

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI



9 June 2010 – No. 8

Tena koutou katoa nga Matua,

Matariki 2010

If you planning to take your child/children to attend the Maori New Year celebrations during the morning/afternoon of Tuesday 15 June can you please ensure that you contact the school office **beforehand** to let us know.

NCEA Credit Cards

As a new initiative to keep students and parents informed as to where they are at with NCEA we have issued an NCEA credit card earlier this week. It is printed on blue card and has been given to each student. Please ask your child to see this to keep yourself up to date – if you don't see it and would like to please contact the Dean (Jo Fissenden) to get one sent directly to you. As a guide at this stage we would expect students to have around 30 credits (this will vary with options being taken) and an attendance rate of above 85%. In order to obtain Literacy and Numeracy students need to achieve 8 credits in English and Mathematics respectively.

We will be issuing these credit cards on a monthly basis to keep people updated – the next one will be out at the end of this term.

We would like to more regularly provide parents and caregivers with information on the number of NCEA credits their child has gained. We believe an email list would be a quick way to do this for many - again if you would like to be part of this please could you forward your email address to Jo Fissenden through the office and we will get it going by the next credit card issue.

Any feedback on this new initiative will be welcomed!

A New Approach to Parent/Teacher Meetings

As part of the continuous improvement process and based on feedback received from parents and caregivers we are reviewing the format of our parent/teacher meetings / Parent evenings.

Early next term, we will carry out an Academic Progress Review. On a day to be announced parents/caregivers, students and Form Teachers will meet to discuss your child's overall progress at Kaikoura High School. These meetings will occur during the day at school by appointment and are vital to the students' progress at the mid year point. You will be able to discuss the student's report and obtain an overview of his/her progress from the Form Teacher. He/she will be able to answer most of your questions but you will also be able to have specific subject questions referred to a subject teacher, who will reply to these as soon as possible. We will also facilitate 1:1 meetings with subject teachers upon request.

Appointments will be available throughout the day. All students will get the opportunity to have an appointment during the day/late afternoon. However, to enable us to have these meetings your child will only be required to be at school for the duration of their review.

We will provide further details in the Rikiriki about how and when to make an appointment, where to meet the teacher and what to bring along. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting new event at Kaikoura High School.

Careers Expo

Kaikoura Memorial Hall – Monday June 21, 10.00am – 1.00pm

A large number of exhibitors have been secured for this morning, thanks to the efforts of a number of staff from the Council and the School.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend the Expo to support their child/children with their possible career choice. For further information please contact Julie Priddle on 319 6260.

Junior Basketball

This runs on Tuesdays at lunchtime and after school. Games involve mixed gender and are twenty minutes long – a \$5 levy has been charged to cover prizes. This competition has been facilitated by a small number of senior students who have given up their time to act as coaches and referees: Zingara McDougall Fissenden, Jake Campbell, Rian Burrows, Hamish Calvert, Zach Cuff, Lizzie Brown, Zoe Brown, Mackenzie Burrows and Letitia Mulally. Parents are welcome to come and support their children. We are in the process of developing a boys and a girls Year 7/8 team. Zingara, Jake and Zach are running lunchtime skills sessions with the view of team selection in the up-coming weeks.

Kaikoura Youth Forum and Events Workshop

Kaikoura High School students in Years 10 – 13 and Youth Council members have been selected to attend this event. This is a fantastic opportunity. Students will be given the opportunity to have a say on youth issues, what's happening in the community and what they would like to see happen here in the future. They will also find out what they need to know about running events and get a chance to plan an event for Kaikoura.

They will be encouraged to meet over the next week in groups to finalise their event plans, ready to present their ideas to a panel of judges the following week. The winning team receives **\$1000** towards putting on their event!

The presentations will take place at the Mayfair Theatre on Friday 11th of June.

Start time 9.30am, finishing around 3pm.

If you would like any further information please contact the organisers who are Megan or Susi at the Council on 319 5026 extn 235.

Lost Property

The mountain of lost property is growing daily. Could you please get your children to check for any lost clothing, shoes or bags. The lost property will be taken to the recycling centre at the end of Term.

Kind regards

Werner van Aswegen

Principal

Coming Up....

11 June – Youth Forum Leadership

14 June – Big Biology Quiz

16 June – The Girls' Project

Primary Cross Country

17 & 18 June – Red Cross First Aid
Course

1 July – PTSA Meeting

CAREERS

Economist

Related Industry:

- Government Finance
- Accounts & Insurance
- Social Sciences

Useful school subjects:

Economics & Mathematics

Economists are interested in the factors that influence the well-being of people and aim to find solutions to improve people's standard of living. This includes studying how financial labour and trade markets are organised and how they interact.

Entry Requirements

To become an economist you need to have a degree with an economics component such as statistics, economic history, finance, business, accounting and philosophy. A postgraduate degree in economics is preferred.

Secondary Education

A tertiary entrance qualification is required to enter further training. Bursary or NCEA equivalent English, maths with calculus or statistics, and economics are useful.

Training on the job

Skills are gained on the job. External training courses may be provided in:

- Project management
- Communications
- Report writing
- Public speaking
- Econometrics (the study of economic theory and statistics together)
- Job-specific computer courses.

Opportunities may also be available to do postgraduate study.

Pay

Pay for an economist varies between the public and private sectors.

Economists with less than two years' experience can earn between \$40,000 and \$65,000 a year.

Economists with three to five years' experience can earn between \$65,000 and \$85,000.

Senior economists and financial analysts with over six years' experience can earn \$80,000 plus.

Career Progression

Many economists change organisations to develop their professional experience and expand their networks and skills.

Economists can go on to work as: Politicians, Academics, Analysts, Business Managers and Strategists.

For further information www.careers.govt.nz or Julie Priddle