

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

1 December 2011 – No. 29



Tena koutou katoa nga Matua, Principal's Message...

As we draw to the end of yet another year I would firstly like to thank the parents and caregivers for their support of our School during 2011. Every contribution and token of support is truly appreciated. Do not underestimate the difference you have made to our School and especially our students in this regard – there is a well-known saying that it indeed takes a village to raise a child, and I wish to acknowledge your help.

A number of our focus areas for next year reflect this idea, with some of these aimed at building stronger relationships with parents/caregivers, whanau and particular groups within our community. Please have a look at this document enclosed, and email me any suggestions you might have for me to consider for possible inclusion in our 2012 Annual Plan.

Please note the term dates for next year, the start of year arrangements. It has been confirmed that the Education Review Office will visit the School in the week of 13 February and we welcome their feedback as we continue to create a school that the students and the community deserve.

I wish to remind you and stress the importance of student attendance at school, the need to have and wear the correct uniform and to have an Automatic Payment plan set up for next year. Please speak to Sandra Scott with respect to the latter, which offers a no fuss and painless solution.

We hope to see you all at our flagship event and highlight of the year – our Prize Giving which will be held next Thursday. You are invited to attend this function in which we celebrate the achievement of our tamariki in the academic, cultural and sporting fields.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas.


Werner van Aswegen
Principal

Prize Giving

Prize Giving is the formal acknowledgement of the achievements of our students for the year. This year it will be held on **Thursday 8 December 2011** in the school gymnasium at 7.00pm.

All parents, caregivers and whanau are invited to attend.

Students are reminded that they are to wear the correct uniform to this occasion, with the exception of Year 13 students who need to wear neat acceptable mufti. (Smart Casual)

Year 11, 12 and 13 students are reminded that they will need to come to school on **Thursday 8 December** at the normal time. After form time and clean up the final School Assembly will be held during which a number of certificates and awards will be presented.

The Prize Giving practice will follow this assembly, and when this has been completed students will be dismissed from school. This will be at approximately 12.00 noon. Students may wear mufti to school on Thursday so they can have clean and neat uniform for the evening. Students are requested to polish their shoes for this, the highlight event of the year.

Students are to assemble on the tennis courts at 6.45pm sharp on the evening of the Prize Giving.

Activities Day - Wednesday 7 December 2011

Students are not expected at School until 9.45am for form time.

House activities start at 10.00am and continue until 2.10pm.

Students need to come prepared wearing mufti for outside activities with:

- sunhat
- sunscreen
- change of clothes for water slide
- towel
- drinks
- food

Start of Year Arrangements 2012

Tuesday 31 January Office is open for new students to be enrolled.
2.00pm – 3.00pm students who are new to Kaikoura High School and who **have not yet enrolled** in Years 7–13 can meet with the Deans at the main office.

Wednesday 1 February Peer Support Training for Prefects all day
1.00pm to 3.00pm – All students in Years 11-13 must attend to confirm their courses and receive their timetables.

Thursday 2 February 9.30am to 3.00pm – Year 7-10 students attend school, starting with an Assembly
9.30am – 12.30pm – Year 7/8's: "Meet the Teacher" followed by regular classes until 3.00pm.

Friday 3 February Whole School – 8.45am Powhiri/Assembly the for Whole School

Please read the Kaikoura Star in mid-January for confirmed Start of Year arrangements.

Year 9 Camp 15-17 February 2012

Year 9 students will be attending a two-night, three day excursion to the Hanmer Forest Camp in February 2012. Students will take part in outdoor team-building exercises and games and visit the hot pools. A letter detailing the schedule and types of activities students will participate in will be sent home during the final week of school. The cost of this camp will be approximately \$183.00. You could start budgeting for this now by setting up an automatic payment - our school bank account number is Westpac 03 1586 0023051 00.

Term Dates 2012

Term 1 Thursday 2 February through to Thursday 5 April (86-96 half-days)

Term 2 Monday 23 April through to Friday 29 June (96 half-days)

Term 3 Monday 16 July through to Friday 28 September (110 half-days)

Term 4 Monday 15 October through to Wednesday 12 December (88 half-days)

Summer Reading

Encourage your child to keep up their 'reading muscles' over the summer to kick start their learning and comprehension in 2012. If s/he has had an excellent borrowing record during 2011 s/he can borrow up to 6 books from the school library to read over the summer holidays. Please request, or have him/her request a Summer Reading Form from Mrs Nelson.

Tasman Volleyball Tournament

On Friday and Saturday 18 and 19 November two Junior Year 9/10 Girls teams competed in the Tasman Volleyball Championships. Both teams showed great improvement over the tournament with individual players improving in their skills and overall game play. The Kaikoura A Team played well in the playoff for 7th and 8th against Nayland College but were narrowly beaten. They have qualified for Division 2 in the South Island Championships which will be played in Christchurch.

Goals and Focus Areas for 2012

Goal 1: Students will experience academic success	Goal 2: Create diverse pathways	Goal 3: Building effective relationships	Goal 4: Nurturing a leadership culture	Goal 5: Managing our resources and meeting government requirements
<p>Consolidate gains made during 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater academic focus • Ingrain our teaching vision through the PLD programme • Introduce He Kakano • Enhance and ingrain the REACH programme <p>Curriculum Review</p> <p>Formulate a plan for using IT in learning</p> <p>Gather and use student data effectively</p> <p>Provide for gifted and talented students</p>	<p>Tutuki introduced for Year 11</p> <p>Core skills standards available, and industry based standards offered in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSI Levels 1 & 2 • Ag/Hort Levels 1-3 • Computing and Business Administration Levels 1 – 3 <p>Build commercial kitchen, Phase 2 of the Community Hospitality Suite</p> <p>Review and refine Trades learning pathways</p>	<p>Survey parents and students, and use data</p> <p>Introduce Parent Portal to the KAMAR system</p> <p>Involve local businesses: Adopt a Student</p> <p>Extend use of Student Voice, and use data</p> <p>Build relationships with Whanau/Maori community/Runanga</p> <p>Develop the PTSA</p>	<p>SLT and HOLA's: develop accountability and leadership. Management of performance</p> <p>Conduct departmental reviews</p> <p>Introduce new/refined Performance Appraisal (PA) system</p> <p>Job descriptions for all positions</p> <p>PLD for HOLA's</p> <p>Consolidate and further develop student leadership capacity, and offer relevant decision making opportunities</p>	<p>School Review Cycle implemented</p> <p>Review Strategic Plan</p> <p>Prepare for SNUP upgrade</p> <p>Review and manage Health & Safety systems</p> <p>Review of documentation for assessment and reporting</p> <p>Property: update current and future 5YP</p>

If you have any specific suggestions with respect to any of these initiatives for possible inclusion in the 2012 Annual Plan please email Mr Van on principal@kaikourahigh.school.nz before Friday 16 December 2011.