



WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL 2012

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Quote of the week:

"Even if you're on the right track you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers

10 May 2013

The Principal's word

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our newsletter for the start of term 2. We have another busy term ahead of us.

In assembly on Monday I talked to students about our school vision, that we want our students to be confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners. I would suggest that in order to be confident, connected, lifelong learners we need to actively involve ourselves and make the very most of opportunities that are available. When I look through our calendar for term 2 there are certainly plenty of things happening for students to involve themselves in. These include our Arts Week and Stage Challenge, and on the sporting front, winter sports are now underway and we will have exchanges with Bayfield in week 10 and the Tri Tournament with Opihi and Mackenzie in week 7.

Yesterday afternoon it was our pleasure to welcome Lesley Elliot to our school to speak to our Year 10 to 13 students. Lesley explained to the students how she was unable to save her daughter from an ex-boyfriend's murderous rage and she is now determined to steer our young men and women away from abusive relationships as a legacy for Sophie. She focused on the relationship that existed between her daughter and her killer, and what we can learn from it. In particular, she talked about the classic signs of abuse especially those in a dating relationship.

Through the Sophie Elliot Foundation Lesley has been working on an educational programme for Year 12 and 13 students and we are keen to implement this in our school next year when it becomes available. We recognise the need to educate our young people about keeping themselves safe and believe this will support the programmes we presently have in place.

Lesley presented the school with a copy of her book Sophie's Legacy. This will be available from the library for senior students to read.

I would like to commend our students on their impeccable behaviour during the 50 minute presentation. Well done!

