

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

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Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,

Principal's Message...

Our senior students are preparing for their external assessments, and will be commencing with these next Wednesday. A great deal of time and effort has gone into this, and we need the support of parents and caregivers to ensure that our students sit each of their assessments during the NCEA examinations. There is a greater awareness of the importance of these exams among our students, and a greater willingness to fully engage in these. There has been a stronger emphasis on academic achievement this year and in particular on external assessments. It is hoped that this will translate into higher levels of achievement by our students during the examinations too.

News Snippets:

Hospitality Suite: an application for funding was submitted to the Canterbury Community Trust in late September. We hope to receive formal feedback from the Trust regarding this within the next few weeks. In the meantime Mrs Davies is investing a great deal of time and effort working towards the extension of accreditation to allow us to teach some Level 2 HSI standards in 2012, in addition to a fully fledged Level 1 HSI Course.

Other property projects:

The grass on the sports field is starting to show some green. We hope to receive adequate rain over the next three months to allow it to grow well enough for use in early 2012.

The walkways alongside B Block on Rorrison's Road, as well as the pathway between the Canteen and the tennis courts have been re-laid. The conference facility and barista will be built during the summer holidays, and if approval is obtained timeously from the Ministry the Admin Block will also be upgraded during the upcoming holidays.

Werner van Aswegen
Principal

A big THANK YOU to Samer Al-Khateb for all the near new Sci-Fi books he has donated to the library. The books will keep students happy for ages. We are always very grateful to receive resources in good condition that are relevant to student interests.

Senior Activities Day

For students in Year 11-13 their last school day is Tuesday 8 November. This will be an activities day and final assembly for the senior group. School will start as normal at 8.40 am with form time and seniors need to come in mufti. They need to bring either a towel or a change of clothes as they are likely to get wet in one of the activities. The day will end at 1.00pm for the senior students with a BBQ lunch provided by the School.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jo Fissenden.

Do You Know A Teacher Who Deserves Top Marks?

Warehouse Stationery is giving away \$30,000 classroom prize packs to New Zealand's most inspiring teachers, as nominated by students and parents all over the country. They will also be sending one deserving teacher on a \$5,000 holiday escape, courtesy of Harvey World Travel. Each classroom prize pack contains among other things, markers pens and highlighters from Sharpie and Papermate, a Dymo Labelmaker, a selection of art and craft card and paper and much, much more including a G6600 Good 2 Go mobile phone pack from 2degrees, valued at \$99.

We need you to spread the word!

We want to get the whole of New Zealand voting for their most inspiring teachers. Parents are encouraged to vote at www.nzinspiringteachers.co.nz or email on schools@stationery.co.nz.

Tennis Coaching

Michael Mooney would like to offer tennis coaching sessions at the High School courts again this year. The coaching is planned to **start on Friday 4th November**, (5 weeks \$49.00 term). The proposed timetable would be:

Start 3.15pm for younger players 6-10 years of age

Second group 4.00pm 10 -13years of age

Third group secondary students 4.45pm to 5.30pm

If you are interested please contact Tracey Cooney at the High School. Fees are payable on commencement.

Softball

Twilight Softball will commence this term. Date to be advised. Please contact Jo Thorne at jthorne@kaikourahigh.school.nz or on 0272835557 if you are keen to register a team. This will run at the Race Course on Tuesday nights.

Kaikoura Swimming Club

Swimming coaches are required for the 2011/12 season. If you are interested please contact Rebecca Mullaly on 0277794493.

REMINDERS:

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.

Vic Tamati

Vic Tamati, a man who has turned his life of violence around, will be speaking at the Memorial Hall on 9 November at 7.00pm. Music and food will be provided.

Provisional Calendar – Term 4

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| 8 November | Final day for seniors |
| 5 & 6 November | Volleyball in Blenheim |
| 7 November | Peer Support Leadership |
| 9 November | Excellence Breakfast |
| 10 November | NCEA Exams Start |
| 15 November | Board of Trustees Meeting – 4.00pm |
| 18-20 November | Tasman Junior Volleyball Tournament in Nelson |
| 24 November | Soiree |
| 25 November | TEACHER ONLY DAY |
| 28 Nov.-1 Dec. | Junior Sth Island Volleyball Tournament in Christchurch |
| 30 November | NCEA Exams finish |
| 1 December | Primary Athletics – Christchurch |
| 5 December | Leavers' Dinner |
| 6 December | Board of Trustees Meeting – 4.00pm |
| 7 December | Activities Day |
| 8 December | Prize Giving |

*** Please note that events and dates are subject to change.
We will do our utmost to notify the parents who may be affected by such changes**