

## Kia Ora

Our school is going through a very difficult time and we are all working together to support our students and one another.

The staff of Kerikeri High School have been wonderful. We are impressed at the caring way that the students have responded.

Our School Chaplain, Mr Stu Angus, has some words for us:



### Liberty's Legacy

This is the most terrible time.

One of our own has been taken from us. Liberty Rose, who lived, loved, sang, danced, acted and grew among us. Beloved and cherished. Nurtured and adored by her parents and brother. The expressions by her friends in our school Auditorium show how much others loved her too. Liberty's life has been taken. We are traumatized. A shadow is cast over us.

What do we do? Who do we turn to?

Psalm 23 tells us : "*The Lord is our Shepherd....He restores our soul....When we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we are to fear no evil, because God is with us....He will comfort us.*"

On Sunday night and during Monday, I, and others felt such palpable fear in our community. The announcement of a homicide investigation had cast a shadow over us. When we as a community prayed that God would shepherd us, He answered our prayers in a way He so often does, He began to shepherd us through each other.

It was just as palpable to see the fear washed away by love, care and gentleness. We have turned to each other and God has met us. We are comforted. We are being restored.

Some of our great institutions which bring young and old together, like the marae and the church are not as central to our society as they once were. But our school is at the heart of Kerikeri. Fifteen hundred of us, young and old gather here five days a week. We learn, we teach, we play. Parents trust their greatest treasure to us. We are governed, sustained and protected by each other.

Liberty Rose's legacy is that we have drawn closer to one another. We have looked to each other and we have found love. For this we thank God.

We will miss you, Libby. Those who loved you will ache for you. But you have left us something to hold on to. One another.


Aroha nui

Stu  
School Chaplain.

The 2008 academic year is rapidly drawing to a close for our seniors.

On November 12 we celebrate student achievements at our Senior Elite Prizegiving for Years 11, 12 and 13.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ The North Island Secondary Schools Show Jumping Championships were held recently at St Peter's School in Cambridge with 37 teams competing. Kerikeri High School entered two teams of four riders. Kerikeri High School Team 1 members **Briar Corbett (captain), Jessica Carter, Stephanie Archer and Paige Corbett** were placed first and are now the North Island Champions. 
- ★ Our Kerikeri High School Middle Division Team came second In the National Competition in Auckland and have qualified to represent Kerikeri High and New Zealand at the Future Problem Solving International Competition In Michigan USA in May 2009. The team members are: **Brooke Horrell-Morrison, Felicia Marston, Chris Stevenson, Emma McNeill. Charlotte Fladgate** won the middle Division Scenario Writing National Competition earning herself the right to represent Kerikeri High School and New Zealand in Michigan in May 2009. **Hammond Pearce** came second in the Senior Division of the National Scenario Writing competition and **Samantha Scahill** came third in the Middle Division of the Scenario Writing competition.
- ★ Kerikeri High School had 13 finalists named for the ASB Secondary Schools Sports Awards, which recognise the top school sportspersons in Northland. They were – **Jessica Carter** (Equestrian – Eventing), **Briar Corbett** (Equestrian – Showjumping), **Julie Flintoff** (Equestrian – Dressage), **Thomas Corbett & Alex Neely** (Golf), **Andrew Gell, Douglas Hope & Caleb Wright** (all Powerlifting), **Ellie Liddington** (Cricket), **Carla Marsh** (Swimming), **Mitchell Pomfret** (Football), **Matt White** (Rugby), **Melissa Simpson** (Track Athletics & Cross Country). Winners announced at the Awards Dinner last Friday were **Melissa Simpson, Julie Flintoff** and **Douglas Hope**.

### ANNUAL KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

The Kerikeri High School Art Exhibition was a wonderful success. Art work was exhibited from Year 7 through to Year 13 students. Congratulations to all students involved. Thank you to everybody who supported yet another successful show, especially to our Art Department and the PTA.

## GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Gateway is an exciting programme which is in its second year at Kerikeri High School this year. It has provided senior students with work placement opportunities with 'hands on' practical learning as well as gaining industry related qualifications. This enables the student to explore future career options. Support from local community businesses is very much appreciated.

Thanks to the 56 local businesses who have provided work placement support in Childcare Education; Police; Sports Training; Fashion, Print and Interior Design; Media; Retail; Computer Technology; Lab Technician; Hairdressing; Equestrian; Tourism; Hospitality; Horticulture; Conservation; Building; Construction; Plumbing; Electrical, Automotive and Civil Engineering.

- Sylvan & Lanark House
- Harinui Childcare
- Kororipo Kohanga Reo
- Kerikeri Police
- Dive HQ B.O.I.
- Kate's Riding Stables
- Keri Design and Print
- Cocoon
- Red Cherry Recycle Boutique
- Hobson Hair Studio
- Hermanas Hair Salon
- Flight Centre
- Scenic Circle B.O.I.
- Landing Restaurant
- Redwoods Café
- Posh Nosh Café
- Churchills Butchery
- Dept of Conservation
- Northtec Lab
- Radio Live
- Haruru Falls Electrical
- Fell Engineering
- Duffill Watts
- Waipapa Honda
- Jim Russ Panelbeater
- Far North Scaffolding
- Derek Nagel Builders
- Eden Elements
- Kerikeri Community Trust
- Nurture by Nature
- Plunket
- Wizard Fitness
- Bay Dive and Tackle
- R.D.A.
- David Reid Homes
- Pre Loved & New Clothing
- Living Nature
- Northland Hair Co.
- Heliops
- Fullers
- Copthorne Hotel B.O.I.
- Zest Café
- Fishbone Café
- Santeez Café & Bar
- Marsden Estate
- Scottronics
- The Northland Age
- Adam's Plumbing
- Rintoul Civil
- Waipapa Engineering
- Jordan Auto Electrics
- Hammond Motors
- Havock Panel and Paint
- Perrin Builders
- KERI Pre Cut Trusses
- Ashby Construction

## LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Leadership Camp for Year 13 students will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2009. The aim of the camp is to give students the opportunity to develop their leadership and team building skills, especially to work with our new Year Seven students as their Peer Support Leaders. All 2009 Year 13 students are invited to attend the camp.

<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs Elizabeth Forgie
<b>Deputy Principals:</b>	Mrs Judy Cleaver, Mr Mike Clent, Mr Tim Rea, Mrs Glenys Ross
<b>Reception:</b>	Jolanda, Amanda, Sue, Barbara
<b>Guidance Counsellors:</b>	Mr Dan Munro, Mr Stuart Angus, Mrs Gill Luke
<b>Careers Advisor:</b>	Mrs Jenny Taylor
<b>Board of Trustees Chairperson:</b>	Mr Rick Palmer
<b>Parent Teachers Assoc:</b>	Mrs Kaye Neely 407 8141, Mrs Kartini Martin 407 6889
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If you have any enquires regarding the camp please phone Ms Su Neave at Kerikeri High School.

## SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7:30pm:  
\$5 – adult / \$3 – children

Kerikeri High School and Kerikeri Primary School are undertaking an exciting project: to create together a theatrical show that celebrates the end of year and the coming of summer.

The Year Ten Drama students from Kerikeri High School have been working with the Year Five and Six pupils from Kerikeri Primary School to devise a theatre piece that involves the talents of all.

This show has two strands: individual scenes that celebrate and demonstrate the wide and varied talents of the young people from both schools, and a continuing story. The continuing story celebrates the quintessential kiwi summer, through song, dance and skits.

So, come and join us and enjoy a humorous evening suitable for the entire family. **School's out for Summer!** will have one performance in the Auditorium at Kerikeri High School at 7:30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Tickets are on sale at Reception: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Instrumental Evening Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 9 & 10 Volleyball Finals Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- **SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am in the School Gymnasium
- Year 9 & 10 Examinations Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- NCEA External Examinations start Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

*We wish all our senior students well in their forthcoming NCEA examinations. Work hard and aim to do your absolute best.*

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