



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

11th August 2016

Hello everyone,

The Creed

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

This inspirational statement reminds me that participating in the Olympic Games is the most important thing, not winning. This is very similar to the struggles people go through which are the most important things in life, not the individual triumphs. It also states that trying hard and participating with skill and grit is more important than conquering others.

It's about the journey rather than any single win we might have. I wonder if the medal is proof of standing on the Dias for that very race or proof that after years of striving for a goal, working incredibly hard day in day out, never considering cheating, and sacrificing many things along the way the athlete has made it to the top of their game. We know that their can only be one first place, one gold medal so after the medal ceremony is over it becomes a limiting factor for all the other participants. That was not the end of the journey. It was just the "semifinals". I believe every athlete who goes through these struggles has proven their skill and ability. They are the real winners whether they get to the Olympics or not.

The Olympic Motto in Latin is "Citius, Altius, Fortius" - which translates in English as "Swifter, Higher, Stronger". The simplicity of this message makes it even more clear to anyone wanting to know the secret to success in life.

When we combine both the Creed and the Motto then teach them we equip our students with the tools they sometimes lack in their lives. This is the way to get to the top of your game. Whether you are a medieval wrestler in Ancient Greece or a modern day member of society we are reminded to try harder everyday to succeed. That victory yesterday was great but it is not the end point. Tomorrow we need to move to the next level. It doesn't matter if it is reading, writing, maths, sport, playing the piano or painting I believe we need to continue to press students to aim higher, try harder and to keep going.

I also noted the Olympic opening theme was about looking after our environment. Look out for the new mural that will be painted onto the wall of the swimming pool in the third term. It will be the result of creative ideas from Centennial students. With the help of local artists the students' images will be painted onto the wall. This is a really thoughtful way of showing respect for the school environment and the people who visit here every day.

FAST MEETING THURSDAY 5PM

This meeting is for all Waimate Centennial families or supporters. We are attempting to find new members for this group. We are looking for ideas about connecting with the community and it would be good to have a group that includes new people as well. It is worth noting that Waimate Centennial does not charge school fees because we understand how difficult this can be for families. Instead of this we raise funds throughout the year. There have been many smaller fundraisers that all contribute to the financing of the many extras we provide for the school students. This is always light hearted and good fun. Come and join us on Thursday evening.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Weekly Assembly Friday at 2.30pm
- 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. This very successful course is being run again in Waimate at the Parenting Hub.
- Subway dates for term 3 - 16th and 30th August, 13th September

NEW STUDENT: Mason Keen

Mason told me that "Mum thinks I am going to be very good when I get to school" and I can vouch for Mason by saying that he has been very well behaved and has been trying to get on with his learning when I have been in Kiwi class. Mason tells me he loves to play on the computer. He has made friends and has buddies that he remembers from early child care including Arliegha, Zaydee and Mason Dyer. Mason commented that it has been easier coming to school than going to daycare. "I think school is really good"

CONNECTING EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Following on from the success of the Reading Together and Maths evenings we are planning Writing evenings. These will be organised along similar lines to the Maths evenings. There will be one at each of the schools.

Workshop nights, 6-7pm

20th September (term 3) New entrant - yr 2 Centennial

18th October (term 4) years 3/4 - Main School Hall

1st November (term 4) years 5-8 St Pat's classroom

There will be food at each night and parents will be encouraged to bring along their children so they can learn alongside each other.

PARENT TEACHER CALENDAR APP

A reminder to download the app and receive notifications if any school event is postponed or cancelled. We will be posting this newsletter along with each consecutive one on the App. I encourage you to download the App and keep in touch with what is happening here at school.

WORLD VISION

World Vision representative Alex visited Centennial this week and reminded us that our families raised almost \$1000 dollars for the cause. This is a huge response and an indication of how we are focused on people less fortunate than ourselves. Well done Centennial School.



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Signed _____ Family Name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Sam Bettany, Enya O'Donnell, Lucas Farrell, Sophie Herbert, Mere Timblich-Poroa, Evie Anderson
Respect for Others - Elizabeth Cawley, Rua Taupo, Ngakau Taupo, Mere Timblich-Poroa, Mackenzie Mehrstens, Sam Bettany, Erica Lucas, Pareawa Thompson

CHILDREN CAUGHT BEING GOOD IN THE CLASSROOM

Effort and Progress in Maths - Jordy Sew Hoy, Johnny Habershon, Oliver Lienert, Grace Bell
Effort and Progress in Reading Xavier Paul, Mason Dyer, Cade Richardson, Mackenzie Paul, Joel Roberts, William Nichol
Effort and Progress I Writing Silver James, Blake Dyer, Arleigha Bree
Increased Independence - Willow Tulett, Dylan Lefeber
On Task and Focussed - Nico Cousau, Maddison O'Malley

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Charlie Paul, Sapphire Ford-Boulter, Elizabeth Cawley, Lauriann Hodder, Preston Repia-King, Logan Clarkson, Charlie Strange-Weir, Dylan Lefeber, Lloyd Mawdsley, Felicity Hutt, Scarlet Evered, Mere Timblich-Poroa, Kasia Rempala, Hunter Guyton, Jacob Booth, Millie Cherry, Georgia Herbert, Tia Johansen, Dan Patterson, Macey-Kate Guyton, Georgia Soper, Lucy Carline, Jasmine De Waal, Mackenzie Mehrstens, Alex Morresey, Thomas Pali, Mackenzie Paul, Callum Rempala, Ava Bell, Joseph Coyle, Leah Finn, Arnyka Jamieson-Smith, Henry Lucas, Aiden Morrison, Alvira Repia-King, Jackson Evered, Lachie Patterson, Xavier Paul, Evie Anderson, Davan Huwes, Micah Roberts, Mackenzie Young, Tyler Hutchison, Regan Rempala