

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI

8 September 2011 – No. 22

Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,



Principal's Message.....

Thank you to all those parents who were asked to participate in my performance appraisal earlier this year – it is good to see that there is strong support for what we have achieved as a School over the past two years, and the growing levels of trust in what we are doing. The feedback received has been shared with the Board and staff, and all suggestions for improvement will be considered.

I am pleased to report that our property projects are well on track.

The upgrade of the Fields: Approximately 600 cubic metres of soil have been trucked in to level the sports field, and the rotary hoeing has commenced. Unfortunately the fields will not be ready for use until early 2012, this will give the new seed time to mature.

Conference facility and Barista: The tender process has been concluded and we should know by next week who has been awarded the tender to build. Building will commence in Term 4. An application will be submitted to the Canterbury Community Trust in the next 10 days for the funding of stage two of the project.

A Block: Plans have been concluded and we will soon start discussing the timeline for the tender process. Local builders are welcome to submit a tender as soon as this process commences.

Upgrade of the pathways alongside B Block: Landscaping along the Rorrison's Road boundary of the School will be started and completed during the School holiday break, 10-24 October 2011. The gardens and footpaths are going to be reshaped, raised and leveled. Part of the wall will also be removed. This work will certainly enhance the public approach to the School.

The senior options process is underway and we thank the parents who attended last night's NCEA and REACH presentations, and who may also have taken up the opportunity to talk to the Heads of Learning Areas about their child's options for 2012. If parents or caregivers have any query regarding NCEA or REACH, they should contact David Mallinder.

Just a reminder that the School will have its planned mid-term break next **Friday 16 September**. We factored this break in at the start of the year to give staff and students a well-earned breather, and in particular to counter the cumulative and negative effects of the first two terms, which were both 11 weeks long.

Thanks again for your support and please keep the feedback and suggestions for improvement coming in.

Werner van Aswegen
Principal

Seafest Fundraising – Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 October 2011

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 and 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 to email, or ring the School 319 5138.

Urgent – NCEA Fees must be paid in full to the School by Wednesday 14 September 2011. After this date you will have to pay the fees directly to NZQA and an extra \$50.00 late fee will be incurred.

Year 12 Outdoor

We have just had an amazing trip to Takaka to complete rock-climbing and mountain biking assessments. We stayed at the very rustic/basic Hang Dog Camp and climbed at the world renowned Paynes Ford. Perfect weather and a fantastic group of students meant a very long weekend was enjoyable and fun. All of the students passed their climbing but we still have some work to do to complete the very tough mountain biking credits. I would like to say a HUGE thank to Spencer Kahu and the Whale Watch Kaikoura Charitable Trust for allowing us to use their van at short notice.

Jo Thorne

CCHS Indoor Tournament

On Wednesday 31 August, the Combined Country High Schools Indoor Tournament was held at Pioneer Stadium in Christchurch. Kaikoura High School entered two teams into the basketball competition; one Year 9-10 girls team and one Year 9-10 boys team. The boys were placed in the A Grade and competed against some tough teams during the day; and were placed fourth. The girls team was moved up to A Grade and they did themselves and the school proud by placing first. Well done to all the students involved!

BP Challenge

Some Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in the BP Challenge next Tuesday night at the Primary School Hall. This is a great opportunity for these students to show creative thinking as they work as members of a group with fellow students from the Primary Schools in trying to solve given tasks.

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.

IMPORTANT – Please Return ALL Netball Uniforms

ALL netball uniforms need to be handed in by **Friday 9 September** so that they can be worn for magazine photos and bonds can be returned.

REMINDERS:

*****Friday 16 September is the mid term break – there will be no School on this day.*****

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 starts at the end of September when the gym frees up – keep an eye on the notices. This is for Years 7-10 and the cost will be \$5.00 a player for the season.

Volleyball – there is still room for teams in the community competition on Tuesday nights if you are keen. Contact Glenys or Jo Thorne at the High School.

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.

Thursday Afternoons - Reminder

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.

TERM 3 & 4 – Provisional Calendar

9 September	Year 11/12 History trip to Hanmer Springs
12-14 September	Year 13 Tramp Wharfedale Track Canterbury
14 September	Final day for payment of NCEA Fees
13 September	BP Challenge – after school
16 September	Mid Term Break – SCHOOL CLOSED
19 September	Attitude Health Talks – Year 9 & 10 in the School Library
21 September	Assembly Study Links Period 4 in the School Library Year 13 Physics – Practical Assessment 9.00am to 2.00pm
23 September	Mufti Day
24 September	KK Junior Invitational Volleyball
24 & 25 September	SISS Climbing in Christchurch Trade Fair for YES – The Palms, Christchurch
27 September	Board of Trustees Meeting - 4.00pm
28 September	Year 13 Enviro trip to Christchurch Year 7/8 Orienteering at Suburban School
4 October	Year 12 Outdoor Education Tramp at Patutu
5 October	Assembly
5 & 6 October	Year 11 Production in the Drama Room
7 October	End of Term 3
10-24 October	School Holidays (including Labour Day)
25 October	Beginning of Term 4
1-4 November	Year 10 Camp Lake Rotoiti
4 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.