



# WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



28th June 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Nga Mihi Mahana - (greetings)

## MATHS QUESTION

Millie needs to put her new fish into exactly one litre of water but she has just two measuring containers.

One holds seven litres and the other holds four litres.

How can she use these two containers to put exactly one litre of water into the fish tank?



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Take a lesson from the Jump Jam teams

The Waimate Community of Learning sent a number of school teams to the regional Jump Jam competitions in Timaru last week. Six of the teams that travelled won places in finals. The Waimate Centennial Junior team was placed second and the older Centennial boys and girls teams finished first. Congratulations to all these teams.

What does this success mean?

Our students volunteered for the chance to be in the team. We knew there would only be so many places so students put their names forward to audition. Participants realised if they got a place they would have to work hard to hang onto it.

They chose to be involved because there was an authentic context or a real world reason. After ten years Jump Jam in South Canterbury has become a very big phenomenon. From what started as several teams in a school hall we have a huge organisation accommodating dozens of teams. The organisers now utilise the Theatre Royal in an attempt to create the most realistic environment for students striving to perform in the arts. I believe these arrangements help to create a very real event not unlike what our students see on the internet and TV.

It was very hard not to be proud of the achievements of Waimate students but also of how much fun everyone was having. Learning should be about having fun and the most successful learning is often mistaken for something else because it is so enjoyable.

They were motivated because they were in a team. During the training I saw cooperation, coordination and lots of supporting each other. These are skills and strategies that grow team culture and enable students to achieve success.

The Jump Jam teams had excellent tuition and dedicated teachers. Our teachers gave up their time to train groups of students. This was morning tea and lunch times every week. Teachers had very high expectations of the students. When I visited the practice sessions it was obvious that the three teachers were determined that every student would be the best they could be when the performance arrived.

It's not practice makes perfect but.....  
perfect practice makes perfect.

## HOME AND SCHOOL LUNCH

Our FAST committee are organising a Home & School Lunch for the last day of term, Friday the 6th July, you would have received a notice yesterday. To avoid missing out please have this back to us with the money by Tuesday the 3rd July so we can get the orders away.

## TOYS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Teachers generally discourage students from bringing belongings to school like toys or keepsakes because we don't like to see them broken or go missing.

If these are brought to school for show and tell in the junior school they may not be taken outside to play with. Some students insist on doing this. Teachers cannot take responsibility for damage to toys while at school.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Matariki Festival 29th June
- Book Week last week of term
- Home & School Lunch 6th July
- Book character dress up, Friday 6th July, 9am
- Coupland's Bakery orders for collection 6th July
- Term 2 finishes 6th July

## Library Holiday Programme

Week 1 - Thursday 12th July, 11am-12noon

Week 2 - 16-20th July, for more information please contact the Library on 03 689 0071

## South Canterbury Rugby - July

Extravaganza Holiday Programme. Several programmes to choose from. To register or for more information go online to [scrfu.co.nz](http://scrfu.co.nz)

## Active Kids Programmes - 16-20

July, The Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgan's Road, Timaru. Children aged 5-13 years. Full day and half day options. For full details and to register go online to: - [www.sprotcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sprotcanterbury.org.nz)

**MRS REHMANN**

For the duration of term 3, Mrs Rehmann is on Sabbatical leave. During her absence, Mrs Moragh Sutherland will be taking over the role of classroom teacher in Ruma Kakapo. She has already spent a number of days relieving in both classes and the children adore her! No doubt she will have a fantastic term with them.

Mrs Rehmann will spend five weeks in Europe, visiting her family in Switzerland and holidaying in Italy. On her return, she will be starting her sabbatical inquiry into the benefits of outdoor education and the theory underpinning it. She will be organising weekly trips to the creek at Garlands Track, starting in week 5, for both Ruma Kakapo and Piwakawaka.

**SENIOR STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

I have spent the last week looking through Learning Reports and Portfolios and I am thrilled to see the teaching and learning that has taken place so far this year. If your child is in the Senior School and you don't yet have a time for an interview please get in touch with school and we will make sure you can get a time. The conferences are on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Interviews are for 15 minutes. During this time your child will explain their learning from this year for you. They have spent time preparing for this interview and are very proud of what they are going to share. At the end there will be time for you to hear from the teacher or for you to share any concerns you may have. Your child's teacher may indicate that more time is required to address your concerns than is available and they will organise an alternative time for you to discuss these issues. We have found that this form of reporting to parents helps to build student ownership of their learning. It is clear that when students begin to take charge of their learning they become more successful learners.

**BOOK WEEK**

Next week is Centennial's annual Book Week. There are some changes planned this year and we feel that these will create a great reading atmosphere here at school. Students might want to take part in the book character dress up on Friday and families are welcome to come and watch the parade of characters. Each class will visit the Town Library and there are some interesting reading activities planned for these times. We also have a visiting Author who will read to the students and share the work that they perform. Every day there will be activities that the students carry out either in their own classes or in whanau groups. I know some of these will be coming home so ask your child what they have been up to.

**Final Assembly on 6th July starts at 2.15pm**

Congratulations to Centennial School 2nd place getters in the Spelling Bee held in Timaru yesterday. A great effort from all of our teams.



Maths problem:  
Millie measures one litre of water with a 7 litre and four litre container by.....

Our family/whanau e-mail address is \_\_\_\_\_

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

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

**STANDING TALL**

- Respect for Self** - Jayla Davis, Kaylee Timms-Dodge, Briar Craig
- Respect for Others** - Willow Tulett
- Respect in All Areas** - Sophie Hargreaves
- Effort & Progress in Writing** - Heidi Pathe
- Effort & Progress in Reading** - Enya O'Donnell, Caleb Good
- Effort & Progress in Maths** - Keira Mitchell, Grace Bell
- Effort & Progress in Te Reo** - Charlotte Garland
- Conscientious Worker** - Emily Anderson
- Confidence** - Peyton Rempala
- Reflective Learner** - Leah Finn
- Taking responsibility for his Learning** - Cameron Lane

**GOLD BAND WINNERS**

- Enya O'Donnell, Tommy Willock, Caleb Good, Scarlett Evered, Maia Lawrence, Layla Pathe, Eva Jordanovska, Phynn Matthews-Sisson, Payton Rempala

**Waimate Events Centre**

School Holiday Activities 9-20 July, various activities and prices. Skating, Wall Climbing, Music Workshop, Fun and Games. Contact the Events Centre for more information.

