

Kia ora

We have made a great start to the year. It was wonderful to return to such excellent NCEA results. We have been looking forward to the students starting the 2011 year and have been working hard in January to be well prepared for them, made more challenging this year as a result of our construction for our new buildings starting.

...AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Miss Cooke	Physical Education
Mrs Fletcher	Physical Education
Miss Johansson	English
Mr Magon	Social Studies and English
Mr Margan	Assistant Head of Department, Physical Education
Mrs McMurtry	Mathematics
Mr Silich	English and Social Studies

NCEA RESULTS MAKE HISTORY

We have made history at Kerikeri High School this year with an outstanding 88.2% pass rate in NCEA Level One, up 11% from our best ever 77.3% the year before.

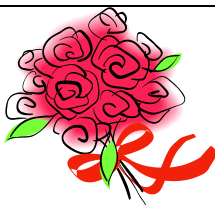
And with our boys rivalling the girls with 86.4% closing the gap from a 12% difference to the girls last year, to only 3% this year.

We are also delighted to be seeing all of the work done in the Te Kotahitanga programme being reflected in a 32% rise in the pass rates for our Māori students at Level One over the years the school has been involved in the programme.

The provisional results are also great at Level Two, with another 82% pass rate and the best ever at Level Three, where students have to take another a big academic step up, to 78%. Well done to all our hard working students and staff.

BOUQUETS

- **Jessica Lawson and Tegan Newman** are both members of the Bay of Islands Pony Club Team who are the North Island Showjumping Champions for the fifth consecutive year.
- The Waka Ama Club (Outrigger canoeing) "Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia" just returned from the Waka Ama Nationals at Lake Karapiro in Cambridge where they competed for the first time at National level. Congratulations to all the boys, especially **Waimana Riedlinger-Kapa** who won Gold medal in the W1 (single waka) 500m Final for Intermediate Men.

**PEER SUPPORT IN ACTION**

On Wednesday the 26th and Thursday the 27th of January, 100 of our Year 13 students took part in a Leadership Camp organised and run by Year 13 Dean Mrs Maria Halliday, Guidance Counsellors Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Jen Edmonds, Deputy Principal Mrs

Judy Cleaver, Deputy Principal and Peer Support Leader Mr Mike Clent, Mrs Jenny Taylor, Mr Lika Gaulofa and the Year 13 Form Teachers. The camp was a huge success with students able to complete training as Peer Support Leaders for our new Year 7 students. A very special thank you to the great parents who took care of the catering.

Peer Support began on the first day with our Year 13 students supporting the Year 7 students in their transition to Kerikeri High School. Organisation is also well under way for the Year 7 Camps which will be held at Urupukapuka Island again this year.

SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

Students over 15 years of age wishing to go on a 10 day Spirit of New Zealand voyage please see Mrs Gordon to find out how to secure a berth. There are also places available on the R Tucker Thompson which operates locally. Please see Mrs Gordon if interested.

**MEET THE FORM TEACHER EVENING
and NCEA INFORMATION EVENING
FEBRUARY 16th 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

All parents and caregivers are invited to a Meet the Form Teacher incorporating an NCEA Information Evening.

We will begin in the Auditorium with a Welcome from the Principal and the introduction to your child's Form Teacher, Dean and Deputy Principal.

Then the year groups will move off and we will incorporate a quick tour of the school. For parents of junior students, we will take you to the classrooms where your child has their classes. Parents of senior students may wish to join Year 10 and Year 11 parents and attend the NCEA Information Session that will form a part of the evening. The PTA are providing a light supper.

MUSIC TUITION

This year, the Kerikeri High School Music Department hopes to offer tuition in the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums and Vocals. Please see Miss Thompson in the Music Department for a Registration Form as soon as possible.

WINTER CODE PRE SEASON FITNESS STARTS AGAIN

Pre-Season training and General Fitness sessions start on Monday 7th February in the Gym. Sessions are being held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7.00am to 7.45am, and are for any Year level. Showers are available. Wear shoes. Bring breakfast if needed.

Any queries please see Mrs Gordon or Mr Jordon in the PE Office.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS KEY

Students cannot achieve their potential at school if their attendance is not good. To improve our monitoring of attendance, each day the Attendance

Administrator is going to be making phone calls home to check on the whereabouts of randomly selected absent students. You could help us with our tracking of attendance by phoning Reception in the morning if your child is going to be absent for the day. Thank you.

SCHOOL ZIP-UP SWEATSHIRTS

You may have been disappointed, as we were, in the quality of the new sweatshirts introduced last year. We went back to the supplier with our concerns and they tested the fabric. As a result of this they have offered to **replace jackets sold in 2010** with a new jacket in an improved fabric. This replacement will be size for size, so if a Size 14 was purchased, a Size 14 will be replaced. The new stock being sold in 2011 is already in the improved fabric.

Jackets will need to be returned to Mrs King at the Uniform Shop by **Monday 14th February**, and the jacket will be replaced shortly after this.

This will be the only opportunity with the supplier for this exchange, so if you want to take up this offer, the jacket has to be received at school on or before the 14th February, 2011.

HOMEWORK BOOKS

Science Homework books are required for Years 7, 8 and 11. There are some Year 9 and 10 Homework books available. Please contact Mrs Jackie Robertson at school if you would like one. The Year 7 - 10 books include an interactive CD-Rom. The CD-Rom will also be available on the Kerikeri High School Intranet for use by students during Interval and Lunch.

There are also Homework Books for all year levels for English and Mathematics. Homework Books should be purchased as soon as possible and are available from the Uniform/Stationery Shop.

OLD LAWMOWERS PLEASE

The Automotive Department would welcome any donations of old lawnmowers. They do not need to be working. Please contact Mr Russell McCabe on 4078916 if you are able to help.



SPORTS COACHES AND MANAGERS



The Sports Department are looking for willing Coaches and Managers for sports teams.

If you could help in any way, please contact the Sports Office and speak to

either **Mrs Marsh or Miss Liddington** or, alternatively, you could email sport@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

THE ECONOMIST MAGAZINE

If any parents subscribe to the Economist magazine and would be willing to donate older copies to the Kerikeri High School Business and Economics Department please contact Mr Chris Bell here at the school.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Waitangi Day** Sunday 6th February
- **Kerikeri Primary School Whakatipuranga Powhiri and 'handover'** Monday 7th February
- **Powhiri for all new students and staff** Tuesday 8th February
- **Year 7 Swimming Festival** Wednesday 9th February
- **Year 8 Swimming Festival** Wednesday 9th February
- **Board of Trustees Meeting** Thursday 10th February
- **Year 9 Swimming Festival** Friday 11th February
- **Year 10 Swimming Festival** Friday 11th February
- **Class Representative applications close** Monday 14th February
- **Prefect Interviews** Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th February
- **Swimming Championships** Tuesday 15th February
- **Meet the Form Teacher Evening incorporating an NCEA Information Evening** Wednesday 16th February 6.30 – 8.30pm. All welcome.
- **Kerikeri High School Triathlon** Friday 18th February
- **PTA Meeting** Wednesday 23rd February 7.30pm

You may want to keep the Information Page included with this Newsletter containing some of the information that you may need during 2011. The Helpful Information Page includes the names of the Deans, Deputy Principals and Guidance Counsellors. Remember that if you have any concerns or queries we will do our level best to help you.

We hope that your family will enjoy 2011 with Kerikeri High School and that you will join us as often as you can for school functions, trips and sporting events.

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E A. Forgie (Mrs) M.A. (Hons), Dip.Ed.Admin, Dip.Tchg.

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SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

• Visitors

All visitors to Kerikeri High School must report to Reception.

• The Deans' Centre

Kerikeri High School has a Deans' Centre to assist the students and their parents. Our Deans' Centre and Student Services Receptionist, Mrs Joanne Davis, or one of our Year Level Deans will always be there to assist students with town leave passes (with a note from home), lost property, care of student property, urgent telephone calls, school uniform and the whole host of things that students might need to help their day at school go more smoothly. The attendance of students, including students who are late or out of class for some reason, is administered at the Deans' Centre and in the Attendance Office.

Exemptions for uniform are issued by the Deans at the beginning of school each day from the Deans' Centre.

This year our Deans are:

Year 7	Miss Kate Crawford
Year 8	Mrs Katie Smith
Year 9	Miss Amanda Henry
Year 10	Mrs Erica Collins
Year 11	Mrs Emma Wise
Year 12	Mrs Jane Jarman
Year 13	Mrs Maria Halliday

• Who else can help?

Your child's Form Teacher.

The Deputy Principal for your child's Year Level:

Years 7 & 10	Mr Mike Clent
Years 8 & 13	Mrs Judy Cleaver
Years 9 & 12	Mr Daniel Wise
Year 11	Mrs Glenys Ross

Deputy Principals' Secretary Mrs Faye Robertson

Guidance Counsellors:

Mrs Gill Luke
Mrs Jen Edmonds
Mr Stu Angus (Chaplain)

• Keeping in touch

We send Newsletters home on a regular basis with the youngest child in each family. These are numbered, so if you miss one, please ask us for a copy. Copies are delivered to the Kerikeri Public Library and are available on the school's web site – www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz

Student diaries are a critical link between home and school and they are full of interesting information about the school.

• Lunches

Students can buy their lunches from the Tuckshop where an extensive daily menu is offered. The Tuckshop is open before



school, at intervals and at lunchtimes. There are special arrangements for lunches to be ordered and delivered for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students at the beginning of their lunchtime. Lunches should be ordered and paid for before school.

• 2011 Terms and Holidays

First Term: Ends Friday 15th April

Second Term: Starts Monday 2nd May

Ends Friday 15th July

Third Term: Starts Monday 1st August

Ends Friday 7th October

Fourth Term: Starts Tuesday 25th October

Ends Wednesday 7th December

Queens Birthday: Monday 6th June

Labour Day: Monday 24th October

• School Bell Times

8.35	Warning bell
8.40	Period 1- Form Time
8.55	Period 1- Form Time ends
9.00	Period 2 Begins
9.55	Period 2 ends
10.00	Period 3 begins
10.55	Period 3 ends
10.55	Interval
11.15	Interval ends
11.20	Period 4 begins
12.15	Period 4 ends
12.20	Period 5 begins
1.15	LUNCH
1.30	Seated lunch ends for Years 7 - 10
2.00	Lunch ends
2.05	Period 6 begins
3.00	End of classes for students
3.00	Non Contact time for Teachers
3.20	End of Non Contact period

• Cycle Helmets

Cycle helmets are compulsory by law and students who cycle to and from school are expected to wear helmets.



• The School Contribution and Accounts

An account for every student has been posted home. This will include the School Contribution and also Subject Fees for some subjects where there is a "take-home" component to cover the cost of materials that are provided by the school. Year 7 and 8 students pay subject fees for Technology, Art and Life Technology.

We realise that there are many expenses at the beginning of the year with stationery, school uniforms and camps, and we will be pleased to arrange for accounts to be paid over a period of time. **Automatic Bank payments are encouraged.** Please contact Reception to ask for the forms to start up a regular direct credit to

Kerikeri High School that will cover your family's expenses in easy payments throughout the year.

The School Contribution is very important to the school. This contribution can be claimed as a donation for tax purposes. The School Contribution is used to pay the huge number of extra activities and services at this school for which we receive no Government funds.

- **Hurt or sick?**

A sick or injured student at school must report to the St John Centre or to Reception. In the best interests of the students we will only release a student to go home unwell from school once a parent or caregiver has been contacted.

We need accurate records in the event of an emergency, so it is important that the school is informed of –

- ↗ **Change of address/circumstances**

- ↗ **Change of telephone numbers (work or home)**

- **Education Outside the Classroom**

We do run an extensive Education Outside the Classroom programme that includes everything from routine field work to after school sailing, camps, tramps and weekend sports events. Permission for routine and low risk activities is given on enrolment and we will contact parents for permission for each major or higher risk EOTC event before it occurs.

- **Sun Protection**

We encourage all students to wear hats and 15+ sunscreen when outdoors.



- **Parent Teacher Association**

The Parent Teacher Association meets monthly and all parents/caregivers are encouraged and welcome. The meetings are advertised in the School Newsletter.

- **Board of Trustees**

The Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees meets monthly in the Boardroom at 6pm. These meetings are open to the public and interested parents and caregivers are always welcome to attend. Please contact the Board Secretary Ms Barbara Klinac for details.

- **Stationery and Uniform Shop**

Students may purchase their stationery requirements from the school's shop at very

competitive prices. The school uniform is only available from the school's shop.

Shop hours are –

8.15am – 12.00pm Monday & Friday

8.15am – 2pm Tuesday & Thursday

- **School Uniform**

At Kerikeri High School we place a lot of importance on high standards of presentation and we thank all of those students and their parents who have made a big effort with school uniform.

We ask that parents and caregivers support our high standards and also our stand against graffiti – on exercise books, folders and school bags. Thank you.

- **Kerikeri High School Bus Bay**

The Bus Bay at the front of Kerikeri High School just accommodates the buses for the High School and Primary School.



Even one single car parked there at bus times means that buses are left blocking Hone Heke Road.

Please keep clear as directed by the signs.

- **Don't forget to turn left**

Traffic congestion in Hone Heke Road is a major concern – please remember the “**LEFT TURN ONLY**” rule between the hours of 8.15-9am and 2.45 – 3.45pm.

This rule covers the area from Oripiro Road past the entrance to the Kerikeri High School Tennis Courts and Community Swimming Pool.

- **Smoke –Free Environs Act Reminder**

We have always adopted a “smoke-free” environment at Kerikeri High School ever since the 1970s and we would like to remind parents and community users of the school that our entire campus is smoke-free. We require your co-operation in this.

- **Physical Education Gear**

The Physical Education Department recommends to parents that your child's name or initials be marked clearly on all sports clothing. They also recommend that sports shoes are worn for outdoor activities.

We hope that this round-up of school information is helpful for you.

Best wishes for a great year at Kerikeri High School.

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