

# Kaikoura High School

## UPDATE



21 August 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
Kia ora koutou

This letter is to provide you with an update on current activities and events over the coming weeks. We are now half way through a busy term and our seniors are currently focused on their Derived Grade exams which will be completed on Wednesday 23 August. I have been very impressed to see the way students have worked with and helped each other in preparation for these exams. This is yet another example of the way in which our school values are alive and well.

### **YEAR 7/8 SKI TRIP**

On the way back from the school Year 7/8 ski trip an incident occurred which involved eight students and a teacher who were all travelling back to Kaikoura in a Rolfe's van. Three students had relatively minor injuries. Our full focus is on the well-being of the students, the teachers and their families. Members of the Board of Trustees and key staff have debriefed the incident and confirmed that the school's processes were followed.

In all situations like this an official investigation is required. That investigation is underway and we will await the outcome. In the meantime as a school we will focus on modelling our school value of awahi and showing our support to everyone involved.

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

This will be held on Friday 25 August and students are not required to attend. Supervision will be available for any students who come to school. This day is an opportunity for staff professional development.

### **UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

All students, parents and whanau who are thinking about possible future university study should read a new publication designed to assist with this. Details are as follows:  
*"Universities New Zealand - Te Pokai Tara (UNZ) has just introduced the inaugural edition of a publication called "Thinking about University" This is a guide for New Zealand students, parents and whanau. The guide is supported by an email address [studentguide@universitiesnz.ac.nz](mailto:studentguide@universitiesnz.ac.nz) and a PDF version is on the website <http://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz>"*

**MUFTI DAY - THURSDAY 24 AUGUST**

The proceeds from this mufti day will go to the Cancer Society as part of the nationwide Daffodil Day.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - 30 & 31 AUGUST**

Andrew Spencer will be taking the class and sports team photographs on Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 August. Please make sure your child comes to school in full correct uniform on both of these days. The photographs will be for sale - details on how to purchase them will be provided in early September.

**CONCERT**

On Wednesday 27 September the Year 9/10 Drama class will be presenting a musical rock concert in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from the school office.

Proceeds from this concert will go towards hire costs. Please come and support this initiative which has been proposed and planned by the students - they would love to see you there.

For further information on school events you can access our full school calendar through the KAMAR Portal. We also make regular postings on our school Facebook page of school events.

Kind regards

**John Tait**  
Principal