

We were pleased to welcome the students back after the break. Please look out for the insert in this Newsletter. The Sports Dates are backed with some important Health Information regarding the Swine influenza.

We have a lot to look forward to this term with the very important Mid Year Examinations and Assessment Week in Week Five, a lot of hard work in classes and a full sports and cultural calendar.

Work Day is our major full school fundraiser. Over the years our students have raised money for projects such as the school vans, shade structures, covered ways and filtered water, and many extras not covered by government funding. We really value your support.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Congratulations to our sailors for their performances at the Algies Bay Regatta at the end of last term. At the Nationals, our Teams Racing team of **Rosemary Sim** (Captain) **James Ayr**, **Harris Bindon**, **O'Shea Butler**, **Charlie Cartwright**, **Andrea Hawtin**, **Erik Thomas** and **Dylan Wichman** came fourth in New Zealand in Lyttelton during the holidays.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Mason Ruwhiu** who took first place in the Senior Boys' High Jump at the Northland Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships
- ❖ Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Western Heights Tournament last term. The Girls' Mountain Biking Team of **Rachel Martin**, **Nita Sullivan** and **Olivia Wadman** won the Senior Girls' event at the Tournament and the Boys' Mountain Biking Team of **Michael Dowdle**, **Rhys Felton**, **Daniel Field** and **Jonny Martin** were third in their event.
- ❖ The Dressage Team competed at the North Island Secondary Schools' Championships in Cambridge. The team of three riders, Captain **Emma Harrison**, **Bridget Newson McNally**, **Imogen Van Pierce** and groom **Kelly Potts** all contributed to the team placing with several top ten placings. Special congratulations to Emma who won the Individual Championship on the second day.
- ❖ Congratulations to the Show Hunter Team **Emma Harrison**, **Imogen Van Pierce**, **Georgia Grimme** and **Kelly Potts**. All had numerous top ten placings to come second overall in the Northland Secondary Schools' Championships.
- ❖ **Levi Munro**, **Cameron Graham**, **Luke Bowring** and **Ben Scott** were selected to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Pacific Inline Hockey Championships in Perth.
- ❖ **Qiyara Bacon** (9JAM) represented Tai Tokerau at the Annual Maori Netball Tournament, Easter weekend in Hamilton and was named in the Aotearoa Maori Under 13 Squad.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Harriet Rea** who played for United Soccer 1 Girls' Under 14 in the National Identification Tournament in Napier.

KAPA HAKA GROUP

The Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools' Festival was hosted by Bay of Islands College on the 7th and 8th

April. All of the hard work the group put in was evident in the confident, powerful and spirited performances, at school on the Friday before the Festival for students, staff, whanau and Board Members, and twice at the Festival.

A huge thank you to Mrs Blossom Silich, Mrs Kim Rogers, Ms Huia Armstrong, Mr Troy Kingi and Mrs Tania Peters-HeiHei. Thanks also to our strong band of parents and supporters.

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL WORK DAY

Friday 8th May 2008

Kerikeri High School's major fundraising activity for the year.

Funds raised will be used by the Parent Teachers' Association to purchase items that have been identified by students through the Student Council. It is a way in which our students take pride in contributing to their school.

Students are expected to find their own work and to work for a minimum of five hours.

We ask for your cooperation with the following requests:

- ⊙ Please pay students by cheque made payable to "Kerikeri High School"
- ⊙ Please return the cheque and completed workday card in an envelope
- ⊙ Please write the student's name and the amount earned on the outside of the envelope

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ICAS COMPETITIONS

ICAS Spelling (Years 7 & 8 only), Writing and English Competitions (Years 7 to 13) will be held early in June and August. The last day for entries is Friday 22 May. Entry Fees: Spelling \$9.50, Writing \$14.00, English \$7.50. Please pay entry fees to Reception by Friday 22 May.

HOSPITALITY NEWS

Senior Year 12 and 13 Hospitality students attended a 'Caravan of Skills' workshop at the Culinary Institute of New Zealand recently, where they garnered useful skills and tips from leading Chefs and tutors for the upcoming Regional Hospitality Competitions. The competitions will be held at NorthTec Whangarei on June 14th and 15th, where Kerikeri High School's team will be defending their title as Top Northland School.

JAZZ BAND NEWS

Over Easter weekend, the Kerikeri High School Jazz Band travelled to Tauranga to perform at the National Youth Jazz Competition. The Competition was an opening for the annual Port of Tauranga Jazz Festival. The Band performed four pieces to an audience and three judges, including Trombonist Roger Fox, are all very well known jazz musicians. **Martin Brooks** was awarded Most Outstanding Clarinetist. This is a

great accomplishment as he was the only Clarinetist picked from two competition categories: the Big Band category (Jazz Bands) and the Combo category (smaller ensembles). **Bryn Van Vliet** and **Barney Olson** were selected to audition in June for the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, held in Wellington. Aside from soaking up the entertainment that the festival had to offer, the students were treated to a Kokomo workshop in Katikati. Kokomo opened their recording studio 'The Boatshed', which gave the students an insight into the lives of professional jazz musicians.

The Kerikeri High School Jazz Band will be playing on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August in Paihia and Russell at the annual Bay of Islands Jazz and Blues Festival. The Band is looking for performance venues towards the middle of Term 2. Please contact the Music Department for more information.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM OUR OUTGOING PTA CHAIRPERSON

For the past three years it has been my privilege to present the Chairperson's Report to the PTA AGM and this will be my 4th and last, as I will be standing down at this meeting.

When I look back over the past year I am as always, blown away by the number of parents who have contributed their time to events or activities in support of our children and the school in general.

Many people see PTAs as simply a fundraising tool or a bunch of women who make cups of tea and sandwiches. Well, yes we do do those things but more than that the PTA here at Kerikeri High School is a valuable resource both for the school and especially for the parents. We offer a place where parents can let off steam or contribute innovative ideas and be listened to by the Management as well as supporting the school in practical ways such as assisting with stationery distribution at the beginning of the school year, counting workday money, or catering for the Ball and the Art Exhibition.

On the topic of the Ball, I would like to offer a huge vote of thanks to all who were involved and especially to Iris who coordinates the catering, right down to the paper cups and sugar lumps. Supported by an outstanding team of parents who provided food of excellent quality and stunning presentation, Iris is the model of unflappability. The 2008 Ball was a huge challenge when it was postponed on the day due to a weather bomb and the PTA had to deal with sorting and re-preparing food for the second date and helping with phoning everyone. But we did it! PTA promotes the Study Skills evenings for parents of year 9/10

students twice a year. These are presented by Di Eastwood (one of the school staff and the Teacher with Library responsibility) and offer hints and tips for helping children faced with exams for the first time. Last year these were not so well attended so let's hope it was because the children were already onto it with their study skills.

There are many other activities we assist with throughout the year but I think you get the message – the parents at Kerikeri High school are a hard-working supportive, caring bunch and the PTA is a true representation of that.

I would also like to acknowledge the attendance by Elizabeth at as many of our monthly meetings as she can fit into her already jam packed schedule, and to the Teacher liaison person Judy Cleaver. Having a representative from senior management level at each meeting is a definite benefit and we do appreciate it. To finish I would like to offer my thanks to the current committee for not just coming up with ideas but always being willing to act on them. Special thanks to my right hand woman, Kartini, our secretary and my left hand woman, Suzy our Treasurer. You guys have made me look good!!! And finally Good Luck to the incoming Committee.

Thank you

Kaye Neely
Chairperson 2009
KKHS PTA

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Year 8 Marae Stay Camp One 8EAS & 8LOG Tuesday 5th – Wednesday 6th May
- 1st XV Northland Secondary Schools' Girls 7s Mid Week Football Wednesday 6th May
- Canterbury University Liaison Visit Thursday 7th May
- **WORK DAY** Friday 8th May
- Year 8 Marae Stay Camp Two 8MER, 8WYN & 8THM Tuesday 12th – Wednesday 13th May
- Year 8 Marae Stay Camp Three 8KEM, 8CLR & 8CAS Thursday 14th – Friday 15th May
- World Vision 40 Hour Famine Community Event at the Centre Saturday 23rd May

Best wishes for a great Term Two.

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