



January 2012

# WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR



I am thrilled to serve as the rector of Waitaki Boys' High School. It is a privilege to lead one of the great schools of New Zealand. Our challenge is to embrace the future of the 21st century and to assure that our students are properly prepared to become leaders in this exciting new world. In order to accomplish

this monumental task we must provide the following:

- A high level of personalisation in every aspect of a boys' high school experience.
- A proud recognition for individual and group accomplishments.
- Diligence and hard work and an unwavering commitment to the development of character and civic responsibility in our young people.

To our boys, I ask that you reflect on your goals and strive not only to achieve personal excellence but also to demonstrate your motivation and resilience. Know that I am here to support and encourage you as you explore different possibilities and grow as young men. Remember that with these opportunities comes both a personal and collective responsibility to be supportive of one another. I will count on you to treat all members of our community with respect. Waitaki Boys' High School aspires to greatness and expects no less.

To our staff, I pledge my commitment to work together as we strive to fulfill our Board's vision, "Waitaki Boys' High School is a community committed to excellence in education and to providing equal opportunity and an appreciation of diversity among all members of its learning community". We promote a love for life-long learning and the development of responsible citizens in a global society. We recognise the importance of a blend of academic and co-curricular activities as a means of developing boys into young men.

In preparing our students for this 21st century world we must find our strength in a shared determination to inspire boys to find their passion and to challenge them to follow their dreams. You can be assured that we will do our utmost to ensure that they have the skills necessary to achieve those dreams.

Serving as rector of Waitaki Boys' High School is a great honour as it is a responsibility. I believe that the foundation of our future accomplishments will be found in the power of our combined efforts and the strength of our synergy. I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

Paul H Jackson  
Rector

## WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 2012

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## TUTORIAL TIME - REINFORCING STUDENT LEARNING

Tutorial time will continue in 2012, it has extended to 40 minutes (see new timetable over the page), on a Thursday afternoon where students (individually, or in groups or as a class) and teachers can work on areas of difficulty, on things that have been missed due to student absence, or running out of time, on reassessments, and on extra work towards merit or excellence.

1. Every teacher (except some part timers) will be in his/her classroom and available.
2. Students may just 'turn up', or may 'book' a session
3. Teachers may direct a student, or group of students, or class to be there. If directed they must attend – it is still part of the school day.
4. During Term One TT will be especially useful for students who have started courses late, or missed classes due to interschools.
5. Students not attending TT will leave school at 3.00. Sports practice and other after school activities may not commence before 3.30, so as not to undermine TT.



# START OF YEAR 2012

## SENIORS

### Course Change

School will be open on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January  
Deans will be available at school:

Friday January 27 9.30 – 12.30

Monday January 30 9.00-12.30

HOF's will be available from 9.30 - 12.30pm these days.

If you have not contacted the Dean by the end of Friday 27th you may have to accept the course we give you.

### Monday 30 January - First Day Year 9 + 13

#### 8.50am

*Year 9 assembly with Mr Eade & Rector (in the Hall)*

Expectations, procedures and rules

Introduction of Y9 Student Mentoring initiative

Stationery lists and costs

Bus information

Weekly timetable

Use of the diary

Sport.

*Year 13 assembly with Mr van der Sluis & Rector (Auditorium)*

Rector's introduction

Introduction of Y9 Student Mentoring initiative

Plan for the week

New daily timetable

Car and bus codes

Finalise personal timetables

Stationery lists and costs

### Tuesday 31 Jan - Whole school attends

8.50

*Year 9*

Normal classes P1 to 7

Collect stationery P1 – 3.

*Year 10 assembly in Hall*

Expectations procedures and rules

Stationery lists and costs

Bus information

Weekly timetable

Use of the diary

Sport

*Year 11 – 12 assembly in Auditorium*

Rector' introduction

Introduction of Y9 Student Mentoring initiative

Plan for the week

New daily timetable

Car and bus codes

Get personal timetables

Stationery lists and costs

*Year 13 assembly in Social Center to get personal timetables, then to P1*

### P2 to P7 Normal

### Wednesday 1 February

#### 8.50 Assembly, whole school, Hall of Memories

Normal Daily Timetable

## WEEKLY TIMETABLE 2012

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
8:40	Staff briefing	8:40	Staff briefing			8:40	Staff briefing	8:40	Staff briefing
8:50	Period 1 Assembly	8:50	Period 1	8:50	Period 1 Assembly (Form/House)	8:50	Period 1	8:50	Period 1 Assembly
9:20	Period 2	9:30	Period 2	9:20	Period 2	9:30	Period 2	9:20	Period 2
10:10	Period 3	10:10	Period 3	10:10	Period 3	10:10	Period 3	10:10	Period 3
10:57	Daily notices	10:57	Daily notices	10:57	Daily notices	10:57	Daily notices	10:57	Daily notices
11:00	Interval	11:00	Interval	11:00	Interval	11:00	Interval	11:00	Interval
11:20	Period 4	11:20	Period 4	11:20	Period 4	11:20	Period 4	11:20	Period 4
12:10	Period 5	12:10	Period 5	12:10	Period 5	12:10	Period 5	12:10	Period 5
1.00	Lunch	1.00	Lunch	1.00	Lunch	1.00	Lunch	1.00	Lunch
1:55	SSR	1:55	SSR	1:55	SSR	1:55	SSR	1:55	SSR
2:10	Period 6	2:10	Period 6	2:10	Period 6	2:10	Period 6	2:10	Period 6
2:50	Period 7	2:50	Period 7 Staff PD	2:50	Period 7	2:50	Period 7 Tutorial time	2:50	Period 7
3:30	End of day	3:30	End of day	3:30	End of day	3:30	End of day	3:30	End of day



# HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR SON ACHIEVE IN 2012?

- Ensure that he attends school and is punctual.
- Check that he completes his homework. (Look at his Homework Diary).
- Show interest in what he is learning. Look at his books and assignments. Discuss topics he is studying.
- Ask him to teach you things that he has found interesting. (We learn very well by teaching others).
- Help him if he needs it (but don't do his work for him!)
- Ensure that he prepares for exams and other major assessments.
- If he is doing NCEA, keep a tally with him of how many credits he has achieved and how many he has yet to gain.
- Ensure that his sleep patterns are healthy and regular.
- Encourage him to be active in co-curricular activities – sport and culture – and support him in these.
- Limit his paid employment. Ten hours a week should be the absolute limit, and even that may be too much if he is also busy with sport or other activities.
- Work in partnership with the school over learning, welfare and discipline issues. We are much stronger if we stand together.
- Let us know if there are events or developments in your son's life that may impact upon his learning or behaviour, for example if there is illness or a relationship issue in the family. All information can be confidential if required. The best person to talk to initially is either the school's Guidance Counsellor, or your son's Dean:

Year 9	Mr Darren Eade
Year 10	Mr Brent Maw
Year 11	Mr Andy Lane
Year 12	Mr Tony Blackbeard
Year 13	Mr Tony van der Sluis

- Understand how the school works. Carefully read the Parents' Guide to WBHS (on website and with this newsletter).

# WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO LEAVE SCHOOL?

This is a question that a number of senior students and their families may currently be considering. The following factors may help in your decision making:

## NCEA

- 1 A year 11 student may have only gained thirty or forty Level One credits, or a Year 12 student may be a long way from passing Level Two. That is no reason to leave school. For some students the realistic plan is to make an NCEA level a two year course. (The level may be completed at some stage during the second year, and then the student can leave school).
- 2 Students who are close to passing an NCEA level – for example ten or twenty credits short – should always return the next year to pass it. This may only take a month or two. At the start of the school year the school may be able to 'fast-track' a student who just needs a small amount of extra credits to pass.

## Employment

- 3 Students should never leave school until they have a job or course to go to – and that means a firm job offer, not the belief that something might turn up soon, or waiting to hear back from someone.
- 4 Passing NCEA Level 2 is the minimum qualification for most worthwhile courses, apprenticeships and careers. Furthermore, some courses or jobs will require particular standards or credit totals.
- 5 Students should gain as high a qualification as they can. The higher the qualification, the better their career and salary prospects. **A short amount of extra time at school could be the best investment a student could ever make in his future.**
- 6 It is a mistake to leave school without a qualification just because you have a job. Many small businesses regularly increase and decrease their staff. As the least qualified and experienced worker you will be the first to go. Then what? You may have only gained that job because of personal connections with the employer. How likely are you to gain another job? People without qualifications are MUCH more likely to lose jobs when unemployment rises. (See box below)

	Not in employment* rate								
Males aged 30-44 with:	1986	1989	1992	1995	1998	2001	2004	2007	2010
A diploma or degree	4%	5%	10%	8%	9%	9%	7%	8%	9%
A school qualification	6%	8%	13%	11%	12%	12%	10%	7%	10%
No qualification	8%	20%	25%	30%	27%	24%	21%	21%	26%

\* The Not in Employment figure includes people not working for other reasons (illness, study, child-care).



# JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2011 - TOP AWARDS



**PREFECTS TROPHY  
(HOUSE CONTRIBUTION)**  
Jacob Pearce



**ENDEAVOUR PRIZE**  
Kristian Webster



**JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON OF  
THE YEAR**  
Joshua Tonkin



**MOST ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARDS 2011**  
Mitchell Allen



**RECTOR'S PRIZE  
(TOP SCHOLAR YEAR 9)**  
Aidan Scarlet



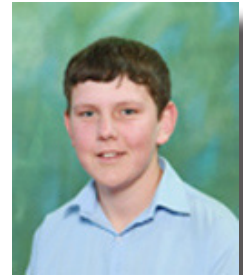
**CITIZENSHIP PRIZE YEAR 9**  
Angus Savage



**CITIZENSHIP PRIZE YEAR 10**  
Damien Kitto



**SALEM SCHOLARSHIP**  
Cameron McLea & Gabe Meikel



**RECTOR'S PRIZE  
(TOP SCHOLAR YEAR 10)**  
Damien Kitto

## UNIFORM SHOP

### JANUARY OPEN HOURS

Thursday 19th and 26th 11 am – 7 pm  
Friday 20th and 27th 11 am – 4 pm

**FIRST WEEK BACK TO SCHOOL**  
Monday to Friday 9.00 to 3.30  
Also Thursday night 6.30 - 7.30

### WANTED

We are always looking for good quality regulation  
Waitaki Boys' High School Uniforms.  
We sell on your behalf.

Please bring CLEAN items into the  
Uniform Shop during our open hours.  
(Do NOT leave in the school office)

**PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOU SHOP AT W.B.H.S UNIFORM SHOP THAT ALL PROFITS ARE  
DONATED BACK TO THE SCHOOL**

2011 Year 13 Students





# 2012 CALENDAR

<b>January</b>	Mon 30 Tues 31	Year 13 and Year 9 first day. Years 10, 11 and 12 first day, All year levels at school.
<b>February</b>	Fri 3 Mon 6 Wed 8 Fri 10 Sun 12-Mon 13 Th 16 (afternoon)-Fri 17 Th 23-Fri 24 Mon 27-Fri 2	Prefects' Assembly, 8.50, Hall of Memories <i>Waitangi Day</i> WBHS Prefect Dinner Scholars' Assembly, 8.50, Hall of Memories Kings' High Interschool (home) School Athletics Otago Boys' Interschool (home) Year 9 Outdoor Challenge (camps) <i>nb classes are on camp either Mon-Wed or Wed-Fri</i>
<b>March</b>	Th 1 Tues 6 Mon 5-Tues 6 Sun 11 Mon 26 Mon 26-Fri 30	Year 13 Icebreaker Year 9 Parents Evening Timaru Boys' Interschool (home) 20 hour run <i>Otago Anniversary Day</i> Tournament Week
<b>April</b>	Thurs 5 Mon 23 Tues 24 Wed 25	<i>End of Term One</i> <i>Start of Term Two</i> Anzac Service <i>Anzac Day</i>
<b>May</b>	Tues 1-Sat 5 Tues 15 Sat 19	Musical performances King's High Interschool (home) Formal
<b>June</b>	Fri 1 Mon 4 Mon 11 Tues 12-Wed 13 Tues 19 Fri 29	Talent Quest finals <i>Queen's Birthday weekend</i> Year 8 orientation evening Southland Boys' High School Interschool (away) Choir Tour, Winter Concert WBHS vx SKC 1st XV. <i>End of Term Two</i>
<b>July</b>	Mon 16 Wed 18	<i>Start of Term Three</i> Otago Boys' High School Interschool (home)
<b>August</b>	Wed 8 Wed 15 Thurs 16-Fri 17 Mon 20	Timaru Boys' High School Interschool (away) Scrano Matinee Scrano Performances <i>Mid Term Break</i>
<b>September</b>	Mon 3 - Fri 7 Fri 14 Mon 24 Thurs 27 Fri 28	Winter Tournament Week Mastermind Assembly Scott Memorial Assembly Cross Country <i>End of Term Three</i>
<b>October</b>	Mon 15 Mon 15-Fri 18 Mon 22	<i>Start of Term Four</i> Senior School Exams <i>Labour Day</i>
<b>November</b>	Thurs 2 Wed 14 Thurs 15 Thurs 22-Mon 26	Year 8 Test day Boarders Parents Dinner Senior prizegiving Junior exams
<b>December</b>	Tues 4 Fri 7	WBHS Thankyou function. Junior Prize-giving <i>End of school year.</i>