

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

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Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,

Principal's Message...

Our seniors are now well underway with their externals and we can look back on a year during which we have made some inroads with respect to establishing a greater focus on academic achievement. One of these initiatives involves increasing the cash value of the Dux Prize, and I am pleased to report that this prestigious prize will now be worth \$1000 to the recipient.

We are able to do this only as a result of a donation made by an ex-student of the school. Please see the article below about bequests, to see what a difference you may be able to make in the lives of our students in time to come.

A word of congratulations to our Information Technology students for their achievements in Mrs Mains' class. Our tamariki are increasingly learning that striving for excellence and showing endeavour in order to succeed pays off.

We have been forced to increase our school donation - unfortunately what we receive from the Ministry as an operations grant is inadequate. See the schedule below for details. Please note the substantial discounts applicable if an automatic payment is set up, or if full payment is received by the end of Term 1. Your contributions will be sincerely appreciated and used specifically to benefit your child through the purchase of sports equipment, library books and computers as well as to subsidise transport for students in some instances.

Your continued support of our school is appreciated. My door is always open to suggestions and ideas on what my team and I can do to further improve our school.

Werner van Aswegen
Principal

Bequests

Many schools around NZ benefit from generous bequests from past students and friends of the school to upgrade facilities and benefit current students. By making a bequest to Kaikoura High School you will be part of its future.

After you have taken care of your loved ones, choosing to leave a gift in your Will to the Kaikoura High School Charitable Trust is a meaningful way to create a lasting legacy for the young people of Kaikoura. An example of such a legacy could be to provide for future scholarships for academic achievers in their final year of school.

Bequests, whether modest or substantial, could also help the School to improve its facilities in order to meet the changing educational needs of our students.

A Will, which reflects your wishes, is best planned while you are fit and well. We recommend that you seek your solicitor's advice to help you plan your bequest. Please contact us for further information.

Thank you for your support of Kaikoura High School.

Congratulations! NCEA Digital Technology Students

I would like to personally congratulate our NCEA Digital Technology students!

This year required a lot of motivation, hard work and persistence. They all worked to their full potential and stuck to the task. Every student who completed the year achieved every available standard at every level: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

In some cases, it wasn't easy. For example, Susanna Green worked independently, checking in with me periodically. Susanna's website was about creative writing and the content was just incredible – particularly her own writing and her analysis of famous writing. Check it out! Nadia Timms had a difficult year but persisted and finally got there. Well done Nadia! Aimee Jones, Rachel Poulsen and Alex Cuff all produced innovative and amazingly beautiful and useful printed products using InDesign. Riley Priddle developed the most technically complex website any student has ever made at KHS – well done Riley!

Last, but not least, my "guinea pig" Year 11's all did very well. This year was the first Standards Realignment year and the demands of the Year 11 Digital Technology course were quite different. Needless to say, all students met the challenge.

Overall, I feel a great sense of satisfaction as the year comes to an end.

Mrs Jos Mains
Digital Technology Teacher
HOLA Technology Department

School Fees

At the Board of Trustees meeting last night a decision was made to increase the school donation from 2012. There has only been one increase of fees charged in the last ten years. This decision was not made easily and a number of issues were taken into account.

2012 School Donation		Discounted Rate if an Automatic Payment is set up, or payment is made in full before the end of Term 1	
1 child	\$120.00	1 child	\$100.00
2 children	\$180.00	2 children	\$150.00
3 or more	\$230.00	3 or more	\$180.00

We strongly suggest that you set up a weekly automatic payment for school fees – a mere \$5.00 per week for 40 weeks equates to \$200.00 for the school year. You may choose to make the weekly payment a little more to cover the likes of sports trips and performances that come up throughout the year.

Please contact Sandra in the school office if you would like to discuss setting this up. Monies owed to the school can also be paid directly into our School bank account via internet banking. Our account number is: **Westpac 03-1586-0023051-00.**

Kaikoura Swimming Club

Registration forms are now available at Genevieve's for the 2011/12 swimming season. Registrations close the 18th November. We are still looking for coaches for this season. Any enquires please contact Rebecca Mullaly phone 0277794493.

Tennis Coaching

Michael Mooney is offering tennis coaching sessions at the High School courts again this year. The coaching **started Friday 4th November**, (5 weeks \$49.00 term). The proposed timetable would be:

Start 3.15pm for younger players 6-10 years of age

Second group 4.00pm 10-13 years of age

Third group secondary students 4.45pm to 5.30pm

If you are interested please contact Tracey Cooney at the High School. Fees are payable on commencement.

Te Waipounamu (Otatutahi) Maori Netball National Easter Tournament – ROTORUA 2012

Trials for: Premiers, U19s, U17s, U15s & U13's (U13 team will be Invercargill based)

Hagley Netball Courts, Christchurch

Saturday 19 November 2011 3.00pm

For registration forms please contact Noreen 0274-710-219 or email
administrator@tewaipounamunetball.com

Adventure and Education at Stewart Island

School Holidays! Adventure for Year 6-9 students. **23-27 January 2012**

Live on board a 14 metre yacht. Sail – Snorkel – Kayak - Trek
EXPERIENCE – Five day adventure of discovery at Stewart Island.
'Live in', tailor-made adventure, school holiday experience.
Only 10 bunks available on this voyage and these are filling up fast!

Call or email NOW to register!

Ph: 027 2768817 / 03 4811040, Email: info@elwing.co.nz, Website: www.elwing.co.nz

Family Violence:

Many people want to help but don't know how....

Come and find out what you can do. You are invited to attend a workshop for family, friends and neighbours who want to know more about family violence and how to help.

- Everyone can do something to help stop family violence
- What you do and say can make a difference
- People want help from family and friends first

Monday 21 November, 5.00-7.00pm

Supper Room, Memorial Hall, Esplanade, Kaikoura

We will cover:

- How to recognise family violence
- What you can do and say
- How to help someone who is experiencing or using violence
- What support services are available

You will have a chance to ask questions and talk to others. No RSVP necessary. Just turn up.

Calendar – Remainder of Term 4

18-20 November	Tasman Junior Volleyball Tournament in Nelson
24 November	Soiree
25 November	TEACHER ONLY DAY
28 Nov.-1 Dec.	Junior South Island Volleyball Tournament in Christchurch
30 November	NCEA Exams finish
5 December	Leavers' Dinner
6 December	Board of Trustees Meeting – 4.00pm
7 December	Activities Day
8 December	Prize Giving

* Please note that events and dates are subject to change.

We will do our utmost to notify the parents who may be affected by such changes