

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI



12 August 2010 – No. 12

Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,

Academic Review Day

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who attended the Academic Review Day. It was an uplifting experience for many of the teachers in the school to receive so much support from you. We hope that you as parents and caregivers were made to feel welcome and were able to discuss the progress of your child in a positive environment.

We also valued the experience of involving the students directly in the process of their review and goal setting. Students were mature and active in the discussions and we feel most students benefited from these interviews.

Another encouraging factor was the level of attendance at the review, which was an impressive 83%. We would again like to thank you for your commitment to your children's learning.

A survey was made available to parents on the day requesting their inputs. If you would like to complete the survey form it is available from the school office, or on our website under 'Useful Forms'.

David Mallinder - Deputy Principal

Option Information Day: 3.00pm Tuesday 17 August

After the magnificent response by parents in supporting the Academic Review Day another initiative is to occur next **Tuesday August 17th**. Parents of students currently in years 10 to 12 are invited to an afternoon tea to meet with Senior Subject teachers to discuss options for 2011.

At 3:00pm Year 10 parents will be able to learn about the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) from the Deputy Principal. This is a **must** for parents with students who are new at the senior level.

Between 3.00-5.00pm parents are invited to "afternoon tea" where subject flyers will be available to cover the content of subjects, as well as FAQ's and information not covered by the Option Book. Teachers will also be on hand to provide their expertise and advice about the subjects on offer.

For those that are unable to make the earlier session a repeat of the NCEA presentation by the Deputy Principal will occur at 5:00pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

NZQA Exam Fees

Please pay NZQA registration to the school office before **10 September**. Late payments will incur a penalty and must be paid directly to NZQA. Thank you. Financial Assistant forms must also be returned by this date. The forms are available on our school website under 'Useful Forms' if you have lost the ones mailed out with the reports.

Representing Kaikoura High School

When students travel out of Kaikoura representing our school they **MUST** be in the uniform stipulated on the permission letter sent home with them. If they arrive to go on a trip in anything else they will not be allowed to go on the trip. It is their responsibility to organise themselves prior to the day.

Maths Tutorials

The Maths Department is continuing to offer help with Maths on Thursday afternoons (3.00 to 4.00pm). Please contact Bill Lonsdale for more details.

Board of Trustees

The newly elected Board of Trustees had its first meeting last week.

The new Board is:

Mandy Fissenden - Chairperson	Parent Representative
Nick Parkinson	Parent Representative
Stephan Rattray	Parent Representative
Thomas Kahu	Runanga Representative
Darlene Morgan	Runanga Representative
Karen Starkey	Runanga Representative
Janardan Hamilton	Student Representative
Mrs Fiona Gilliver	Staff Representative
Werner van Aswegen	Principal

Eco Council Events

Tui garden products is holding the great NZ schools grow off!

Primary and Secondary schools around the country are getting their Green thumbs out and starting to plan their vegetable gardens. The eco council, the agriculture/horticulture class and the rural studies class are all getting involved with the planning, the preparation and planting of the schools' vegetable gardens which are currently housing a few weeds. Prizes include a Garden Master Shed filled with Tui products and garden tools worth \$1500. We welcome any support in this project, and specifically would welcome any donations of vegetable seeds. The competition finishes at the end of October. We aim to be able to supply our Food Technology classes with fresh produce as well as some families in the community.

In conjunction with the grow off, the eco council alongside Andrew Welsman and Tony Robson have been working hard on restoring the greenhouse on the school site. We aim to have the greenhouse fully restored and in working condition by the end of September.

Community Input on Music Tuition

Following the passing of our much valued music teacher, Mr Robin Judge, we invite parents and members of our community to provide us with inputs regarding the provision of music tuition to students in Kaikoura in the future. Your suggestions will serve to inform us on how to best address our students' needs in this regard.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast club is up and running even if the numbers are on the light side. A reminder: it is open to everyone who attends the High School, all welcome from 8.05am on Monday and Thursday mornings. The KICK Start breakfast (Weetbix and milk) is provided by Fonterra and Sanitarium, and a big thanks to Steve and Karla Mansfield for providing bread for toast!

If parents/caregivers have any spare/odd cereal bowls and bread and butter plates at home, please consider donating these to the School for use by the Breakfast Club.

Watties Volunteer Coach of the Year

Please encourage your children to go to the Watties website and nominate their hard working coaches.

Kind regards

Werner van Aswegen

Principal

Coming Up....

18 Aug – Ski/Snowboard Regional Champs
20 Aug – Yr12 Outdoor Tramp
23-27 Aug – Yr12 Biology Camp
28 & 30 Aug – Yr9/10 Basketball Nelson
30 Aug – 2 Sept – SISS Netball Blenheim
8-11 Sept – Yr10 Commerce Trip - Wellington
10 Sept – Yr12 Outdoor Climbing
14 Sept – Yr12 Outdoor Tramp
16 Sept – Yr13 Biology Human Environment Field Trip
17 Sept – Yr12 Outdoor Climbing
20-24 Sept – Manu Koreru Speech Contest Finals
21 Sept – Silver Art Exhibition
21, 23, 24 Sept – Yr7/8 Community Sport
24 Sept. – Last day of Term 3
25 & 26 Sept – Target Shooting Blenheim
11 Oct. – Term 4 Starts