moved away the lady and the server at the Sushi bar continued to talk about the well-mannered boy who they had just encountered...needless to say, they certainly had a wonderful first impression of a Waihian!

I have spoken to many families over the last few weeks; at school; away on trips; at our Timaru and Ashburton gatherings and at the Mackenzie Show – I've occasionally asked them to sum up their first impressions of Waihi and what stands out for them; these are some of their replies:

- The attitude of our boys. They are keen, enthusiastic and each day want to learn both inside and outside of the classroom.
- The strong sense of family at Waihi.
- Excellent teaching and non-teaching staff who are prepared to go the extra mile to make this a very special school.
- Our school grounds – are wonderful, well-managed and cared for
- Pyne House is a top-class boarding facility
- Sport at Waihi – we really do punch above our weight in every area
- The breadth of offerings to our boys with subjects such as Music; STEM and Outdoor Education
- Our *tradition*. The Waihi culture and tradition is palpable. The boys very quickly gain a sense of belonging and have great respect for the school, its history and for being a Waihian.
- The boys are great ambassadors for Waihi in our community. They are well-mannered, respectful and understand the importance of graciousness, service and humility.
- There is opportunity to be involved in a wide range of non-academic pursuits.
- Waihi is a very welcoming place. New boys and parents are quickly made to feel part of the family

I discuss these with the staff and boys, not to be boastful or to feel self-satisfied, but because it is important to understand what defines us, how we are viewed by others and for us all as a community to appreciate what we have and to hold ourselves to the standards we have set ourselves.

It is not always the easiest thing as an individual, adult or child, to reach the highest of standards every day and to meet high expectations. Occasionally we will fail, but this in itself isn't an issue. As one of our guest speakers, Hamish Acland, said at the Father and Son dinner. "My greatest lesson from Waihi was to pick myself up when I got knocked down and to try again. and again. and again".

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

I looked back at a diary entry I made when I first started at Waihi. One of my first impressions was of the 'hardiness' of the Waihian and that they didn't let 'failure' get them down but rather displayed great perseverance and resilience. We teach Waihians to fail, and that it is ok to fail because as the poster outside Mr Morland's room states, the acronym FAIL means First Attempt In Learning.

Our school motto is "Tu igitur perfer adversa" (Thou shalt therefore endure hardship). It is a truism, we will all suffer tough times in life, but we can and will get through these; particularly together, as Waihians.

Allan Short
Headmaster

Staffing News

Some of you may be aware that Waihi is currently advertising for teaching staff for 2021 (Class Teachers; Outdoor Education and Learning Support). Some of this is due to staff members informing me that they are moving on next year and, in the case of outdoor education, our desire to make an additional staff appointment for 2021 to join the team and lead this important area. I will keep parents informed of our progress in this area.

David and Becky Faulkner have informed me of their decision to move back home to Christchurch after four years here in South Canterbury, and David has accepted a position at St. Michael's School. David and Becky have been wonderful colleagues and have added hugely to the lives of the boys here at Waihi and we wish David, Becky, Lucy and Charlie every happiness in their new home and schools.

Claire Bymolt is also moving on to a new position in Blenheim. Claire has indicated that she wishes to return to teaching younger students and we wish her every success in her new position.

STOP PRESS – NZC 20/20 National Finals

We have just found out that the NZC 20/20 National Junior finals will be taking place in Palmerston North 16 - 18th November. Mr Morland has sent details to all families of the boys involved.

The three-day competition pits the champion schools from each of the six major associations Northern Districts; Auckland; Central Districts; Wellington; Canterbury and Otago. Waihi is very proud to be representing Canterbury this year, and we wish our boys the very best of luck for this exciting event.

Cricket Success - NZC Cup 2020 Regional Tournament – Hagley Oval – 28/29 October

Having qualified in term one by winning the South/Mid Canterbury regional competition, the First XI headed to Christchurch to compete over two days against schools from the wider Canterbury region - Darfield High School, Medbury School and Bohally Intermediate (from Blenheim). We were fortunate to have a favourable draw, playing against Bohally and Darfield on the first day, before playing Medbury on day two.

Batting first in the first game against Bohally, the boys started relatively cautiously, finding their feet and taking stock of the opposition, being 54/1 after 10 overs. With wickets up their sleeves and confidence growing, the run rate was lifted considerably in the second half of the innings with another 100 runs being added, finishing on 154/5. Eddie Burgess (49 from 49 balls) and Jacob Gilkison (30 from 32) set the foundations with Hamish Peck finishing the innings off with a flourish with 41* from 24 balls. In reply, Bohally never threatened with all the bowlers showing good control and consistency restricting the opposition to 90/7 from their 20 overs.

The second game against Darfield followed the same script. After losing Connor Howes early batting first, Jacob (25 from 31) and Eddie (39 from 49) steadied the ship and got us through to 52/1 at the halfway point. Once again, the impetus for a solid total was provided by Hamish, who took the game away from the Darfield bowlers with an impressive 62 from 34 balls. 107 runs were scored in the final 10 overs, with Waihi finishing on 159/4. Darfield made a promising start with the bat, keeping up with the run-rate for the first part of the innings before losing momentum through good bowling and fielding from the boys. Miserly bowling from Liam Ross (3 overs, 8 runs, 1 wicket), Connor Howes and Harry Munro kept Darfield having to try and play catch up. Having to take chances meant wickets fell consistently and Waihi coming out victors by 46 runs (Darfield 113 all out). The boys headed back to Waihi in the evening in the knowledge that our final game against Medbury the following morning would see the winner progress to the National final; Medbury comfortably winning their two games against the same opposition on day one.



There were a few tired bodies after the first day and the trip to Christchurch was a little quieter than the first day as (I hoped!) the boys were beginning to think about the challenge ahead. Medbury were the 2019 National Champions and have been to the finals on numerous occasions over the years representing Canterbury. However, our boys' confidence was high and they had momentum on their side. With it being a 'one-off' game anything was possible!

Medbury put Waihi in to bat on a very cold and damp morning. The opening bowling pair for Medbury demanded plenty of respect from the boys and after losing Sam Hancox in the first over, Jacob and Eddie once again made the most of their good form, steadying the ship and moving the boys through to 49/1 at drinks. With the feeling being we needed to make 120+ to put pressure on the Medbury batting line-up, both of the boys then produced their best individual batting performances of the season with Jacob ending up on 61 from 58 balls and Eddie 72* from 57, together putting on a partnership of 117 and getting us through to 142-2 from their twenty overs putting us in an excellent position to put pressure on Medbury.

Medbury were always going to come hard with the bat and they did just that, getting away to a quick start. However, our boys bowled and fielded with a consistency and intensity that continually put pressure on Medbury's batting line-up, and with their batting order not having been really tested in their first two games, their middle order players found it difficult to keep the scoring rate up and continued to lose wickets. Medbury being bowled out for 53 in the 12th over to win by 89 runs. Wickets were shared between the bowlers with particularly impressive figures from Sam Hancox (3-16 from his four overs) and Harry Lithgow (2-4 from 2.2 overs). This was an excellent performance from the boys and they thoroughly deserved their victory and now have the opportunity to head to the National final in a few weeks where they will represent the Canterbury province against the winning schools from the five other major associations.

Win or lose, the boys are a pleasure to work with and coach. Their attitude to training and playing has been excellent and we always try to have a lot of fun on the way! It has been great to see them continue to develop their games, not only individually, but also as a team. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support over the two days or followed from afar via CricHQ, it was greatly appreciated.

Nathan Morland



South Canterbury Primary Schools Mountain-Biking

Last Wednesday was a very busy day, Waihi were hosting St. Andrew's College for our annual Summer sports exchange and the 1st XI Cricketers were in Christchurch for their NZC 20/20 cricket tournament. That said with the help of Mark Talbot (Oscar's father) we were still able to participate in a third sporting event, this one in Timaru, as nine Waihi boys competed in the SCPSSA Mountain-biking Champs.

Sam Hurst was the lone Waihian in the Junior (Y5/6 Race) whilst, Year 7 Oliver Loader, and Year 8s Ollie Anderson, Tom Cameron, Cooper Dupont, Patrick Raymond, Freddie Saunders, Bobby Stewart and Oscar Talbot competed in the Y7/8 event.

Sam finished in the top 25% of riders (14th) in the 7.3km Junior event (Oscar's younger brother Wilbur winning this event). The Senior event was slightly longer at 8.1km and Waihi had three riders in the top 10. Great efforts from all the boys with placings as follows: Tom 53rd; Cooper 30th; Bobby 28th; Oliver 24th; Freddie 13th; Oscar 10th; Patrick 7th and Ollie 2nd. Great performances all-round, well done boys and congratulations to Ollie for his podium finish.



Sports Results

St Andrews College Fixture

On Wednesday, Waihi hosted a cricket and tennis fixture against St Andrews College from Christchurch. As always this fixture was played in great spirit with good quality sport being displayed. Our 3rd XI played StAC 2nd XI and while the result did not go our way, the boys carried themselves well and had good moments throughout the game.

Waihi 2nd XI played StAC 1st XI in a good, competitive match. A couple of missed opportunities from our boys to take wickets toward the end of the match saw StAC over the line.

Our tennis players were up against a formidable opponent and the quality of tennis on display was exceptional. While our teams fought hard throughout, StAC came away with a victory in both games. Overall a good learning experience for our boys and it is a fixture we look forward to once again in 2021. Thank you to our staff for their contributions throughout the day.

South Canterbury Primary Schools Cross-Country

Junior team placed 3rd with George Williamson the highest placed runner coming in 4th

Year 7 team placed 3rd with Harry Holmes the highest placed runner coming in 7th

Year 8 team placed 1st with Wil Donaldson the highest placed runner coming in 3rd, Sam Hancox in 6th and Quinn O'Sullivan in 7th

South Canterbury Primary Tennis

Isaac Adam won the Year 6 and under championships

Mark Crosby finished 3rd in the Year 6 and under championships

Jacob Adam won the Year 7/8 championships.

Sean Worthington

Waihi Music

The Waihi Choir had a wonderful excursion to Christchurch last Thursday to take part in the "Kids for Kids, Big Aroha Concert 2020", celebrating the best of Kiwi music.

We set off at 7am to be ready for rehearsal at Horncastle Arena at 9am where the boys met the wonderful talented team of musical directors and hosts Jackie Clarke and Nathan King.

The Choir joined hundreds of other students from North Canterbury to South Canterbury to rehearse 12 Kiwi Songs they had been learning with their choir teachers over the past term. Actions were put to the songs and the whole show came alive in front of our eyes. After a good 2-hour rehearsal we headed to Margaret Mahy Park for lunch and a good run around before filling in our afternoon with a game of Ten Pin Bowling and a trip to Turanga Library before dinner and back to perform the show at 7:30pm.

It was lovely to see so many parents come along to support the choir and watch the Show.

Thanks to Mr Morland for joining us for a fun filled day, with the boys tucked up in bed by 10:30pm.

Sheryl & Al Bradley



Chess

Over Labour weekend four boys: Isaac Adam; Jacob Adam, Callum Kingsbury and Jake O'Sullivan competed in the NZ Chess Power Teams event and Individual Champions Trophy.

On the Saturday the boys competed in the National Teams event. Waihi had qualified for the Intermediate finals. This was our fourth year in the Nationals and each year our team has slightly improved their position. From finishing in last place in 2017, to halfway in 2018, top ten last year (7th place) and this year the team finished in their highest ever placing of 5th; fantastic achievement boys! Highlight of the day was Callum Kingsbury's win in an individual game against a top seeded player earning him the 'Upset of the day' prize.

Sunday's event was the individual competition, with another nine tough rounds. All of the boys had some successes during the day with Jacob Adam top scoring and earning himself not only 9th place but the biggest rating gain of any player on the day.

My huge thanks to Brendon Adam, Lisa Kingsbury and Jackie O'Sullivan who accompanied the boys over the weekend.



Allan Short

School production sponsorship "All Shook Up"

As you will be aware, Year 8 boys are busy rehearsing for this year's production of "All Shook Up". Our production of 'Footloose' last year was a huge success, with all performances being well attended. Much of this success can be attributed to the generosity and support of the families, businesses and suppliers within our school network who advertised in the production programme.

If you would like to be a sponsor of this year's production of "All Shook Up" by advertising in the programme, please contact Wendy Groves, executive@waihi.school.nz

Types of advertisement

Quarter Page Colour (67 x 90mm) (includes 1 ticket to Tuesday night's performance)	\$100
Half Page Colour (135 x 85mm) (includes 2 tickets to Tuesday night's performance)	\$180
Full Page Colour (135 x 180mm) (includes 4 tickets to Tuesday night's performance)	\$340

Term 4 Calendar

Week 4

Monday 2 November	Yr 7 Outdoor Experience - Rafting
Wednesday 4 November	Medbury Fixture (away) Yr 8 Independent Schools Dance @ Medbury
Friday 6 November	Yr 5/6 Outdoor Experience – Water Activities
Saturday 7 November	Yr 8 In-Weekend for school production Timaru 10 hour Mountain Bike race
Sunday 8 November	Yr 8 In-Weekend for school production

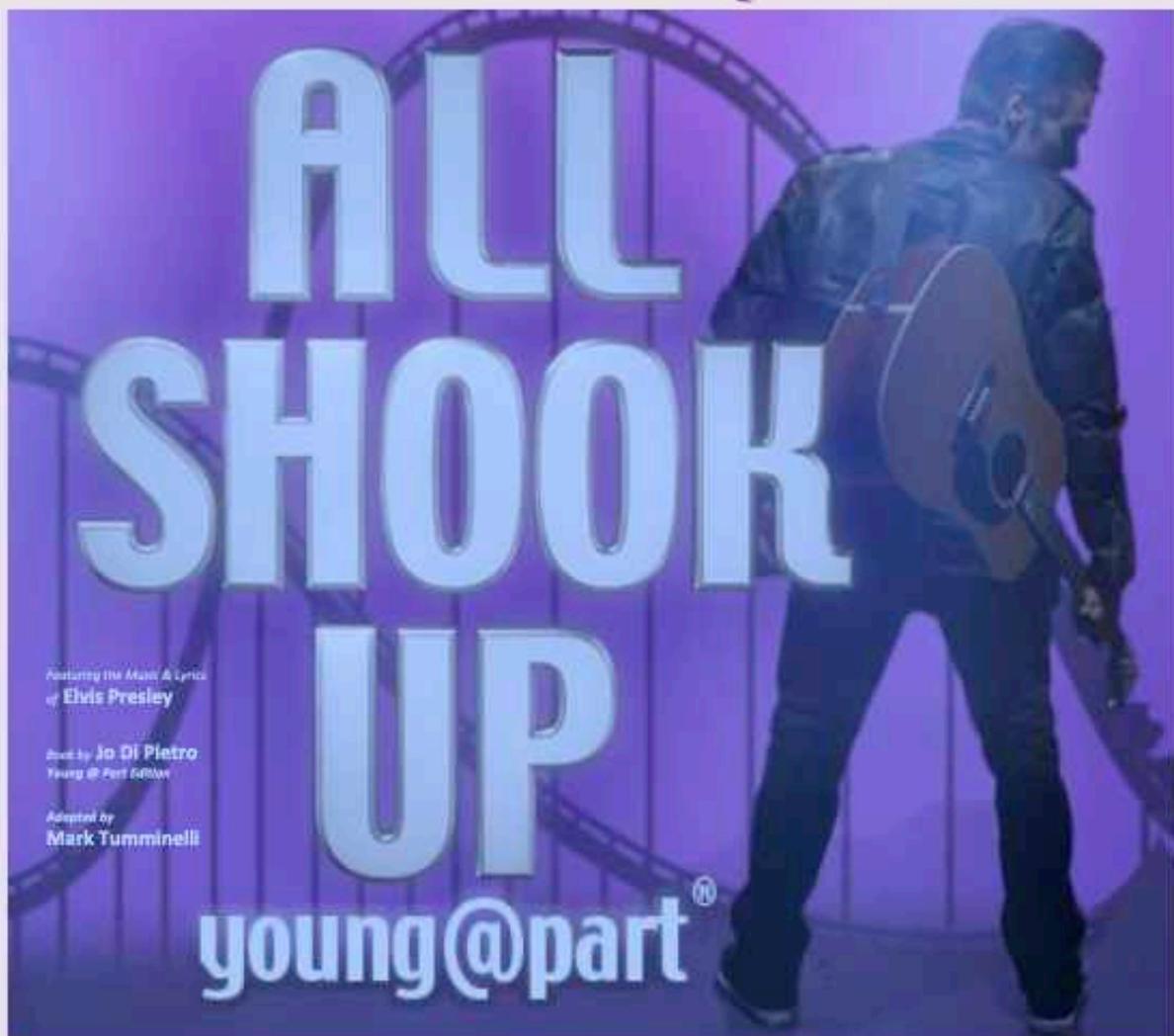
Week 5

Monday 9 November	2015 Leavers Reunion
Wednesday 11 November	Yr 7 Christ's College Leadership Day
Thursday 12 November	Music Performance (afternoon - time to be confirmed)
Friday 13 November	EXEAT
Saturday 14 November	EXEAT
Sunday 15 November	EXEAT

Week 6

Monday 16 November	EXEAT – Boarders return 5pm
Tuesday 17 November	Athletics Sports Day
Wednesday 18 November	Exam week for Years 5 - 7

Waihi School Proudly Presents ...



An amateur production by arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide

TICKETS

CHILDREN	\$5
ADULTS	\$15
THEME NIGHT extra	\$10

Please call (03) 687 8014 or

Email: admin@waihi.school.nz

to make your booking

10:30AM MATINÉES

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020

7:00PM EVENINGS

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020

(Wednesday Theme Night starts at 6.15pm with a free drink and nibbles – dress up your finest 1980s attire)