



## **KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER**

Greetings All.

It feels like it has been a long, hard winter. Those of you on farms, in particular, will be pleased to see the back of it. For the High School we are fast approaching the business end of the year, in particular for our senior students. Mock exams start at the beginning of next term and externals follow not long after.

The big news of the week for your Board was the final approval of the Ministry of Education for the funding for the ten new classrooms to be built at the School. It is a fabulous project and one that the Property Committee has been working on incredibly hard. It is now all systems go and we are not wasting time. Approval was received on Tuesday and we are hopeful the work will be underway next week.

As with any major construction project there is inevitably disruption and inconvenience. Part of the School which is currently used for carparking will be closed off as from Monday. While we apologise for any inconvenience we hope that everyone will agree that the exciting end justifies the interim pain.

Our major code winter sports teams have had some great results this last term. For instance, our 1st XV were Northland Champions, though found the trip across the harbour bridge led to a different level of competition, our 1st XI Hockey Girls won their winter tournament and were runners up in the Northland competition and our 1st XI Hockey Boys won their Northland competition.

It isn't just the major codes where the School is succeeding though. The Board get an excellent Sport Report for each meeting and in future this will be put on the School website [www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz](http://www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz). It is wonderful to see the range of sports being embraced and thanks to the teachers and parents who are making it happen.

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It was great fun to see some of the Drama productions put on by year 11 and year 12 students. The plays, written as well as performed by the students were good fun and well done. It is another example of the breadth of opportunities both within and outside the curriculum at the School.

Many thanks to those parents and caregivers who have paid the school contribution this year, and to the 55% who also paid the additional parent contribution. 36% of the parent contributions remain outstanding. That equates to around \$45,000. Please understand that this makes a massive difference to what the School is able to offer your children. It is understood that these are tough times but if you are reading this and haven't paid the contribution please know that if you are able to contribute every dollar received counts.

It is great to see students wearing the new representative jackets and no doubt there will be a big uptake by those eligible prior to next winter.

The Parent, Teacher and Student Surveys are finally complete after many hours of drafting and debate! Surveys will be sent out in the third week of the 4<sup>th</sup> term and once again we urge you to take part. It is a good opportunity to make your views known to the Board and to help shape the School's future. A reminder that if you are able to complete the survey on line that helps us keep the costs down. Please email us at [enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz) if you wish to do the survey electronically.

Best wishes to all for the holidays, and good luck to the senior students for what is crucial preparation time. Having said that we suspect that most could do with at least a few days off in the holiday to recharge the battery....

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The Board