

Kaikoura High School

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Principal's Message...

Tēnā koutou katoa ngā Mātua

As we approach the end of another busy term it is good to see the arrival of spring, a time for looking forward to the culmination of the year's work. Our senior students will have completed their in-school programme at the end of Week four, Term four, and most will be on study leave to sit their external examinations after that. The remainder of the year will therefore be a very focused time for them, and we all need to encourage and support them so that they can perform at their very best. I have met with Year 12 and 13 students this term and we discussed ways in which they can prepare well for exams, including the importance of study, sleep and diet. The coming holidays are an opportunity for students to have a rest and return in Term 4 well prepared for the challenge.

Congratulations to all of our sports teams who were involved in the South Island Secondary School Sports tournaments and the Koru Games. All the reports back have been very positive in acknowledging the team efforts and excellent behaviour of our students both on and off the field. Coaches and parent supporters have felt proud of our students who have represented the school and the community admirably. Thank you to everyone who has coached and supported our young people in their sports programmes over this term.

We recently conducted surveys of our students, teachers and parents to get feedback on things that are going well and areas where we need to pay more attention. The comments from all participants are overwhelmingly positive, but we have analysed the results and we will address areas that we could improve on. This will involve discussions with students, teachers and whanau. We were able to compare the results of this survey with the same surveys held in February this year and March last year. I was very pleased to see improvement in the perceptions students have of their ability to succeed and the ways teachers support them to achieve. The majority of parents who responded to the survey felt that they were provided with opportunities to contribute their knowledge and experiences to the school. My own view is that we will need to continue to work on improving these encouraging trends.

I wish all of our staff and students a safe and restful holiday break. Please note that school will be finishing at 1.15pm on Friday 23 September 2016.

Noho ora mai ra.

John Tait

Orana Park Visit

Year 13 Biology made their annual trip to Orana Park as part of the Human Evolution topic in August. We picked the worst day – pouring rain and threats of snow. It was so bad they let us drive into the park to get around. The animals were freezing cold and trying to hide from the impending snow! The biggest attraction this year was seeing the new gorillas up close and personal.



We were the only people in the zoo for most of the morning and it was amazing to watch the gorillas play up to an audience. It was a great trip despite the weather, and it is always a valuable learning experience leading into the Human Evolution topic at Level 3.



Year 9 Eco Tourism and Year 10 Students Visit to Whale Watch

On Friday 19 August, the Year 9 Eco Tourism students and all Year 10 students were given the fantastic opportunity to go whale watching and experience our amazing local marine environment. The students were joined by four staff members including Mr Tait who was experiencing the tour for his first time. We were extremely fortunate to see a Blue Whale on our trip, along with albatross



and a very friendly pod of dolphins. This was a no-cost trip fully sponsored by Whale Watch Kaikoura for which we are very grateful. The students and staff had a fantastic day out and we feel it is a great way for the students to learn about environmental sustainability and local conservation.

Thank you to Whale Watch for your generous support towards our students learning!



Photos taken by Noah Bentley

Lynton Downs' Visit

The Year 9 and 10 Write Away group welcomed Lynton Downs' students to our school for two sessions of poetry writing. In our first lesson, all of the students explored the theme of 'Daffodils' and we enjoyed sharing our poems together. For the second lesson, the Year 9 and 10 students thought about what they would like their friends from Lynton Downs to learn. The older students then organised individualised resources and teaching ideas to facilitate the learning.



Everyone seemed to benefit from the experience. Each of the Lynton Downs students was happy to share what they had learnt, and our students reflected on the skills they used to teach and learn together. This was a great opportunity for the Lynton Downs' students to get a taste of high school life, and for our students to apply their learning in a realistic context.

We look forward to working again together in the future. Thanks again to the Lynton Downs' students and staff for sharing with us.

48 Hours in Kaikoura

Congratulations to our students who participated in the recent '**48 Hours in Kaikoura**' photograph competition. Well done to Charlotte Comer, Angus Webby and in particular Summer Fissenden, who won the Junior Section.

CantaMaths Christchurch

With last year's results still lingering our two teams, over the last year, spent almost every Friday lunch period preparing for this year's event. Well the hard work paid off! This year, nine very enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 students travelled down to Christchurch for the 2016 Cantamaths competition held at Horncastle Arena. Each team was prepared for the noise and level of excitement, remaining calm and focused. The Year 7 team was able to answer 12 of the 20 questions, while the Year 8 team was able to answer 11 of the 20 questions, both within 30 minutes. This earned our teams 60 and 55 points respectively. All of the parents who came along to watch were very proud of the level of work displayed by our students but no-one was more proud than myself - having seen the effect that brought the team to this level. With this in mind the most impressive aspect of the whole event was that our two teams have already started working on a better result for next year!



Seafest

Once again we are looking for volunteers to help on the gate at Seafest. The funds will be added to the money we have already raised for playground equipment in our junior school (to date \$5,000 towards the \$45,000 we need). Volunteers must be 18 or older (we do supply a ticket to the event) and we need an hour or two of your time over the day – **Saturday 1 October**.

Please contact Jo Fissenden or Jan Dasler if you are able to help with any of these events.



2016 Tasman/Marlborough Ski Championships

On Wednesday 10 August our team of four keen ski racers competed in the annual Tasman/Marlborough Ski Championships at Rainbow Ski Field.

The team consisted of Max Simpson, Harry and Annalise Graham and Hayden Rush. We were accompanied by parents Nigel Graham and John Simpson. John had the team dryland training the evening before getting the team members to run through a set of poles and practice race techniques. This proved to be hilarious in the frosty conditions. Race day was a perfect Bluebird day. All four of our team members finished both runs of the course with the three fastest combined times counting. We finished 3rd in the mixed team event behind Nayland and Waimea Colleges: an amazing result considering the size of the schools we were competing against. Congratulations to Max Simpson who put in the fastest run of the day for Kaikoura High School.



School Buses

All primary school bus students have been asked to sit in the front section of their buses and the High School students will have the back half.

We are trying to ensure that all students are safe on their travel to and from school and if we can distinguish our primary and secondary students we can identify the trouble spots.

Please encourage and remind your children to follow these procedures this when they are travelling by bus.

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**.

NMIT Scholarship

Every year NMIT offers one student from each school in the top of the south an award worth \$2000 when you apply to study on a diploma or degree programme at NMIT. Awards can be used with other scholarships including Half a Degree for Free. All you need to do is simply apply online for your programme and then complete the form to register your interest in receiving the award.

<https://www.nmit.ac.nz/study/school-students-and-parents/apply-for-a-school-award/>

Up Coming Events – Term 3

Please note these dates on your calendar:

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

Friday 21 October – Middle school reports issued

Monday 24 October – Labour Day

25-27 October – Year 10 Science Wananga

Monday 31 October – Marlborough Anniversary (Race Day)

Friday 4 November – Senior Activity Day

7 November to 2 December – NCEA Exams

21-25 November – Year 10 Abel Tasman Trip

Friday 2 December – Middle & Junior school reports sent out

Wednesday 7 December – Junior Activities Day

Thursday 8 December – Prize Giving

SIT (Southern Institute of Technology)

Open Evenings

60 Waterloo Road, Hornby, Christchurch

- Tuesday 18 October 5pm - 7pm

This is an opportunity to meet with teaching staff to see the wide range of training opportunities SIT has to offer.

Courses include Automotive & Road Transport, Beauty Therapy, Construction, Electrotechnology, Hairdressing, Project Management, Social Services & Mental Health, Sport Exercise & Recreation.

SIT Open Day

Main Campus, 133 Tay St, Invercargill

- Friday 23 September 10am - 2pm

This is an opportunity to meet tutors, observe lectures and check out the facilities. There is a free BBQ, concert and workshops.

To register email morgann.price@sit.ac.nz

School Holiday Workshops

The registration link for Mission to Mars is now live for yr 9-10 students to attend during the next school holidays, 3-4 October 2016.

This is a great educational opportunity and is hosted by Ara Institute in association with NASA, Curious Minds and the US Embassy.

Spaces are limited. Based in Ōtautahi.

To register: <http://www.ara.ac.nz/explore-ara/information-for-parents-and-advisors/holiday-workshops/mission-to-mars>

Sport Tasman will be running the KidsActive holiday programme in the second week of the next school holidays (3-7 October 2016). I have attached a flier with information for parents. It would be great if you could mention in your school newsletter or wherever you think is appropriate – thanks heaps :o)

Living Springs Kids Camp

4 nights from Monday Sept 26 – Friday 30 September

A fantastic fun way to have your child fully supervised during the school holidays. A four night/five day sleepover camp, packed with adventure activities and an opportunity to get out and explore nature in beautiful Allandale, at the head of Lyttelton Harbour, only 20 minutes from Christchurch. A sample programme is available on the website. Camp does include a daily 1 hour 'sesh' which includes music, games and stories based on Christian principles and values.

Excellent and well trained leaders and qualified staff. Book now online at www.livingsprings.co.nz. Early bird payment \$265 for registrations before Sept 18, includes accommodation, food, activities and memories that are priceless!

For more information phone 03 329 9788 or email info@livingsprings.co.nz.

The Kaikoura Warrior is coming up on 5th November

Entries are now open for the Hunting & Fishing Kaikoura Warrior – **Saturday 5 November**

You can enter online at www.sporttasman.org.nz/warrior

OR pick up an entry form from Hunting & Fishing

OR pick up an entry form from Kaikoura District Council.

This is going to be FUN – more mud, more water, more suds & more obstacles to get over, through and around!

Get a team together or go it alone – there's the 6km ULTIMATE for those wanting a real challenge (including the dreaded shingle run), the 3km APPRENTICE for those wanting to just give it a go, and the 1.5km MINI for the kids.

FAMILY TEAMS: we will have a prize for the first family home in both the Ultimate and Apprentice. Please note – only individual kids can enter in the Mini Warrior but if they want to dress up with their friends and run together that's all good.

We would love to see clubs and workplaces enter a team – get your creative thinking going with costumes because that's half the fun!



Thursday, 22 september 2016 **Kaikoura Junior Tennis Club Open & Registration Day**

If you are interested in playing tennis this summer, why don't you come to our Open Day to try out? Reilly and Ben, the professional tennis coaches are joining from Inspire Tennis based in Blenheim. Ben will continue to coach us every Friday in Term 4.

We will offer you the professional coaching every Friday for 8 weeks in Term 4 at \$80 for players 7 years old and above in a small group. We also have the club day every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30pm for everyone to enjoy playing tennis. Parents are welcome to play. (There is a small ball fee for the adult players.)

We will have a few demo rackets available to try out if you are interested before purchasing a new racket.

For more information, please contact Noriko Burra via email norikoburra@gmail.com

**Tennis Club
open day**

Thursday

22 September

3:30-5pm

kaikoura

**high school
courts**

**coaching Starts
friday 14 October**

Kaikoura junior Tennis Club

Contact
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0272835564
norikoburra@gmail.com

Kaikoura Pet Show

The Boys and Girls Agricultural Club Pet Show
will be held on Sunday 16 October 2016
at Kaikoura Suburban School

FUN FAMILY DAY OUT, BBQ, STALLS & RAFFLES

Judging starts at 11 am for classes 1-7, then Fancy Dress followed by the presentation of Prizes.

CLASSES

1. Calf 2. Lamb 3. Dog 4. Goat 5. Horse
6. Feathers, Fluffies and Fins
7. Pre-school – Open to all pre-school children and their pets.
8. Fancy Dress – Open to all animals, all children. Use your imagination!
9. There will be a lamb drinking competition at the end of the lamb classes, bring your own bottle!

PROJECTS

These are optional but will help you win a ribbon! Tell us the name of your pet, when it was born, the breed, what you feed it, how you look after it and describe its personality. If you have kept a diary about your pet we will be most impressed!

Projects and Art Competition must be delivered to PGG Wrightsons, or Farmlands KAIKOURA by 30th September 2016 to be judged in time for the show.

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEAD.

REGISTRATION

One pet per child.

All registrations must be delivered to PGG Wrightsons or Farmlands **by Friday 30 September 2016.**

Pre-entries will receive a goodie bag on the day.

If cancelled it will be advertised on Facebook Kaikoura Notice Board on the day.



Any questions Ph. Biddy 319-6882

This is the 78th Pet Show

Kaikoura Pet Show

Sunday 16th October 2016

At Kaikoura Suburban School

Judging starts at 11 am

ALL WELCOME

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child: _____

Age of Child on the day: _____

Home Phone: _____

School: _____

Class entering: _____

Name of Pet: _____



SPORT TASMAN

Dear Parents and whanau,

The school holidays are fast approaching and we are delighted to announce that we will be running a holiday programme in the second week: **9am-3pm, Monday 3rd - Friday 7th October at Kaikoura Primary School**. The programme is open to primary school-aged children (aged 5-12) and is mixture of fun games, outdoor activities (weather permitting), art and craft.

The focus is on getting kids active in a fun way and creating an exciting programme that enables each child to learn and do something they may never have tried before, with opportunities for leadership and creativity.

At this stage we are limited to **20 children**, so get in quick! Registration forms can be picked up/dropped off at the **Kaikoura District Council reception**.

The cost is **\$25/day per child, or \$115 for the week**. Payment must be made before the start of the programme.

Working subsidies are available to cover some or all of the user fees if you're a working parent that meets the criteria. It's best to apply early to get your subsidy well before the holidays start. Call Heartlands to find out more information on subsidies on 03 909 9292.

Please note that the programme is a general guide; we may adjust it for weather and other variables. The children need to bring lunch, water bottle, hat and warm clothing each day, and have a backpack and shoes suitable for walking.

If you have any questions, or would like a registration form emailed, please contact Kim Boyce-Campbell:
kim.b@sporttasman.org.nz



October Holiday Programme

MONDAY 3RD

Getting to know you: games and craft followed by a sandcastle competition and picnic at Gooch's Beach

TUESDAY 4TH

Shake That Body! Dance workshops with hip hop instructor Tash Britt

WEDNESDAY 5TH

Whakatu Tamariki: Poi and rakau making, taiaha and ki o rahi (Maori games) with Matua Rawiri

THURSDAY 6TH

Food Glorious Food: It's Junior Master Chef time as we make it delicious and nutritious

FRIDAY 7TH

Wheels Day: Bring your bikes, scooters, skates and skateboards etc (and helmets!). Games and obstacle courses followed by arts & crafts.

We will finish the week with a mini-concert - parents and whanau are most welcome to come early and check it out!

*Please let us know if your child does not have a set of 'wheels' to bring and we will do our best to sort something out.