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The Staff and students are hard at work preparing for Mid Year Assessment / Examinations Week, which begins on Tuesday 3 June. In addition the busy life of the school continues with some great achievements and a busy and successful start to our cultural and winter sporting calendars.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Congratulations to **Samantha Scahill** in Year 8 who is a World Champion! Samantha won the International Junior Scenario Writing Championship in the United States. This is a huge achievement. Well done Samantha.
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- ★ Best wishes to **Robert Middlemiss (Coach), Henry Dunckley, Michael Prendergast, O'Shea Butler** and **Erica Kuhn** who are the SUSSED Team, in the middle division Community Problem Solving heading off to the World Championships in the USA having won the New Zealand title. Also, best wishes to **Jessica Schofield** in Year 7 who is competing as an individual in the junior division of Future Problem Solving.
 - ★ Congratulations to our Equestrian team competing in Hamilton at the North Island Secondary Schools' Association One Day Eventing Championships. They came second in the Championship and were Highly Commended. They were also second in the Pickmere Trophy which recognises sportsmanship and presentation. There were 26 teams competing and it was a true championship course; large and testing jumps and a well designed cross country. The team members are **Briar Corbett** Captain, **Jessica Carter**, **Bridget Newson-McNally** and **Emma Harrison** and travelling reserve and groom **Kelly Moss**. Thank you to the parents for their support.
 - ★ Congratulations to our Sailing Team who came fifth in the Teams' Racing Nationals over the holidays. The Kerikeri High School Sailing Team members are **Rosemary Sim** (Captain), **James Ayer**, **O'Shea Butler**, **Charlie Cartwright**, **Soren Crabb**, **Jay Prestt**, **Erik Thomas** and **Dylan Wichman**. Thank you to the parents for their support.
 - ★ Congratulations also to **Jessica Carter**, member of the Northland Pony Club team that participated in the national championships at Nelson during the school holidays. Northland were an impressive third overall.

- ★ Congratulations to **Elsa Brown** who has been selected for the Netball North U17 Representative Team, and also to **Caitlin Prendergast** who is non-travelling reserve for the Team.
- ★ The Kerikeri High School 1st/2nd XI Girls' Soccer Team travelled to Kaitaia last week and came away with 7-1 win. The girls played extremely well together for their first game of the season.

THEATRE ARTS ACADEMY SUCCESS: SHEILA WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL.

On Saturday 10th May thirty Year 13 Theatre Arts Academy students competed at the "Sheila Winn Shakespeare in Schools Festival" in Whangarei.

The Academy students performed two pieces: "Richard III" and "The Tempest".

Both pieces were interpreted in quite a radical way using avant garde theatrical conventions: the students' interpretation included creating their own Soundscape environment (using their own voices); sharing the few main characters in an Ensemble (of 14 students); and using Physical Theatre techniques throughout to create the environment of the play.

Both pieces were very well received and "The Tempest" went on to win, enabling the winning students to compete at the national finals in Wellington over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

The students are now trying to raise funds to get to Wellington through a variety of efforts.

NGA MANU KORERO

We are hosting the Northland Maori Speech Competition, Nga Manu Korero, next week. We have been able to hire the Centre thanks to the generous sponsorship of Te Puni Kokiri.

The Powhri will begin at 10am on Tuesday 27th May. The first student speech will start at 11.30am. The day will finish at approximately 4pm. Junior speeches will precede Senior speeches and Maori and English speeches will alternate. The Impromptu will be the second last item and the programme will conclude with Ta Himi Henare (Bilingual).

Day Two will run from 9am until 4pm and Day Three, Thursday 29th May will also begin at 9am, finishing on completion of the speeches with the presentation of the trophies and the handing over of the mauri to the next school.

We are looking forward to this wonderful showcase of the talents of our Tai Tokerau students.

THANK YOU ...

To Mrs Di Eastwood for presenting two very effective Study Skills Evenings for parents and students in association with our PTA.

SCHOOL BALL

The date of our school ball is Saturday 26th July. Tickets go on sale next week to Year Thirteen, Year Twelve and Year Eleven students. The student organising committee and Year Thirteen Dean Miss Emma Ash are hard at work on the organisation. Our school ball is very formal and we have high standards for dress and behaviour.

MUSIC NEWS

On April 25th three students from Kerikeri High School performed on stage in front of a capacity audience at The Centre at the annual Anzac Concert. **O'Shea Butler** (classical guitar) presented two *Preludes* by Villa-Lobos to open the concert, giving an assured performance entirely from memory. **Conor O'Brien** (flute) was accompanied by Barry Wilcox on the grand piano in a confident rendition of Warlocks 20th century piece *Basse Danse*, and **Bernadette Biggelaar** (violin) received enthusiastic applause for popular Irish work *O'Carolan's Concerto*, backed by Clare Penny on flute and Christian Martindale on guitar. Well done! Trinity College Practical Music exams are to be held in August. **Mitchell Polglaze** and **Bryn Van Vliet** have both been entered to sit Grade 6 Saxophone.

SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST - NORTHLAND HEATS

Entered from our school is the Rockband "The German Amateurs". Members of "The German Amateurs" include **Ezra Simons, Treye Liu, Isaac Lindesay** and **Gibson Harris**. They will be performing at 1.50pm, Sunday 25th May at Tikipunga High School, Cork Road. All supporters of our Rockband are welcome!

STAGE CHALLENGE 2008 - 'TE HOKINGA MAI'

Our 2008 Stage Challenge entry "Te Hokinga Mai" (The Return) will take the stage at Forum North in Whangarei on Wednesday 2nd July. The show begins at 7pm, although performers and back stage crew will be at the venue all day. Kerikeri High School has been allocated 60 tickets which will go on sale on a "first come, first served" basis. Tickets can be purchased via Ticketek on 0800 Ticketek.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us so enthusiastically, we hope to see you there!

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Becoming a host family for the Kerikeri High School International Programme can be a very rewarding experience. We are currently recruiting for arrivals in July 2008. The duration of the students' stay is usually 2 or 4 terms and host families

receive an allowance. If you are interested in obtaining further information, please contact Mrs Wrae Adelinger – Homestay Manager – Phone direct 4070163 between 8.30am and 3pm or 4074122 evenings.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of those families who have paid, or who are making regular payments towards Subject Fees and the School Contribution. An ever increasing number of families make regular payments to the school by direct credit and we encourage you to consider this method of payment. Just call Reception for the information you need to start an automatic payment.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- ↗ Nga Manu Korero Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th May
- ↗ ICAS Science Competition Thursday 29th May
- ↗ MUFTI Friday 30th May

↗ **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (School Closed)**
Monday 2nd June

↗ **Mid Year Examinations and Assessment Week** Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th June

↗ Northland Cross Country Barge Park Thursday 5th June

Best wishes to all Year 9 to 13 students for your upcoming Assessments and Examinations. Get organised, work hard and aim to do your absolute best.

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