



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

8th September 2016

Hello everyone,

"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has" Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

COL INFORMATION - Update where we are at

Our "Community of Learning" has taken a few steps closer to getting underway. One of the interesting and sometimes challenging things about setting up a Community of Learning is that we are going where no one else has been. This is all very new and we are having to negotiate everything we do to make sure it suits everyone. I have noticed that while it is taking time to make changes in student achievement through the Community of Learning there is still a great deal of work going on. Members of all the Boards of Trustees are meeting regularly to shape the way the community will look and behave. Principals are meeting regularly to decide what curriculum areas we will concentrate on and how we will teach to raise the achievement of all Waimate students.

We have appointed a leader for the COL. This is Mrs Janette Packman, the principal of Waimate High School. Janette's role is to maintain the momentum of the COL and to keep all the schools on track to reach our targets.

Our next major step is to appoint the other across and within schools teachers who will lead and inspire teachers to make a difference in classrooms. Once again these are new roles that teachers have not been exposed to before. This is an exciting opportunity for someone in Waimate to help make a real difference. There is some concern among teachers about these new roles and with all the change this concern is to be expected. This teacher will share their classroom with another teacher while they work with their school and other schools. By way of example we already have shared teaching arrangements that work very well at Centennial. In five of our classes teachers share their role while they carry out other responsibilities. These include introducing new maths and reading teaching to the school and senior staff having release to lead their syndicates.

Look out for the appointment of these new teacher roles. This will enable the Community of Learning to move from the planning phase to the nuts and bolts of what we are trying to do to have better educational outcomes for our students. This includes the whole community getting together for the first time next term socially and then as syndicates to begin planning for the start of next year.

The quote at the top of the page brings it all together for me. There doesn't need to be many of us, we need to be passionate and committed about making a difference. Now we just have to have faith in ourselves and take the next step.

NEW STUDENT

We welcome Jane Bettridge to Centennial. Jane has come across from Main School to join Weka classroom. Jane has found some lovely friends in Lauriann, Sapphire, Maddison and Charlie who have been helping her to settle into her new school. Jane tells me she is not finding the work too hard and it has been fun getting know Mr Burt. We all hope you settle in and enjoy your time with us Jane.

SKI TRIP TO ROUNDHILL

Last weekend 45 or more Centennial students and parents went to Roundhill ski field. The weather was gorgeous sunny calm with very little wind. Our students had lessons and spent the rest of the day skiing in spring conditions.

It was great to see so many Centennial families coming together to enjoy a day in the mountains and such lovely conditions. During the day while I came back and forward to see what was happening I was impressed with the way all the children were trying really hard.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- School Production-
Matinee, 14th September,
Evening Performance 15th
September
- ERO visiting 17th October
- Home & School Lunch
23rd September
- Term 3 finishes 23rd
September

PARENTS NOTICEBOARD (in the foyer)

- Parenting through
separation- see pamphlet in
the foyer.
- Car Wash for boys Jump
Jam costumes: 10-2 pm
Saturday 10th and 17th
September. Waimate
New World Carpark.
Come and support the boys
and have your car washed
at the same time.
- Wai-iti Tennis Club—Junior
Tennis open days, ages 5-
16 years. Saturday 10th &
17th September & Tuesday
12th September, more
information in school foyer

It is always great to see how fast students improve after they've had a listen and lots of encouragement and support from their families.

After talking to many of the students and parents and the ski field operators I am aware that you would all like to try again next year. Put the ski trip in your diaries for late August next year and bring another family with you

JUMP JAM TEAM IN SOUTH ISLAND FINALS

After the success of the local Jump Jam competitions earlier in the year two of our teams decided to try and compete in the South Island tournament. This involved submitting a video of their performance to be judged against teams from across the whole of the South Island. While our teams have waited for word of their success or failure the training has continued. Last week the teams received confirmation that they have been judged worthy of competing at the highest level. Our congratulations go to both teams, Juniors and Senior Boys and we wish them all the best when they compete in Christchurch later in the year.

BOYS RUGBY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

I have been informed that we have a group of rugby players in our senior school that have been working well to build their team and playing very good rugby on the field. In a recent tournament the Waimate team had convincing wins and some very close losses to Otago and Mid Canterbury. Well done Davan, Ngakau, Kade, Flynn, Dylan & Jordan. You are modelling respect for yourselves and others when you perform well and you are a role model for the rest of us to aspire to. Kade MacMillan and Flynn Rhodes have gone on from here to be selected for the South Canterbury team. Congratulations to both of you and we look forward to hearing about your journey.

UPDATE ON THE PAID UNION MEETING - and why it is important

Tomorrow teachers from all Waimate schools will travel to Timaru to hear about the Government's proposed changes to the way schools are funded. The funding we receive is currently strictly allocated for specific purposes. Schools must pay teachers first. They must maintain buildings and health and safety standards. The government is suggesting that schools can decide what to spend their money on when they get it all in a lump sum. Some schools will maintain high quality teachers and other schools might decide to reduce the number of teachers and increase the size of their classes. Teachers will discuss the equity and fairness of this proposal, determine if they agree with it or if they will voice their opposition to the policy.

Teachers will be back at Waimate Centennial at lunch time. For those students who do require supervision there will be staff at school who can manage this. I ask that you ring the school if you require this please. School buses will be running as usual.

PRODUCTION - ALADDIN

The practices are getting more and more intense and the students are stepping up to the mark with their performances. It is great to see how students demonstrate what their strengths are when they are given an opportunity to try something different. I believe we offer a range of these alternative experiences so that all our students can become excited and passionate about something in their learning.

I hope you are just as excited about the production that is next week. There will be a matinee performance on Wednesday the 14th and an evening show on the 15th. Both will be held at the Waimate Theatre. Tickets have been supplied to all Centennial families and we hope you will all take the time to come and see what we have been up to. If you do not need your tickets can you return them to school as soon as possible so that others can make use of them please. Remember that there is always a full house on Thursday evening. If you require more tickets check with school or consider coming along to the Matinee performance on Wednesday afternoon where seats will be more available and no tickets required.

HEADLICE

Headlice are doing the rounds again. Could you please check your child/children's hair. It is helpful if you let the school know when you find headlice so we can be proactive in trying to keep on top of the problem. Kate Balfour our Health Nurse can be contacted for advice by texting or calling her on 027 208 7086/03 687 2323.

Please Return: I have received and read this newsletter () (tick)

Signed _____ Family Name _____

I would like to be involved in the grape harvesting fundraiser. _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Others - Andrew Ford, Grace Herbert, Milla MacKenzie, Abby Swatridge, Owen Cawley, Alvira Repia-King, Lachie Patterson,

Respect for Self - Hunter Guyton, Grace Herbert, Milla MacKenzie, Abby Swatridge, Kade Macmillan, Regan Rempala, Rua Taupo, Alvira Repia-King, Mere Timblich-Poroa, Lachie Patterson

Respect for Property - Grace Herbert, Milla MacKenzie, Alvira Repia-King, Lachie Patterson

Effort and Progress In Writing - Georgia Herbert, Jacob Harrison, Alexa Morrsey, Thomas Pali Dante Mitchell, Joseph Coyle

Effort and Progress in Reading - Liam Stewart, Murphy Page

Helpful Whanau Group Member - Maddi Mathews

Presentation Skills - Maddy Smith, Leah Finn, Marisk-Shai Loye

High Level of Focus in ICT - Josh Patterson, Sapphire Ford-Boulter

Caring and Considerate Class Member - Sophie Herbert

Increased Word Knowledge - Hunter Cooper

Increased Independence - Alex Wilsmhurst

Settling Well into Kiwi - Mason Keen

Risk Taking - Zaydee Proudman, **Taking Responsibility of Learning** - Dan Patterson

Homework of High Standard - Connor Bonney, Rebecca Saunders-Tack

Welcome to Weka - Jane Bettridge

Effort and Progress in Art - Enya O'Donnell, Arni-ka Tulett

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Connor Bonney, Rebecca Don, Maddison O'Malley, Ngakau Taupo, Felicity Hutt, Liam Stewart, Dylan Lefebber, Taylor Chamberlain, Scarlett Evered, Emily Anderson, Lucy Carline, Grace Herbert, Mackenzie Mehrtens, Alexa Morresey, William Nichol, Zoe Wilson, Skye LePage, Alvira Repia-King, Jackson Evered, Sasha Harrison, Blake Rhodes, Paige Constable, Henry Lucas, Sophie Herbert, Abby Swatridge, Santi Zimmerman,