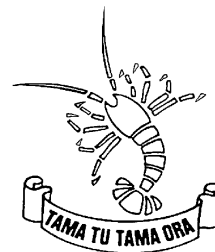


Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

1 September 2011 – No. 21

Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,



Principal's Message.....

There are some excellent things happening within the School and our school community. Last week I referred to our Netball team who finished second in the B Grade of the South Island tournament, bringing home some silverware for the first time since 1976, as far as we can ascertain. What a terrific achievement this is for this young team given the size of our School, beating some of the bigger schools in the South Island.

The first Taste Kaikoura event was hosted last week, raising some valuable funds for the building of our hospitality suite over the next 16 months, if all goes to plan. It promises to be even bigger and better next year. Thanks again to Stephan Rattray who masterminded and managed the entire event.

On the property front the levelling and upgrading of our fields is already underway, the pathway revamp will commence by mid-September, the Conference facility and Barista will be built during Term 4 and the long overdue of the upgrade of the Admin Block will commence in late November.

We have spent significant time and money over the last two months to upgrade our computer network and the hard work is starting to pay off - we started working in the Windows 7 environment and using Office 2010 this week and our students have been telling us that the system is much faster and better meets their needs.

I again invite you to attend our Assemblies held every other Wednesday, starting at 08:40 sharp. Thanks again for your valuable support as we work together in making Kaikoura High School an even better school for our tamariki, to the benefit of your child as well as our community.


Werner van Aswegen
Principal

Message from the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

We recently conducted and completed the Principal's Appraisal process. We would like to thank all those parents and students randomly selected to participate in the Principal Appraisal process. We are very happy with the positive outcome of the appraisal and the principal's performance. Our principal is achieving the Board's goals and moving the school forward in a positive manner. We would also like to thank Mr Van for his dedication and commitment to Kaikoura High School.

School Charter

Our Charter, a most useful document which shows the vision, mission and strategic direction of the School, has been received and accepted by the Ministry. A copy is available for viewing in the School office. The Board will be establishing the focus areas for 2012 by the end of term, and we welcome any suggestions you may have.

Information Evenings: NCEA, REACH and Senior Options

On Wednesday 7th September there will be an opportunity for all the parents and students of 2012 Year 11 to 13 to meet with the 2012 Senior Option teachers. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss your child's option choices for next year. The option meetings commence at 7:00pm in the school library.

On the same evening there will be two short presentations. One is to outline and explain NCEA especially for the benefit of parents of the current Year 10 students and the second is to provide an update of information about the REACH certificate. Parents of current Year 9 students are very welcome to attend both presentations.

The time of the meetings will be:

- NCEA followed by REACH in B4 at 6.30pm
- Options in the Library at 7.00pm

Taste Kaikoura

A very successful evening was held on Wednesday 24 August showcasing some of Kaikoura's best chefs. Those who attended were treated to some amazing culinary delights, presented by a mix of professional and amateur chefs. We succeeded in raising \$3,000 which will go toward the Kaikoura Community Hospitality Suite. It was an excellent effort for a first time event, and we intend to do even better next year.

Results:

- Supreme Award – Best Taste of Kaikoura (all three courses) – Jeremy Griffiths
- Most Original Menu – Kelly Wilson, Lynton Downs Primary School
- Best Taste of Kaikoura (all three dishes) – Casey Davis and Ashley Young, Kaikoura High School
- Best Presentation (all three dishes) – Sara van Reenen
- Best Dish – Jeremy Griffiths
- People's Choice – Jeremy Griffiths
- Best Dessert – Helen Parkinson, Kaikoura High School

Outdoor Education – report by Jo Thorne

- **Year 10 Camp** – Just a reminder of Year 10 camp in the first week of November – parents of these students should all have received an information sheet and gear lists either via email, or a hard copy. If you have not received this, or have any questions, please contact me at the School.
- **Year 13 Outdoor Education**
Last week the Level 3 class spent two days up on Mt Fyffe as part of the tramping assessment. Snow was very high for the majority of the walk and almost knee deep at the hut. The going got tougher on day two as we were the first to carve a path through the knee deep snow. We were only able to travel at about 1km/hour and had to kick fresh steps in the snow. In reality we had no intention of reaching the summit as the snow was too fresh and without snowshoes and/or crampons this would be dangerous. However, the boys made good use of their day by building an impressive snow-cave. The vistas were amazing with clear blue skies and views all the way down the Alps to the south.

Junior Basketball – starts at the end of September when the gym frees up – keep an eye on the notices. This is for Years 7-10 and the cost will be \$5.00 a player for the season.

Softball – will be starting up in Term 4 (week 2) – at this stage we are hoping this will be run on the racecourse arena due to the school field being levelled, but we are awaiting confirmation. We hope to get some school teams running – anyone keen to coach please contact Jo Thorne at school.

Volleyball – there is still room for teams in the community competition on Tuesday nights if you are keen. Contact Glenys or Jo Thorne.

Athletics Kaikoura

Can you help our children run, jump and throw better?

Wanted: parent helpers/coaches/volunteers interested in creating an Athletics Club.

We would like to set up an after school club in Term 4 to help prepare, teach and develop our children's skills. Athletics Canterbury is holding a Run, Jump, Throw workshop on 7 September at 7.00pm. Please register your interest, we need your help and support. Bookings are essential. Phone Kim Foy, Advisor for Community Sport & Recreation on 0273255722.

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?

Spikers Volleyball – Year 7 and 8 Students

The Kaikoura Volleyball Club will be running a 'Spikers League' for students in Year 7 and 8 on Tuesday afternoons from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. The 'Spikers League' will run for 5 weeks. Students will be allocated to a team and these teams will be announced on the first day of competition. The cost of the league is \$10 and payments can be made on the first day of the league at the high school gym. Please contact Glenys Hanley for further information - ghanley@kaikourahigh.school.nz.

Start Date: Tuesday, 6 September

End Date: Tuesday, 4 October

Duration: 5 Weeks

Where: High School Gym

SPCA Cupcake Day

Our Year 7 and 8 students baked and decorated cupcakes that were sold during lunch at \$1 each. The cupcakes were tasty and extremely colourful and the students raised a total of \$198.40 for the RNZSPCA. Well done to Miss Hanley and the students!

REMINDERS:

Year 7 and 8 Ski Trip

The Year 7 and 8 students will be going on a ski trip to Mount Lyford on Monday 5 September. Could all parents and caregivers please complete and return the permission slip and payment to the office ASAP? A decision will be made early on Monday morning if the trip is being cancelled due to weather, and parents will be notified by telephone. Students and parents help need to be at the School and ready to leave by 7.30am.

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.

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.