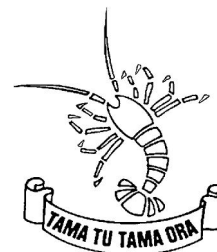


Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

26 August 2011 – No. 20

Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,



Principal's Message.....

Last week it was unfortunately decided to close the School on Monday and Tuesday due to the weather conditions. The decision was made in consultation with all managers of the School, based on weather reports received from MetServ. and on a safety first basis. On Monday we had 'white-out' conditions at the time of making a decision, and the forecast for Tuesday was for snow showers from Seddon to Canterbury.

The safety of our students is paramount and the decision was made to close the School taking into consideration all factors, including the heating system, a school day that spans from 8.30am to 1.00pm and the fact that most of our students rotate classes throughout the day.

Uniform – we are requesting the support from parents with regard to having our students attending School in full correct uniform. Please understand that notes from parents to excuse non-regulation uniform for a short period of time are requests to the School and may or may not be approved. Encouraging the students to take pride in their appearance and the School is instrumental in continuing to move the School forward, and we cannot do this without your help.

Please Note: our current Year 11 students will be required to wear School uniform in 2013.

On a personal note, my sincere thanks to all parents and caregivers who attended our most successful Academic Review Day. Attendance rates improved by 5% to 87% this year, and we are looking into relevant ways to further develop valuable student/teacher partnerships.

Assemblies are held, generally every other week, on Wednesdays at 8.30am. Parents are invited to attend.

Finally, any feedback on **"What School Does Well, or Can Do Better"** is welcomed. This enables us to keep improving our School. Please pass on your feedback/suggestions to me via the School office.

Thank you for your continued support of the School.

Werner van Aswegen
Principal

SISS Netball: Kaikoura High School finish 2nd overall!!!

Our KKHS A team are currently in Nelson competing in the SISS Netball tournament.

They have had some excellent results:

- beat Garin College 50-19
- beat Ellesemere College 42-15
- lost to Dunstan by 6 goals (score unknown)
- beat Darfield High School 32-25
- beat Greymouth High School 34-29
- beat Cashmere High School 27-22

In the semi finals they beat South Otago 30-16, but lost to the strong team from St Andrew's College 23-35 in the Final. This means they finished 2nd out of 32 schools and will be competing in the A grade next year.

Well done, girls! You have done us proud! A special thank you to: Shelley Fissenden, Pip Johnston, Angela Cuff and Ma-rea Clayton. Congratulations to Anahera McDonald and Amber Priddle who both received talented player awards. We believe the last time a KKHS Netball team won this trophy was in 1976 as runner-up.

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 take this opportunity to thank Stephan Rattray for conceptualizing, hosting, driving and managing the event. Our thanks also goes to the sponsors, the judges and especially those of you that supported the School by attending the event, which was our major fundraiser for the year. We succeeded in raising \$3,000 for the Kaikoura Community Hospitality Suite. There were some significant contributions and donations by individuals which made this possible – much appreciated! Next week's Te Panui Rikiriki will have more details about the winners on the night, including two of our students and a member of staff. Our helpers from Year 10 and 11 did us proud on the evening – thank you, ladies!

SPCA Cupcake Day

On **Monday 29 August** the Year 7 and 8 students will be baking and decorating cupcakes to sell during lunch. Cupcakes will be sold for \$1 each and all money raised will be donated to the SPCA.

Information Evenings: NCEA and REACH

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for the return of the Communication surveys; they are currently being compiled and made ready for analysis. A clear interest for more information about REACH and NCEA has been noted in the initial inspection of the returns. In response, we are going to take the opportunity to provide the information at an upcoming **Parent's Evening. On Wednesday 7 September** there will be a chance to meet with option teachers to discuss your child's choices for next year. On the same evening we traditionally run an information session about NCEA for the parents of Year 10 students. We will be running this session again this year, and on the same evening an update of information about the REACH certificate for parents of current Year 9 and 10 students will be provided.

The time of the meetings will be finalised in a future newsletter but tentatively it will be between 7.00pm and 8.30pm in the school library and room B4.

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.

Kaikoura District Primary Schools' Cross Country

During week 2 of this term, 13 of our Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Kaikoura District Primary Schools Cross country held at Lynton Downs Primary School this year. Our students all successfully completed the 3km course, which traversed paddocks, hills, creeks, fences and riverbeds. Five of them were also placed in the top three positions for their year groups: Hannah Spencer 2nd Year 8 girls, Jessie Vaughan 3rd Year 8 girls, Jake Knowles 1st Year 7 boys, Harry Rattray 1st Year 8 boys and Oceon Grady 3rd Year 8 boys. The students thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this interschool competition and represented our school commendably. Harry Rattray, Hannah Spencer and Jake Knowles represented the School in Blenheim at the Marlborough Primary Schools Cross Country. Congratulations go to Harry who gained 2nd place in the Year 8 boys and Jake with a 5th placement in the Year 7 category.

Netball Finals – Congratulations.....

- to the two Junior High School teams Junior who battled out the final - Junior BBS and Junior Kashiwaaz. The Junior BBS came out on top to continue their dominance over the competition.
- to the High School A Netball team who won the A grade final taking out the Kaikoura Championship on Saturday. They played a strong and well polished game, out-playing the Lobster Inn Rebels. This form is proving to continue at the South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament.

Volleyball

The volleyball competition has started with a bang with more School teams than ever before. We are lucky enough to have Josh from Nelson Volleyball, who is taking training sessions from 3.00-4.30pm throughout Term 3.

Year 7/8 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 by **Wednesday 31 August?**

Year 10 Outdoor Camp

On Monday 22 August the parents of Year 10 Outdoor Education students should have received a copy of the camp details - those without an email contact have been sent a hardcopy home with their child. If you haven't, or have any queries please contact me. Thank you - Jo Thorne.

REMINDERS:

Scholarships and Grants – BreakOut

Breakout is an online database full of information about scholarships, awards, and grants for students. And it is now available at Kaikoura High School in the library and careers office. If your child/ren have questions about how to access and search it make sure they talk to Julie Priddle who will be able to help them.

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.

Provider Presentation 2011

26 August - Victoria University Open Day, Wellington