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This is the last Newsletter our senior students and their families will see before our seniors leave to sit NCEA External Examinations. Good luck and work very, very hard.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- * For an unprecedented second year our Equestrian Team of **Briar Corbett, Jessica Carter, Tegan Newman** and **Zoe Taylor** have taken the North Island Secondary Schools' Show Jumping Title. What is even more amazing is that our second team of **Amy Kerr, Imogen van Pierce, Kelly Moss** and **Cassandra Carter** came second of the 63 teams.
- * Congratulations to all of the winners at the recent ASB National Secondary Schools' Sports Awards Dinner: **Douglas Hope, Laura Johnston** (Power Lifting), **Melissa Simpson** (Athletics / Cross Country), **Olivia Wadman** (Mountain Biking), **Briar Corbett** (Equestrian), **Mitchell Polglaze** (Futsal), **Ben Scott** (Inline Hockey), **Amy Newman, Hayden Crabb** (Motorcross), **Carla Marsh** (Swimming), **Alana Caldwell** (recognised for Netball umpiring).
- * **Brandon Johnston, Josh Pillidge** and **Ben Scott** were members of the Under 18 Northern Regional Inline Hockey Team that won the New Zealand Inter Regional Competition in Auckland over Labour weekend.
- * **Rupert Mark** has been selected for the United Soccer 1 Under 15 Boys' Academy.
- * Royal School of Music Practical Examination Results for Flute: Grade One Pass - **Andrew Otto**, Merit - **Sophie Sutherland**, Distinction - **Christine Jensen**, Grade Two Pass - **Maggie Howie**, Merit - **Jordan Telea**, Grade Three Merit - **Regan Polglaze**. Violin: Grade Three Pass - **Ronan Fraser**, Grade Four Pass - **Elijah Openshaw**

Look out for our wonderful Problem Solving results in our next Newsletter.

REALIZE THE DREAM

'Realize the Dream' is the National Science, Social Sciences and Technology event. It is held in Wellington in December. The best projects in each region are nominated. Only 53 have been nominated nationally this year and 28 were selected. **Samantha Stevenson** and **Corinne Marti** are two of the 28 in New Zealand who have qualified for the national event, another unprecedented achievement.

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

We warmly welcome parents, caregivers and friends of the school to Senior Prizegiving on Wednesday 11 November at 11.30am in the Gymnasium. We expect all students to be in perfect school uniform for this important occasion.

Junior students are not required to attend school on Senior Prizegiving Day as normal classes cannot take place. If junior students do come to school on Wednesday 11th November they will be supervised.

CHANGES TO MERIT AWARDS AND PRIZEGIVING

We are pleased to announce that our 2009 Senior and Junior Prizegivings will have an exciting new format as a

result of consultation with parents, students, staff and the results of last year's Surveys.

At the Senior Prizegiving at Year 12 and 11 we will be introducing a new format for the Merit Awards section. The Merit for Attitude Awards will mirror the Academic Awards. The students that receive their Merit Awards in the actual Prizegiving will be in the category of the Merit Excellence which matches the Academic Excellence Awards celebrating the top performers, usually about 10-20% of the year level.

The Junior Prizegivings will be much more closely aligned to the format of the Senior Prizegiving. At this year's Junior Prizegivings we will recognise Attitude Excellence, Academic Excellence and the top Sports and Cultural Awards. In keeping with the recognition of the group of students performing at top level, individual overall excellence awards will not now be made at year 7 and Year 8.

Students who do not receive their Merit Award at a Prizegiving Ceremony will have their Merit Award Certificate mailed home to them where they can enjoy their success with their parents. The feedback from parents was very positive when we mailed home Academic Excellence Certificates after the Mid Year Examinations, due to the positive conversation it created at home.

In Years 7-10 this year there will be an additional criteria to achieve a nomination for an Attitude Merit to encourage more students to improve from their Mid Year Attitude grade. If students achieve a Very Good or Excellent for Attitude in their End of Year Report they will get a Merit nomination in that subject.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

International Competitions and Assessments - Mathematics:

High Distinction: **Lucy Ellingham**

Distinction: **Nathan Neale, Han Ju Kim, Jesse Prendergast, Michael Prendergast, Hammond Pearce, Callum Thomas**

Credit: **Thea Baillie-Bellew, Ben Caley, Megan DeKlerk, Ronan Fraser, Adam Lee, Jakob McGowan, Jack Adcock, Michelle Gramse, Storm Knight, Ciaran Mahood, Jake Marsh, Bradley DeKlerk, Abby Gardner, Alastair Harris, Philip Hoy, Jackson Lee, Robert Lim Yock, Nicholas Price, Sam Scahill, Kelsey Stokes, Amber Kirk, Matthew Tyler, William Charlton**

National Bank Mathematics Competition:

Merit: **Michael Prendergast**

The Australian Mathematics Competition

Distinction: **Han Ju Kim, Alastair Harris, Nicholas Price, Callum Thomas**

Credit: **Jack Adcock, Nicholas Deas, Lucy Ellingham, Maggie Howe, Arvin Alexander, Bradley DeKlerk, Philip Hoy, Jackson Lee, Jesse Prendergast, Sam Scahill, Kelsey Stokes, Sara De Jong, Sinead Mahood, Jonathon Martin, Michael Prendergast, Nathan Laurie, Aidan Moyle, Hammond Pearce, William Charlton, Samantha Stevenson.**

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS - ENGLISH

High Distinction: **Lucy Ellingham, Jackson Lee**

Distinction: **Imogen Hull, Claudia Baker, Jessica Schofield, Alastair Harris, Samantha Scahill**

Credit: **Erin Bowers, Megan De Klerk, Patrick Harris, Ronan Fraser, Nathan Neale, Han Ju Kim, Robert Lim**

BENCHMARK INDICATORS

Hot off the Press! We have just received the Ministry of Education Benchmark Indicators. They compare Kerikeri High School to schools in the area, of our type (Year 7-13), co-educational (gender), Decile 7 and in our Roll Range of over 1000 students. They show an outstanding picture of achievement for Kerikeri High School.

GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Gateway is an exciting programme which is in its third year at Kerikeri High School. This year 100 senior students have taken the opportunity to do a Gateway work placement which has given them '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 53 local businesses who have provided work placement support in a wide range of employment industries: Kerikeri Community Trust, Harinui Childcare, Arohanui Childcare, Lanark House, Sylvan House, Kerikeri Primary School, Kerikeri Police, Stirling Sports, Wizard Fitness, Bay Dive and Tackle, R.D.A., NPC, Carrdale Stationery City, Visique Lowes & Partners Optometrists, Living Nature, Body Divine, Northland Hair Co., Bohemian Hair, Carla Brown's Cuts n' Things, B Hair Ltd, Westpac Kerikeri, Kerikeri Mission House Stone Store, Fullers Great Sights, Landing Restaurant, Posh Nosh Café, Santeez Café & Bar, New World Café, Café Java, Trainspotter Café, Churchills Fine Meats & Deli Butchery, Marsden Estate, Landshaperz, Northridge – Matauri Farms, Kerifresh Ltd, Scottronics, BOI Computers, Duffill Watts, Williams and King Surveyors, Robert Gibson Electrical, Bay Logics Ltd, Accurate Plumbing, Laser Plumbing, Jim Russ Panelbeater, Midas Car Care, Pitstop Kerikeri, Waipapa Metal Industries, Acrow / FNDC, C Partridge Yachts Ltd, Cottle Building, Billzarnie Contractors, JSB Construction.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

With the end of our financial year approaching, we urgently require settlement of all outstanding accounts. Students' Leaving Certificate and Record of Achievements may be held pending account payment.

Subject Fees are charged for all subjects that include a "take home" component, or for which materials are supplied by the school. Any unpaid Subject Fees may affect students' 2010 options.

PAID UNION MEETING

The PPTA have a Paid Union Meeting scheduled on Tuesday 17th November. As this is during Junior Examinations we are developing a timetable to ensure

that all students will be able to be supervised at school during the time of the meeting in Periods 2 and 3 with the co-operation of our union and non-union staff.

Please be aware that there may be some changes to the normal class programme during those two periods.

CHANGE TO 2010 START UP DATES

The new academic year will begin as follows:

Year 13	10.00am Tuesday 2 nd February
Years 7 & 13	8.40am Wednesday 3 rd February
Years 11 & 12	8.40am Thursday 4 th February
Years 8, 9 & 10	8.40am Friday 5 th February

Please contact us if amended times cause your family any difficulties.

2009 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The Kerikeri High School Magazine is a fantastic record of the year. The cost of the 2009 School Magazine is only \$10 as it is heavily subsidised by the School Contribution. It will be \$20 for any students who have not paid their School Contribution for 2009.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOSPICE MID-NORTHLAND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Please phone Desley Howden on 09 407 7799 or email vols@hospicemn.org.nz
SUMMER CAMPS 2009/2010

Scripture Union (A Christian youth organization) run camps for youth throughout the summer. If you are interested in more detail please contact our school chaplain Mr Stu Angus.

These are not school run activities

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Volleyball Finals Tuesday 10th November
- Year 9 & 10 Tennis Wednesday 11th November
- Senior Prizegiving Wednesday 11th November 11.30am in the Gymnasium
- Last day for Years 11, 12 & 13 Wednesday 11th November
- Junior Examinations Thursday 12th - Friday 20th November
- NCEA External Examinations Saturday 14th November - Wednesday 2nd December
- Beach Volleyball Years 7 & 8 Okaihau Friday 20th November
- 20/20 Girls' Cricket Friday 20th November

We are looking forward to these next busy weeks as, after Prizegiving, we complete the 2009 school year with our junior students. Once again, best wishes to all of our examination candidates, including our Year 9 & 10 students.

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