

# Kaikoura High School

## TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

23 September 2011 – No. 24



**Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,**

### Principal's Message.....

Last week I shared with you some of the steps we are taking to elevate the importance of academic achievement at the School. One of these is to hopefully increase the cash value of the Dux prize as the premier prize for academic achievement in the School, which should hopefully see greater levels of achievement as students compete for this prize. If any business, group or individual would like to contribute financially toward this prize specifically to make it more worthwhile for our top achievers, please give me a call.

We are also attempting to create pathways for our senior students. One of these is a pathway that sees students opting for HSI accredited hospitality training in cookery, front of house, barista, catering and even 'mocktails'. This allows them to gain NCEA credits, whilst completing HSI pre-apprenticeship training. For this to become a reality we need to build the long awaited community hospitality suite, which has been two years in the planning. On Tuesday we submitted our application for funding to the Canterbury Community Trust – following hundreds of hours of preparation. I would like to thank the Hospitality Suite Work Group members for their hard work in this regard: Stephan Rattray, Susi Haberstock, Julie Priddle and Jan Dasler. We will keep you informed about the outcome of this process.

Also, some quick feedback about the good work being done by teachers and students every Thursday afternoon with the Homework Club. Feel free to pop into the library to see for yourself how students engage in learning after school. A few years ago this would almost be unthinkable... how far we have come!

Finally, a request for some parents or caregivers who are willing to help us for one stint of two hours at the gates at SeaFest. This is yet another fundraising event for the Hospitality Suite – your help will be sincerely appreciated.

Kind regards

**Werner van Aswegen**  
Principal

### Communication with Parents Survey

Thank you for the recent survey returns concerning communication with parents. The majority of parents clearly appreciate the information we currently provide about NCEA, Academic Progress and the format of the Academic Review Day.

Parents have requested further information about how they can help their children at home, homework and issues arising at school. The communication channels preferred are email and telephone but we intend to use as many means as possible to keep the communication open.

It was very pleasing to receive positive comments about what the school does well including. The standard of teaching, the quality of the teachers, the willingness to cater for individual student needs and the introduction of the school values.

It was equally pleasing to receive feedback about aspects of communication that we could improve and about the way we do things. This information has been noted by management and will be actioned in due course.

**David Mallinder**  
Deputy Principal

**We need your help for 2-3 hours on – Saturday 1 October!!**

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.

## **Kaikoura Street Party & Twilight Market**

**WESTEND TOWN CENTRE – Saturday, 24 September, 2011 4.30- 7.15pm**

Kaikoura is coming alive on Saturday, September 24th! Come into town and eat at a variety of food stalls before watching the All Blacks play the French in a great party atmosphere!

Live music, entertainment, local produce and FREE tastings. Prize for best dressed – French and All black supporters!!!! Go the ALL BLACKS !!!!!!!!!!!

## **Welcome back Hutton Shearwaters –Saturday 24th September**

2.00pm – South Bay Recreational Reserve

4.30pm – Hutton Shearwater charitable trust stall at the Twilight Market

6.30pm – Mayfair Theatre for a special wildlife film

## **Postal Target Shooting Competition**

Some of our students recently participated in this South Island event, with pleasing results. Special mention goes to Marc Nicholls whom was placed 37<sup>th</sup> out of 171 shooters. The team and individual events involving Philip Getz, Ashleigh McPherson, Cordell Matehe, Cieran Mallinder and Matthew Sigglekow also achieved commendable results.

## **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 brought 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.

### **Year 10 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 queries 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.