

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI



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Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,

Christchurch Earthquake

Our thoughts are with all of you who have families in Christchurch affected after the devastating earthquake on Tuesday. We are very thankful that our Yr 11 and 12 Social Sciences students who were in Christchurch on a field trip are now all home safely. Our thanks go to Marcello Cecchi and Nick Booth who looked after our tamariki in a caring and professional manner on the day. The students who were in Christchurch and who may have been exposed to the trauma have received counselling today and will also be offered counselling and support in future.

Students from Christchurch Schools

We have become aware that some schools in Christchurch may be closed for the short to medium term, and that Kaikoura may be hosting families from the stricken city in the near future. If parents/caregivers have any whanau or friends staying with them who would like to enrol their children at our School, we would extend a warm welcome to them. They are advised to contact the School Office with their request, and Sandra will set up interviews with the relevant Deans, or Heads of Levels.

Reports

The initial progress reports have been issued to the students this week instead of mailing these to parents/caregivers, given the potential problem with using the mail system. The intention of the report is to let you know how your child has settled in the first three weeks of the term.

At this stage of the year some students are finalising their courses and may not have attended many classes, if any, before the report was written, as a result some gaps may appear in the reports.

In addition to the reports all Year 7-10 students have been given a summary of the assessments for the year in each of their subjects. Please discuss these assessments with your child and keep the information as a record to let you know when your child will be working on them. If you require any further information or have a concern about the assessments please contact your child's Dean who will arrange for the teacher or HoD to contact you.

David Mallinder – Deputy Principal

Inzone Careers Kiosk

Kaikoura High School is very privileged to have the use of the most up-to-date information for students provided in the library by the Careers Kiosk. We really appreciate the sponsorship of the Kiosk from Whale Watch and know that many of our students have already taken advantage of the facility and many more will be using it in conjunction with their learning in various curriculum areas.

Art Department Extra Tuition Time

Mrs Parkinson has time available for senior art students (Years 11 to 13) to attend extra tuition on Tuesday evenings while she has her night class running. At the moment this will only be for term 1 and runs from 7pm to 9pm every Tuesday.

Maths Tutorials

The Maths Department will continue to offer help with Maths on Thursday afternoon (3.00 to 4.00pm). All welcome. Please contact Bill Lonsdale for more details.

Junior Rugby Muster

Registration for Junior Rugby is Sunday 27 February, 10.00am to 12 noon at Takahanga Domain. Please bring proof of date of birth.

Lost Property

We have already acquired a substantial amount of 'lost property'. Please get your child to check for any items that they may have mislaid. Any property still there at the end of Term will be taken to the Recycling Centre.

| Coming up: | |
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| Wed 2 March | CCHS Athletics – Chch (<i>tbc</i>) |
| 3-5 March | Yr13 Drama Trip – Auckland Arts Festival |
| 4-6 March | Senior Volleyball |
| Tues 8 March | CCHS Swimming Prelims. (<i>tbc</i>) |
| Tues 15 March | CCHS Athletics Prelims. (<i>tbc</i>) |
| Wed 16 March | - Yr9 SocSt – KK town walk |
| | - Brain Bee Round 1 (<i>tbc</i>) |
| 17 & 18 March | Trades Trip to Chch |
| 19-20 March | Senior Volleyball - Nelson |
| Fri 25 March | Mid Term Holiday – NO school |
| Fri 15 April | END of Term 1 |

Year 9 & 10 Art Homework

Years 9 & 10 have had a homework system introduced this year. Each student has a booklet with tasks in it and instructions on the back.

It is important that if parents are capable artists themselves that the help they give their son or daughter is done separately on a different sheet from the sheet the student is working on. Please, by all means demonstrate how to do something but not on their work.

The aim of this and any homework in art is to:

1. Practice in order to raise ability and self confidence with some basic art skills.
2. Develop positive work habits that prepare students for further study and ensure they are better equipped to cope with deadlines.
3. Increase focus on drawing and research, allowing a consistent feedback from evaluations of the homework done and thus raising the student's understanding and skill level.

Please can you check that they do at least 30 minutes on their homework each week.

If a student loses their copy of the homework booklet then copies of the tasks are available in PDF format for download and printing.

<http://students.kaikourahigh.school.nz/visualarts/9work.html>

Thank you

Helen Parkinson - Head of Visual Art

Paper Pot Presses

The Eco-council is continuing the sale of their Paper Pot Presses. These wooden devices transform your old newspaper into paper pots ready to grow seedlings in. Once the seedling is ready to go in the garden you simply place the entire pot and seedling in the ground. The paper pot biodegrades and the roots of the plant are left undisturbed. Selling now for \$10 each. Please call Miss Heald to purchase.

Senior Students

A reminder that senior students need written permission to leave school for Friday study periods – a phone call is not sufficient. Also it is not a privilege for Year 11 and Year 12 to leave at lunchtime – permission will only be granted for exceptional reasons and again accompanied by a written note. Year 11/12 are still to be in full uniform – we have had a rocky start to the year with many out of the correct uniform.

Young Enterprise Scheme



On Friday 4 February the four Kaikoura High School Young Enterprise Companies studying for the YES Certificate this year attended an E-Day at Canterbury University.

They were introduced to the programme for the year and inspired by past successful students. One session involved a large number of mentors from the business world volunteering their time to speak with individual companies offering advice on the business world.

These students are now keen to get underway with their company ideas and will be looking to our local community for support during the year.

Yours sincerely

Werner van Aswegen – Principal