

Kaikoura High School

TE PANUI RIKIRIKI



23 June 2016 – No. 5

Principal's Message...

Tēnā koutou katoa ngā Mātua

We are nearing the end of another busy and eventful term. There have been many activities which have focused on the world beyond the classroom. For example, our Year 11 students recently spent three days doing the BP Challenge. This introduces them to the world of business by forming them into companies where they come up with a product, a marketing design and a business plan. Each company presented its product and plans to judges who came from the business community here in Kaikoura. We were very grateful for the practical advice and support that judges gave to our students. The whole exercise has helped our students think about the skills and attitudes that the outside world needs from young people.

Similarly our Young Enterprise team marketed their product to a panel of judges along with many other schools in Christchurch and they performed very well. No doubt you will soon see their product being offered for sale; another example of 'real world' learning. The recent Careers Expo held in our school gymnasium was another way to help our students think about how their studies are part of a pathway to future education and careers. The exhibitors at the Expo commented to me on how engaged and helpful our students were.

Learning about leadership is also an important part of a young person's development and we all thought our Year 7 and 8 Ambassadors did a wonderful job at the recent Academic Review Days showing confident leadership skills even at their young age. Likewise we have a group of young students training to be Cultural Leaders for a term at a time throughout the year. The Term 1 Cultural Leaders handed over the mantle to Mahangaiterangi Gillies and Alex Callow-Powell at the beginning of the term in a ceremony held at our Whare and supported by our other head students. We have high expectations of our student leaders and it is great to see how well they are living up to these expectations.



During this term all of our teachers have met together to go through the learning progress and needs of every individual student, one by one, so that we can formulate strategies to maximise their academic progress. This has been done in two after school meetings, one for Year 11, 12 and 13 and one for Year 9 and 10. I have been very impressed by the knowledge that teachers have brought to these meetings about the students in their classes and the ways in which sharing that knowledge has helped build a more complete picture of what needs to be done to help each student. We are also currently working as a whole school teaching team on what we can do to better prepare our senior students for external examinations. I believe that this is one of the real strengths of the school and an advantage that our size enables.

I wish our students a restful end of term break.

Noho ora mai ra.

John Tait

End of term arrangements

Friday 8 July is the last day of Term 2. 😊

This is a normal school day with school finishing at 3.00pm.

Term 3 starts on Monday 25 July.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable break and our seniors do lots of study.

Year 7/8 Learning Celebration

The Year 7 and 8 students would like to invite you to our class debate on **Thursday 7 July at 5.30pm**. This will be a great opportunity for you to see the hard work that our students have put in during Term 2. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Board of Trustees Elections 2016

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent representative votes:

- Lyn Bentley 70
- Richard Cotter 74
- Catherine Ford 32
- Nick Parkinson 38
- Silke Rae 14

I hereby declare the following duly elected.

Lyn Bentley, Richard Cotter and Nick Parkinson

Staff representative votes:

- Alasdair Lean 9
- Tony Robson 13

I hereby declare the following duly elected.

Tony Robson

Jeanette Dasler

Returning Officer

National Young Leaders Day

Our Year 8 Ambassadors and Senior Leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day on Tuesday 31 May and Wednesday 1 June. They were inspired by speakers such as Billy Graham, James Beck, Brylee Mills, Marina Alefosio, and others. They were also entertained by the lead singer from Avalanche City.



Competition Time!!!

Do you know what the blue and yellow bins are for? No? Nor did we until recently. To help improve the recycling at our school, we challenge YOU to design a stencil for the yellow and blue bins so that we can use them correctly to keep our school tidy and to do our bit for the environment.

Who can enter? Competition is open to all school staff and students. You can enter as an individual or as a team (max of 4 people per team).

When is it due? Competition is open now and will close Term 3, Week 3.

What are we looking for? A stencil that is bold, simple, unique to us and clear...one for the blue bin and one for the yellow bin. The winning designs will be spray painted onto the top and side of the bins.

What can you win? The winning designers will win a specific prize to them, up to the value of \$100!



Oh, and need a reminder of what the bins are for... Yellow is for Recycling and Blue is for Rubbish.

Let's do our bit for our school and our environment!

Any questions please see Miss Scott. Thanks, the Environmental Club :)



Year 12 Science – Visit to Antarctica Centre, Christchurch

The trip started at 7:30am on an early morning with birds singing. All of us are excited. After two and a half hours, we arrived there—a big blue and white house. The colours represent Antarctica very well although I hadn't seen the words on the wall. There was a wall near the parking lot, which said 'International Antarctica Centre'. We went into it.



There was a big map, which showed the position of Antarctica in the world. A few minutes later, we followed Miss Scott to our classroom. Our teacher showed us the basic information about Antarctica, like wind speed, the coldest temperature and dry valleys—Antarctica oases and nematode worms. The worms were pretty cool like 'capable of losing up to 99% of body moisture', 'survival in desiccated state: anhydrobiosis'. I was also interested in Tardigrade, which is the strongest animal on earth. To be honest, it WAS really ugly!

Then we left the classroom and saw the blue penguins. They were so cute and tiny. A breeder was feeding the Blue Penguins when we got there. After that, our teacher took us outside. We took the off-road vehicle. That was awesome! We climbed up small hills, which are 1m, 3m and 7m high. We crossed the river, too.

We went back to the classroom again. We were taught about the krill. There are 11 species found in Antarctica. They are about 6cm long (2.3 in). And we learned some adaptations (structural, behavioural, physiological) of penguins, such as their solid bones, flat flippers, and average dive 500m (1500 ft.) in 22 minutes. Each of us got a piece of feather. That was pretty cool. And we went out



and saw the Blue Penguins again. I love them. The teacher showed us the bones of the Blue Penguin.

We went into a room, which was so cold (simulation of an Antarctica windstorm). I felt so cold and the wind was so strong although it was only -8 degrees inside. The wind took our heat away. Then we went into a museum, which shows the organisms and a tent, which humans used to live in. There were some snacks in the food box!

We had McDonalds for lunch, and then we left for Kaikoura.
What an awesome day!

Ye Jin (Annie)

BP Challenge

Our Year 11 students spent three days last week preparing a business plan to present to our panel of judges; Danny Smith, Lynette Buurman and Symonde Laugesen.



Encourage your teenagers to read for pleasure. Why?

Here are some excerpts from an article on the National Library Website:

<http://schools.natlib.govt.nz/creating-readers/creating-reading-culture/reading-pleasure-door-success>

“Improves other aspects of literacy

Research from University of London’s Institute of Education (IOE) has also found children between the ages of 10-16 who read for pleasure; make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who rarely read. Study author Dr Alice Sullivan found:

...reading for pleasure was more important for children's cognitive development between ages 10 and 16 than their parents' level of education. The combined effect on children's progress of reading books often, going to the library regularly and reading newspapers at 16 was four times greater than the advantage children gained from having a parent with a degree.

You can download the Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: the role of reading report from the IOE site.

Can increase empathy and social skills

Exploring the link between reading fiction and empathy: Ruling out individual differences and examining outcomes found exposure to fiction increased performance on empathy tasks. They also found that reading fiction also had a positive correlation with social support. “



Head Lice

We have had reports recently from parents that their children have head lice.

Please help eradicate this problem by using the appropriate prevention and treatment.

If you have any queries, or would like more information please contact the school office, or our school nurse, Megan Fissenden.

Up Coming Events – Terms 2/3

Please note these dates on your calendar:

Monday 27 June – Year 7/8 changeover

29 June – 1 July – School Production: The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

4-5 July – Brain Bee, Dunedin

Wednesday 6 July – Assembly 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wednesday 6 July – NCEA Whanau workshop at Takahanga Marae

Thursday 7 July – Sir Peter Blake Dream Team, Mel Austin speaking to our senior students

6-8 July – Year 10 Science Wananga

Friday 8 July – Last Day of Term 2

10-13 July – Junior SISS Netball tournament

Monday 25 July – Middle School Block 3

Monday 29 July – Year 6, 7 and 8 Basketball starts

Friday 5 August – Middle School Term 2 reports issued

Wednesday 10 August – YES exam

18-23 August – Senior exams

27 August to 2 September – Correspondence (Te Kura) School exams

29 August to 1 September – Winter Tournament (Netball & Basketball)

Monday 12 September – Year 7/8 changeover

12-15 September – Year 7/8 Tournament

Friday 23 September – Senior reports issued

Friday 23 September – Last day of Term 3

2-11 October – Brauer Exchange, Australia

Monday 10 October – Beginning of Term 4