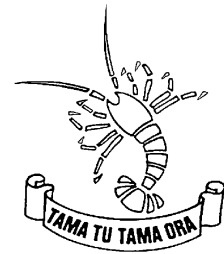


Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

14 September 2011 – No. 23



Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,

Principal's Message.....

Parents and caregivers will be pleased to know that the School is increasing the focus on academic achievement through a number of actions and interventions. This is a specific target for 2011 and will continue to be a focus in 2012.

- We host Celebrations of Excellence in April and November to celebrate academic excellence
- We use School assemblies to recognise the achievement of academic excellence. During Terms 3 and 4 Principal's Awards will be issued to students for academic excellence at Assembly
- We have improved the timing of exams and we are creating a greater focus on examinations for NCEA students as preparation for end of year external exams
- We hope to increase the cash value of the Dux prize from 2011
- We are making the Homework Club more attractive to students by offering refreshments, and we are ensuring that parents and caregivers are reminded weekly about it through the Panui Rikiriki
- We plan for and ensure that Excellence features as a Value of the Week on a regular basis
- We have incorporated academic excellence into our Teaching Vision
- We will survey parents/caregivers on teaching and learning matters
- We will use the Student Voice to obtain inputs from students on teaching and learning matters
- We will gather and use data about students to inform teaching and learning
- We will use data obtained from departmental reports and reviews to inform teaching and learning

We are about to commence with the planning and budgeting processes for 2012 – if you have any suggestion for a particular focus area for next year, please let me know. Also, please feel free to have a look at our 2011 School Charter in the School office.

Our senior students have about 6 weeks of school left, and our subject teachers are pulling out all stops to enable their students to achieve the credits acquired. Please support your child in any possible way in the lead up to the external exams – every bit of support helps and they would sincerely appreciate it.

Werner van Aswegen
Principal

Remember – School Closed this Friday

School will have its planned mid-term break this **Friday 16 September**. We factored this break in at the start of the year to give staff and students a well-earned breather, and in particular to offset the first two terms, which were both 11 weeks long.

Seafest Fundraising – Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 October 2011

Seafest is fast approaching and we have been offered a number of fundraising opportunities for the School, but we need your help to take them on board.

We need:

- volunteers to be on an entrance gate on the day of Seafest for a 2-3 hour shift (you then get a free ticket which gives you entrance to the event),
- people to help clean up on the Sunday after Seafest from 8.00am,
- people who want to help in the food tent alongside the Lions during the day (again a free ticket is provided). The only requirement is that you are over 18. If you are under this age you must be accompanied by your parent, who can also help.

If you are available to help with our major fundraiser for the year, please either reply by email, or ring the School on 319 5138.

Year 7/8 Ski Trip

Last Monday the Year 7/8 syndicate embarked on their ski trip up to Mt Lyford. We had an absolutely fantastic day on the mountain. The weather was perfect and the day was injury free!!! The students began the day with a lesson and then spent their time practising/perfecting their techniques on runs of varying difficulties. They displayed awahi and endeavour throughout the day and supported each other in their efforts. Great progress was made by all. A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Mrs Rattray & Ms Hanley

Year 9 and 10 ATTITUDE NZ Health Talks

On Monday September 19 Christian from Attitude NZ will be coming to deliver a 'Hardwired' presentation to Year 9. This addresses the issues that cause people to develop habits and ideas on how to make positive decisions, deal with peer pressure and how to overcome addictions. 'Sex with Attitude' for the Year 10 students covers the emotional and social aspects of sexuality, and provides a decision making guide to relationships. This presentation covers the benefits of postponing sexual involvement and how to set boundaries, and challenges teenagers to think about personal future options. These presentations will be complimented with Health units to be taught during the remainder of the year. If you have any questions as to what is covered in the presentation, or would like to have your child withdrawn please contact Miss Cooney (10Cy) or Miss Blissett (9Cr, 9Gi, 10Bl).

HaPE "wikispace": the Health and Physical Education Department is in the process of developing a "wikispace". This link is available through the Kaikoura High School webpage under "Curriculum Links/PE". Through this link worksheets, achievement standards, power-points and a variety of other learning aids are available. Students can also submit work for proof reading and ask questions through this site. Feedback on this "work in progress" is very welcome.

Chainsaw Safety Course

As part of the Agriculture curriculum, fourteen senior students attended a two-day chainsaw safety and operation course run by Harris Training Services Ltd. Students learned how to disassemble and maintain a chainsaw, as well as the basic skills required for sectioning felled timber.



REMINDERS:

IMPORTANT – Please Return ALL Netball Uniforms

It has been a few weeks since the season has finished and there are still a number of netball uniforms that have not been returned. We need them back **URGENTLY** so that they can be worn for magazine photos and to enable us to refund bonds. We will be transferring/returning bonds this year to start a clean slate on the accounts next season, provided uniforms are bought back in similar condition to how they were issued. Please contact Donna on 319 5138 to let her know what you want done with your bond.

Yr10 Camp to Lake Rotoiti – Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 November

Medical forms are due back by 23 September. Camp fees need to be paid in full by 28 October, (Westpac 03 1586 0023051 00), or an automatic payment set up. Paper work has been sent to parents. If you require further information or have any issues please contact Jo Thorne on 319 5138 (jthorne@kaikourahigh.school.nz)

Year 7 and 8 Orienteering

This year for the first time the Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in the Primary Schools Orienteering which is to be held at Suburban Primary School on Wednesday 28 September from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend this event. **We would also like to use parent help to transport students on the day. If you are able to assist us with transport could you please to contact Sarah Rattray on srattray@kaikourahigh.school.nz?**

Junior Basketball Yr7-10 starts on Monday 3 October. A 'sign up' sheet is available in the gym. Remember the cost for the season is \$5.00. Please pay this to the School office as soon as possible.

Friday Study Periods

As you may be aware, all Year 11 and 12 students have lost the privilege of having Friday study period off site in the lead up to the NCEA exams. Students may be able to gain this privilege back, but it will depend on work being done and credits gained. We expect students to be **working** in this time and this will be supervised.

Spikers Volleyball

Year 7 and 8 students are taking part in a Spikers Volleyball which is being run by the Kaikoura Volleyball Club. This runs from 4.30pm to 6.00pm on Tuesday afternoons for the rest of the term. It is a great opportunity to get started in volleyball and the cost is \$10.00 for the term. Please contact Glenys Hanley on 319 5138 if you would like more information.

Thursday Afternoons

Maths Tutorials 3.00pm to 4.00pm run by Bill Lonsdale, Head of Mathematics.

Homework Club from 3.15pm until 4.30pm to study or to work on their homework or art work.