

# NEWSLETTER

# WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL



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*"Life doesn't get easier and more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient."*

*Steve Marabou*

**1 October 2021**

### The Principal's word

This has certainly been a challenging term for both students and staff. However, the thing that is particularly evident is the importance of our resilience, of having the determination to carry on, to do our best despite the challenges we are all facing and be the best version of ourselves possible. Well done to students and staff for the way in which you have worked in the past few weeks. We should all feel proud of our achievements and I sincerely hope you are all able to have a well-earned break at some stage during the next two weeks.

At this stage we are not able to schedule our annual Sports and Cultural Awards function as it is not possible to hold it in with the usual format under Alert level 2. We will inform you as soon as possible when we are able to move forward on planning this important event.

Ngā mihi nui

Janette Packman

### UNIFORM CHANGEOVER:

Just a reminder that students move into summer uniform when we return to school in Term 4. If it is cooler the first week back, student may choose to wear either full winter or full summer in Week 1 of Term 4. However, ALL students must be in full correct summer uniform after Labour weekend. This includes correct

tucked in. This demonstrates our Values of Respect and Responsibility.

### Year 9/10 Level Assembly:

Today in level assembly we celebrated lots of student's successes. We also did some learning around Values. This is the message that was shared with students.

A value is a belief that something is good and desirable. Values are general guidelines that define what is important and worth striving for.

Values provide goals to aim for and Values are the criteria people use in assessing their daily lives, reflecting on attitude and actions and choosing between alternative courses of action.

Recently during the Olympics and Paralympics we saw nations from all around the world come together and share and uphold common values and morals while competing in sport.

The Olympics are underpinned by core values that are the foundation of the Olympic Games. These values underpin the Games as a set of universal principles, but they can be applied to education and our lives, as well as to sport itself. These are:

1. **Friendship:** Understanding each other although there may be differences. Values that are found in friendships are often a result of a friend demonstrating the following on a consistent basis: Sympathy, empathy, honesty, mutual understanding, compassion, trust and positive reciprocity.
2. **Respect:** Being fair, knowing your limits whilst taking care of yourself and others around you.

Respect is about creating positive environments and positive feeling of esteem for a person of other entity (such as a nation or a religion). Respect is also about our everyday actions that ensure we uphold to create safe and supportive environments. It is being inclusive and showing tolerance and understanding.

3. **Excellence:** Giving your best, not only in sport but in education, life and achieving your goals. This is a talent or quality which is unusually good and so surpasses ordinary standards. It could be personal excellence in achieving a goal that seemed out of reach. It is also the journey of being the best version of yourself and striving for your goals and dreams even when it is hard.
4. **Determination/Grit:** Believing in yourself to continue to do the best you can even if things are difficult. Not giving up because something is challenging, having the grit and perseverance to learn from mistakes and challenges. Making or arriving at a decision with purpose. Demonstration of strong work ethic to reach a desired outcome.
5. **Equality:** Everyone can be equal and receive the same treatment. This is the quality of being the same in quantity or measure, value or status. Ensuring fairness, equal treatment, opportunities, regardless of religion, race or ability. This should be without discrimination, prejudice, bias, inequality and unfairness.
6. **Courage:** Being brave and confident enough to do what you believe is right no matter what, simply because it is the right thing to do. It is not compromising on the values or what is right and wrong.

These Olympic Values encapsulate our school Values: **Respect; Responsibility; Real Honesty** and the importance of building Strong Relationships. Just like the Olympic values our values are a way of being and living. They guide us in what is right and wrong and how as humans we should treat and work with others. This is not just at school, this is in life – at home, at a job, at an interview, at a friend's house and so on. Values empower us to look in the mirror and see ourselves as an individual who is growing and developing the skills, qualities, attitudes, mindset and morals that will be expected of everyone in a family, a school, a community, in New Zealand, around the world and at the Olympics as this is what builds strong and healthy societies.

Next time you look in the mirror have a think about what you see and which values you are modelling consistently and which ones you need to work on.

This was the challenge I left the students with. Our values are not sometimes Values and they are expected by all for all, and being a good kind human is what we should all be everyday! No excuses.

Please make sure you are having supporting conversations in your home.

Ms Tagiaia

### **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 7/8 30 Big A Awards 2021 (Certificate)**

Sam Hay  
Paige Smith  
Jack Waugh

#### **Year 7/8 60 Big A Awards 2021 (Certificate & Termly Prize Draw)**

Sapphire Blackie  
Charlie Clavey  
Jackson Couper  
Chris Don  
Blake Dyer  
Daniel Eason  
Sam Hay  
Ellahjaye Hynes  
Oliver Pankhurst  
Reagen Pennington  
Callum Rempala  
Paige Smith  
Ben Veldkamp  
Huntar Warren  
Jason Waugh  
Arni-Ka Williams  
Alex Wilmshurst

#### **Junior 120 Big A Awards 2021 (Certificate & Badge)**

Megan Alexander  
Emily Anderson  
William Bryant



Joe Coyle  
Harry Davis  
Wendy Harrington  
Ben Hay  
Mythili Khangarot  
Jaxson McKenzie  
Kaden Millar-McFarlane  
Enya O'Donnell  
Oliver Pankhurst  
Olivia Roser  
Ben Veldkamp  
Breeze Young

**Year 9/10 20 Big A Awards 2021  
(Certificate)**

Sam Bettany  
Jayla Davis  
Scarlett Evered  
Nathan Lamb  
Mariska-Shai Loye  
Micah Roberts  
Georgia Soper  
Jayden Stevens  
Benedict Tolentino

**Year 9/10 40 Big A Awards 2021  
(Certificate & Termly Prize Draw)**

Sam Bettany  
Maddison Brewer-Little  
Jayla Davis  
Scarlett Evered  
Nathan Lamb  
Arwen O'Donnell

**Senior 10 Big A Awards 2021  
(Certificate)**

Emma Freeman  
Jessame Gascon  
Michaela Gurnett  
Scott McKinlay  
PJ Mejrada  
Hannah Soper  
Charlie Strange-Weir

**Senior 20 Big A Awards 2021  
(Certificate & Termly Prize Draw)**

Lily-Anne Beazley  
Olivia Boswell  
Kim Calderon  
Katelyn Freeman  
Lawrence Mejrada  
Jelia Mooney  
Sophie Matthews  
Hayley Sutton  
Ngakau Taupo  
Shannel Thomson  
Szhyiem Tipu

**Senior 40 Big A Awards 2021  
(Certificate & Badge)**

Eliza Boyne  
Ken Calderon  
Jakeb Carroll  
Emily Hargreaves  
Andrew Masayon  
Sophie Matthews  
Lily Shortus  
Ruby Shortus

**SPORTS CORNER:**

**MOTOX**

Five Waimate High School students raced at the South Canterbury MotoX Champs in the weekend held at the Pankhurst property. With very cold and strong windy conditions on the Saturday. Congratulations to Harry Davis, Oliver Pankhurst, Henry Lucas, Ben Williams and Sam Hay who all rode extremely well. Great effort boys.



**SQUASH**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September we held a Waimate High School Squash Tournament. With only 2 girls entering it was a straight final between Brenna Bennett and Meeah Bailey. These 2 have had some great matches over the year and this game was no different. Meeah coming out on top in 4 sets. The boy's competition was originally going to be battled between 6 students, but with an injury on the day and a quick format change it then became a round robin between 5. All boys had to play 4 games each with some of them having never played a competition game before. The skills shown on court were very impressive and some games even going the distance of 5 sets. The places were as follows: Jack Farrell, Jordy Sew Hoy, Ngakau Taupo, Robert Poroa-Timblick and Rua Taupo.



## RUGBY:

### Roncalli Aoraki Combined First XV

Are you passionate about Schoolboy First XV Rugby?  
Are you committed to player development?

The Roncalli Aoraki First XV provides a vehicle for players at Geraldine, Mountainview and Waimate High Schools and Opihi, Roncalli and MacKenzie Colleges to remain loyal to their local communities, play schoolboy rugby at the highest level and return to their home clubs, reinvesting their experience and spreading the wealth among all clubs in South Canterbury.

The Roncalli Aoraki First XV Committee are currently seeking expressions of interest for a **HEAD COACH/COACHES** for the 2022 season and beyond to lead the team in the Crusaders Miles Toyota Championship, providing high quality coaching, leadership and management.

Applicants must have:

- A proven record in rugby coaching with a high level of tactical and technical expertise.
- A strong philosophical ethos of why players play the game and the player/coach relationship.
- Demonstrated people management skills required to lead a high-performance environment.
- Shown the ability to inspire a team whilst developing players' individual skills to a high level.
- A commitment to support the ethos and mission of the team to develop schoolboy rugby across the Aoraki region.

Desired attributes:

- Experience in working with school age players.
- Have the potential of an identified 'coaching and management team' in place if successful.

The time commitment for this role goes beyond the traditional club expectations due to pre season commitments, the length of the season and travel involved.

A full job description can be obtained by emailing [b.caird@roncalli.school.nz](mailto:b.caird@roncalli.school.nz)

Applicants should send their letters of interest to [b.caird@roncalli.school.nz](mailto:b.caird@roncalli.school.nz) by Monday 18th of October.

## Workskills Workshop

Year 13 students currently looking at their options beyond school participated in a workskills workshop today with Lisa Dobson, Employment Coordinator for the Waitaki District Council. Lisa's role is part of the Council's move to increase employment opportunities throughout the district. Lisa works closely with local employers and has a wealth of knowledge of our community. On Wednesday 20th October from 1-3 pm, students in years 12 & 13 will be able to participate in a Waimate Careers Expo which Lisa is currently busy organising with local businesses. This event will be held at the Waimate Events Centre.



## SOMERS LIBRARY BOOK OF THE WEEK

### THE LAND OF STORIES- THE WISHING SPELL

by Chris Colfer

Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern-day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales.

*The Land of Stories* tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters, they grew up reading about.

But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought.



### Calendar

Fri 1 Oct	Mufti Day Mcoctober
Fri 1 Oct	End of Term 3
Mon 18 Oct	Start of Term 4
Tue 19 Oct	Course Counselling Yr 12
Wed 20 Oct	Course Counselling Yr 10
Wed 20 Oct	Transition Day 1
Thu 21 Oct	Course Counselling Yr 11
Mon 25 Oct	Labour Day
Mon 1 Nov	Sports & Cultural Photos
Wed 10 – Fri 12 Nov	Year 10 Camp
Wed 17 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
Mon 22 Nov –14 Dec	NCEA External Exams
Mon 13 – Tues 14 Dec	Activity Days
Wed 15 Dec	Junior Prizegiving

## GRANTS AVAILABLE

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## Waimate High School's 2021

# MOCTOBER



Waimate High School is raising money for men's mental health and suicide prevention, testicular cancer and prostate cancer over the month of October.

Waimate High School's version of Movember where senior boys (Years 11, 12, 13) and male teachers are sponsored to grow their facial hair for a month. We have chosen to run this fundraiser in October as many of our formal school commitments are held throughout Term 4.

**When:** October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Who:** Senior boys (years 11,12,13) & male teachers

We will kick off the month with a Waimate High School Registration/Shave Day.

This will include:

- Held on October 1<sup>st</sup> (final day Term 3)
- All participants are required to attend
- All participants must be freshly shaved on October 1st (unless prior exceptions apply)
- Participants must come to school cleanly shaven **OR** shave during the shave day lunchtime
- Before photos will be taken at this time, so progress can be recorded
- Sponsorship forms will be given out for participants to record their sponsors – participants are encouraged to raise at least \$20 each

**Please note:** if previously told to shave at school from September 20<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> by a teacher, you **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate.

If not officially signed up to this fundraiser, the expectation is that you will be clean shaven.

We will close this fundraiser on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This will include:

- All participants are required to attend
- After photos will be taken, so progress can be recorded
- Sponsorship forms and money will be collected
- From November 2<sup>nd</sup> the expectation that you **MUST** arrive at school cleanly shaven will return

Prizes will be awarded at the school assembly following the close of WHS Moctober.

If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser, feel free to ask or email:

Hannah – [soperh@waimate-high.school.nz](mailto:soperh@waimate-high.school.nz)



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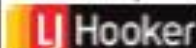
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