

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI



23 August 2010 – No. 13

Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,

Paid Union Meeting

School will be closed on **Wednesday 25 August from 12.45pm** to allow the staff to attend a regional union meeting. Bus students and any others unable to go home early will be able to remain at school under suitable supervision.

Learning Support at Kaikoura High School is provided to many children. The method and approach used is always such that it best meets the needs of the individual student.

Some children are provided with individualised programmes to assist with their literacy or maths skills. Others are supported in their class whilst being taught by their class teacher.

A new approach for this year has been to identify students who are achieving well in class but who are still able to be extended to reach their full potential. The aim is to provide these students with the support to extend their learning experience beyond what is done in class. Possible targets, which are theme based, will be identified and these students will be encouraged to explore the possibilities. Periodically these individuals will work or liaise with a member of the Learning Support team to gain feedback and to set new directions. Occasionally the students involved will gather, after school, to provide feedback and stimulation to the other students also involved in the process.

Once one set of students are well underway then another set will begin a similar process. The students will be identified, in consultation with other teachers, by members of the Learning Support team. Specialist teachers might be invited to be part of the process to provide stimulus material to support the students but the intention is not to be too subject specific. Parents will be informed beforehand if their child is to be provided with this type of Learning Support.

The long term aim is that these students will gain the research skills, confidence and self-motivation to achieve at a significantly higher level.

The Learning Support Team
David Mallinder & Tracey Lean

Senior Student Options

Thank you for your attendance at the Option and NCEA information evening on Tuesday. If you missed out on this opportunity or need more information about NCEA or the options available, please contact David Mallinder or Jo Fissenden. The staff at Kaikoura High School always enjoy meeting with parents to discuss the children's future and share their enthusiasm for their subjects. The next stage of the option process is for students to complete and return the initial preferences sheet to the Form Teachers **as soon as possible**. Deans will then interview the students about their initial preferences and finalise their option choices over the remainder of Term Three. On completion of the process a final option choice sheet will be sent home for your information.

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.

Coming Up....

- 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

Watties Volunteer Coach of the Year

Please encourage your children to go to the Watties website and nominate their hard working coaches. Nominate a student or adult coach in your community and they receive a letter of thanks from your local regional sports trust and could win one of 17 \$100 sport vouchers. They are also considered by your regional sports trust for one of three category titles.

Title winners receive a generous supply of Watties product, coaching apparel from SPARC, and one winner from your region also wins a coach development opportunity with SPARC.

Nominations can be made online by visiting www.sparc.org.nz/volunteers.

Nominations must be received by midnight 8 September 2010.

Student Council and Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited by students for the election of student representatives to the Student Council (from Year 7 to 13) and one student representative to the board of trustees (from Year 9 to 13).

Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office and close at noon on **Friday 3 September**.

Get2Go Challenge

Recently sixteen Year 10 students were selected to represent the school at the Get2Go Challenge in Christchurch. Students were selected to give them the opportunity to develop a number of key attributes including teamwork, leadership and personal / group responsibility.

The Challenge was a full day event with the buses leaving Kaikoura at 5.30am. During the day the teams participated in four different timed and scored events (climbing, kayaking, mountain biking and orienteering). Competition on the day was very stiff. Because most of the 21 teams have been to the event in previous years, some had trained very specifically for these events. However, as first timers to the Challenge our students did not have this significant advantage. Our two teams bonded quickly, producing individual and team performances to be proud of. They finished 13th and 14th respectively, with one point separating them at the end of the day. The teamwork, support and Awhi that our teams displayed during the entire day was a huge credit to themselves and their community.

For pictures from the challenge please see the photo gallery on the school web-site.

Continuing to break down the barriers

We continue working hard to make our school a more pleasant and inviting place, not only for our tamariki but also for our parents and caregivers who visit us.

If you have any suggestions in this regard please contact the school office or speak to me.

Kind regards

Werner van Aswegen

Principal