



# WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

22nd September 2016

Hello everyone,

Last week the school walked to the stadium to be part of the civic celebration for the Waimate Olympians, Natalie Rooney and Dylan Kennett. Our students were able to listen to many speakers congratulate their favourite Olympians or to tell the story of their struggles to get to the top. We were entertained by Kaylee Bell who sang to welcome the guests. Both athletes spoke about how the students of today could become the Olympians of tomorrow if they put their minds to it and were determined enough.

*"Movies will make you famous; Television will make you rich; But theatre will make you good."*  
**Terrence Mann**

This quote reminds me of the difference between simple entertainment that requires little effort and the real involvement required to perform and enjoy theatre productions. When I see students on stage I know it is a big effort with real benefits to cast and audience.

The Waimate Centennial production Aladdin completed its extended season last week with full houses and rapturous applause. The star studded cast added to the success of the production by guaranteeing audience interest. As in other years the cast grew in confidence and their acting skills impressed everyone. I have had many people tell me how much they enjoyed the show and how well all the students performed.

Every child has an interest or passion that they will be able to excel at. Sometimes it is hard to find what it is for each child. I believe schools need to continue to offer a range of experiences so that each child has the opportunity to realise what they are good at or what motivates them to try really hard to be successful. Theatre and drama are really important at Centennial for these reasons.

Thankyou to Mrs Murray for her dedication to the production this year. We have all seen the students gain confidence and be able to perform to the best of their ability. This was made possible by Mrs Murray's determination and constant encouragement. There were many practice sessions in break times and on days when everyone else was at home. Looking on from the audience on the days of the production it was obvious that Mrs Murray had moulded the school into a well oiled machine that knew exactly what to do. I have had many positive comments about the performance the last of which was that the production was a very professional and entertaining show. Well done Mrs Murray.

## ROTARY SPEECH COMPETITION

Logan Clarkson went along to the year 5-6 Rotary speech competition on Monday expecting to perform in the preliminary stages of the competition. He understood that if he performed well enough he would be invited to compete in the finals later this week. I understand that Logan impressed everyone so much with his delivery yesterday that he was awarded first place without having to compete in the finals. We are all very proud of your performance Logan. You are a great role model for the rest of us at Centennial school. Well done.

## CHROMEBOOKS AND INSURANCE

The board have agreed to the purchase additional chromebooks for use in the senior school. These will be in the school by the beginning of term four. Teachers have been looking into how best to use devices to enhance education at Centennial. All senior classes are now planning to use the chromebooks to help them teach across the curriculum. We have begun to think about insurance for these devices. We know we are covered for damage to school devices while being used at school. We have also discovered that any devices brought from home are covered under families own insurance.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Weekly Assembly 2.30 Fridays
- Home & School Lunch 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Term 3 finishes 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Term 4 begins 10th October
- ERO visiting 17<sup>th</sup> October

## PARENTS NOTICEBOARD (in the foyer)

- Holidays at the Library, Wednesday 28th September, 10-11am, Monday 3rd and Friday 7th October. Enquiries phone 03 689 0071.
- Speed Skating at the Events Centre, Monday 3rd October, 3-5 yrs 10.30-11.30. Years 6-8. 11.30-12.30. Cost \$4.00 per child, bring a bike helmet. Contact Raewyn 689 7133/027 689 7133.

The Board of Trustees felt it was important to understand this because there will not be enough school devices for every student to have one. We want to interest families in providing chromebooks for students especially if they are going on to the high school where chromebooks will be a part of the requirements.

### **SOCCER**

On Monday lunch time this week Centennial teachers played the student soccer team. I noticed that there was a lot of support for the teachers team. As usual there was a lot of interest in the game generally and the sideline was packed with our supporters. They needn't have worried of course the outcome was a foregone conclusion!!! One student informed me that they don't do this sort of thing at her old school. I am interpreting that to mean that it is a great thing for us to be doing. It certainly was fun. The students had been looking forward to it for a while and despite what they were heard to say the teachers were also keen. I want to extend my congratulations to the teachers for a sound victory and both teams for their sportsmanship.

### **DUFFY ASSEMBLY**

This week Centennial celebrated with a Duffy Assembly. This is a great event where students receive free books they have ordered. We have a speaker who comes along and promotes the benefits of reading and books. This year Ritchie and Dom spoke about their interest in reading and how important is was for young people to be reading. The Duffy programme provides us with subsidised books so that every family can have books in the home. We have just heard that next year Centennial is going to be sponsored for the Duffy programme. There will be more news on this later this year but it is very good news.

### **HOME AND SCHOOL LUNCH**

On Friday this week the FAST committee will be organising a Home and School lunch. You are invited to join us at lunch time and help us to celebrate the end of the school term. The menu includes hamburgers a biscuit and drink.

### **GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING**

A reminder to parents, any money coming to school for stationery, uniform or anything at all needs to be handed in to the classroom teachers. The teachers keep a record of this in their finance books. It needs to be in a named envelope/bag, this avoids losing it and makes it easily identifiable.

We have a lovely new patchwork quilt which has been donated for our sickbay. It certainly has brightened it up in there, thank you Clare Saunders-Tack.

**Parenting through separation** - Barnardos 14<sup>th</sup> October at the Waimate Parenting Hub. This very popular programme is back again. We are fortunate that this programme is being run in the Waimate Parenting Hub. If you have experienced a separation or you know someone who has please get along to this course.

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### **STANDING TALL**

- Respect for Others** - Levi Swatridge, Maia Lawrence, Murphy Page, Millie Cherry
- Respect for Self** - Murphy Page, Millie Cherry
- Respect for Property** -
- Effort and Progress in Art** - Macey-Kate Guyton, Ely Ryder-Ennis
- Positive Attitude During the Production** - Lloyd Mawdsley, Regan Beazley
- Great Whanau Group Routine** - Heinrich Hutt
- Enthusiastic Whanau Group Member** - Elizabeth Carr-Luscombe
- Settled and Co-operative Class Member** - Charis Loye
- Creativity in Maths** - Jade Gilbert
- GOLD BAND WINNERS**  
Kade Macmillan, Levi Julian, Tyler Hutchison, Jack Williams, Kasia Rempala, Mere Timblich-Poroa, Silver James, Willow Tulett, Georgia Herbert, Tia Johansen, Dan Patterson, Georgia Soper, Cody Swatridge, Connie Cousau, Arleigha Bree, Mason Dyer, Amy Wilson



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