

# Kaikoura High School

## TE PANUI RIKIRIKI



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### Principal's Message...

#### Tēnā koutou katoa ngā Mātua

It is good to see that winter has finally arrived and our beautiful mountains have at last got their customary covering of snow. I think our school grounds must have one of the most stunning views in New Zealand.

Term 2 ended on a very successful note for our students, families and community with the outstanding production of the The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and the Year 7 and 8 Learning Celebration. My congratulations go to the teachers, students and parents who were directly involved in creating and supporting these highlights to our school programme.



This calendar for this Term is looking very full with a strong focus for senior students on NCEA and school exams, but also an active sporting and outdoor programme with the Winter Tournament and the Koru games at the end of the Term.

Congratulations to all our students who have been selected for representative sports teams and to the parents and coaches who have freely given so much of their time to contribute to their success. It is good to see so many of our students achieving a healthy balance between the sporting and academic life of the school. This week our school ski team came third in the Nelson Marlborough School Ski Championships.

We recently received our Achievement Data from the Ministry of Education and I am very pleased with the positive trends that this data shows. For example, since 2009 the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 2 has risen from 61.3% to 80.6% in 2015. For our Maori students it has risen from 44.4% to 83.3% in 2015. There has also been a steady rise in the number of school leavers going on to tertiary education of various kinds. There are now 40% of our students leaving our school for tertiary study and the data shows that this is consistent for boys, girls and Maori students. The national gender and ethnicity gap is not reflected in Kaikoura High School's data. The data also shows that of our students studying vocational pathways awards 100% have been successful in passing. There is a wide range of pathways offered in the fields of Construction & Infrastructure, Primary Industries, Services Industries and Creative Industries and they are a real strength to the breadth of our curriculum and the engagement of students.

We are all looking forward to another productive and enjoyable term.

Noho ora mai ra.

**John Tait**

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## Young Enterprise Students – Herbal Healing Kits

The YES Enterprise group now have their herbal healing kits, Haumanu, for sale - \$35.00 each.

See:

Claudia Ogden, Abrael Kahu,  
Quint Fleischeuer or Annie Jin



on behalf of the Enterprise Group if you are interested in purchasing one of their herbal healing kits.

## Congratulations to Callum Lean – Ecobots

During the July holidays, Callum Lean took part in the Ecobots Mission to Mars programme at ARA in Christchurch. This was a free two-day workshop which explored how robots can help us access the viability of Mars to support life. Participants listened to lectures from a range of professionals and the course was sponsored by NASA. The highlight of the course is the opportunity to work in a team to build a robot using VEX kits. Teams then compete to complete a series of challenges in the fastest time.

Callum was also part of the Ecobots programme last year and enjoyed being part of the winning team. Congratulations go to Callum for being part of the winning team this year as well.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award – Tramping Trip

Logan, Paucha, Tanesha, Amelia and Jack Cotter set off from school in the first weekend of the school holidays bound for the St James Area. They needed to organise and complete a three day trip with minimal assistance from adults as they work towards their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We found a splash of snow, plenty of ice and frost that some thought was growing before their eyes. After a wander up the road the team crossed Fowler's Pass and dropped down in to the Stanley River. Stanley Vale Homestead was home for night one. It wasn't particularly warm although the horse blankets on top of sleeping bags allowed everyone to sleep while our drink bottles froze.



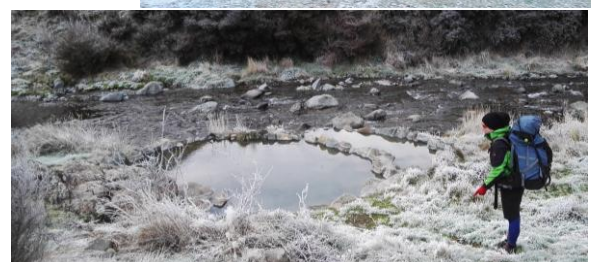
How did the family live in the rammed earth homestead for so many years?

Day two followed the Stanley River down before we climbed up into the 'racecourse' and dropped



down into Scottie's Camp. Day three included Cow Stream's natural hot pools and a wander through some very sticky mud back to the van.

The weather was incredibly kind although I think everyone would agree they have now experienced winter tramping in the South Island.



## From the Library

Dear All,

Mrs Nelson would like to apologize for sending an overdue notice to those whose students do not have an overdue book. The notice was mistakenly sent to EVERYONE. There still are, however, over 60 overdue books to be returned, so please check with your child to see whether they need to return any.

Thank you *Mrs Nelson*

## Rugby Representatives

Congratulations are in order for the following Kaikoura High School boys who were selected for the Marlborough Rugby Reps:

- U11s - Oliver Burra, Jack Dunlea
- U13s - Hayden Rush
- U14s - Logan Kirk

Great work and good luck with the rest of the season.

Also, this year Matt Getz and Adam Ford have been travelling weekly to train and play in North Canterbury for the Hurunui U16 team. On top of ending the season off with a dominating win over Oxford (53-0) the boys were selected for the North Canterbury U16 Rep team. As if that wasn't good enough for the two of them, they have since found out that they have been named for the Canterbury Country U16 Rep team! What an accomplishment and certainly deserving of some recognition. Congratulations to the two of you and good luck with the rest of the season.



## NZQA Entry Fees

Senior students have been given a summary of their internal and external entries for NCEA this year and information on how to apply for financial assistance for those who qualify. Application forms for financial assistance have been posted to all senior students and must be received before **Friday 26th August**.

The amount due is \$76.70 regardless of the quantity of unit standards or achievement standards being entered for.

The final day for payment of NZQA Entry Fees to Kaikoura High School is **Friday 26 August**. After that day the late payment will have to be made to NZQA by parents and caregivers.

## Senior Exams

Senior examinations will run from Thursday 18th August through until Tuesday 23rd August.

These exams are run with the same rules and routines as the NCEA exams at the end of the year and these will be outlined to students prior to our internal exams. The results can be used by staff if students require a derived grade at the end of the year because they are unable to attend due to illness or bereavement etc.

Students have received the timetable and it is also available on our Facebook page and at the school office. Can you check with students to ensure they are aware of when their exams are and contact the school if they are unable to attend.



## Barista Course

Thanks to Phillip from NMIT who ran a very successful Barista Course with our students.



The unit standard the students did was 17285 demonstrate

knowledge of commercial coffee equipment and prepare espresso beverages under supervision level 2, 4 credits.

The students learnt how to clean and maintain a coffee machine, froth milk, and make several different kinds of coffees. It was a 2 day course on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 August.

Feedback from the tutor was – “they came out of the course with a reasonable understanding of the coffee making process, and he was impressed with the speed in which they learnt the skills”.

Feedback from students was they really enjoyed it and Phillip was a great tutor.

## Funded Influenza Vaccines for Children and Adolescents up to 18 years old

Due to the kind generosity of Tukete Trust and the Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura, Kaikoura Healthcare have been donated funding for under 18 year olds to be given FREE Flu vaccinations.

Getting the Flu vaccination not only protects you from getting the Flu but will also help protect others in your family and community who may be vulnerable. Flu can be a very serious illness leading to hospitalisation and sometimes even death. Flu can affect ANYONE not just those with reduced immunity.

If you and/or your family have not been vaccinated yet please call to book an appointment on 03 319 3500 press 2, then 1. Vaccinations available for a limited time only.

Once again Thank you to the Tukete Trust and Lions Club of Seaward Kaikoura. Their kind donation will help keep our community healthy this winter.

## Prize Giving Trophies

It is that time of year again when we ask that any of you who were lucky enough to receive a trophy at last year's Prize Giving hunt them out, polish them up and return them to school. We can then begin the process of collating them ready for our 2017 Prize Giving that will be held on **Thursday 8 December 2016**.

## Art Department

The Art department is short of newspapers again. If you have any large newspapers (e.g The Press) that you do not require could you please drop them in at the school office.

Thank you – Helen Parkinson

## 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 – Term 3

Please note these dates on your calendar:

- 18-23 August – Senior exams
- 19 August – Year 10 Whale Watch Trip
- 25 August – Daffodil Day Mufti
- 25 August – Otago University Planning
- 27 August to 2 September – Correspondence (Te Kura) School exams
- 29 August to 1 September – Winter Tournament (Netball & Basketball)
- 2 September – Elections for Student Rep. on the Board of Trustees and School Council
- 7 September – Year 10 MidYis Test
  - Senior Options and NCEA Information session 5.00-7.00pm
- 12 September – Year 7/8 changeover
- 12-15 September – Year 7/8 Tournament
- 16 September – Get to Go
- 13 September – MCAT Examination
- 20 September – Board of Trustees Meeting 4.30pm in the KK High School Board room
- 21 September – Assembly. All welcome to attend.
  - Waiata Competition
  - NMA visit
- 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**



## Hockey Skills Programme – Sunday 2 October 2016

This workshop is aimed at any kids interested in Hockey, all levels from beginners to those already playing welcome. It is run by Matt Ling who has a Hockey academy in Christchurch and will be bringing up several coaches for the day.

Plan for the day would be as follows:

- 11am: Skills Session
- 12pm: Coaches session - lunch break for the kids
- 1pm: Skills Session/Modified games
- 2pm: Tournament

To register please contact Jo Fissenden at Kaikoura High School before 12<sup>th</sup> September. All gear provided.

