



We are pleased to extend a very warm welcome back to everyone for the 2013 school year. We have had a busy start as always, and the school is settled, energetic in good heart.

### “BEST EVER” ACADEMIC RESULTS

Kerikeri High School has just achieved our “Best Ever” NCEA results. We are thrilled. Congratulations to our hard working and determined students and staff.

- NCEA Level One, Pass Rate an outstanding 89.5%
- 32.2% with Merit Endorsement
- 15.8% with Excellence Endorsement

Congratulations to all of our students who aimed for their Best 80 Credits.

You cannot achieve NCEA Level One without your Literacy and Numeracy credits. These pass rates were also outstanding:

- Literacy 96.4%
- Numeracy 95.4%

We were also delighted with our NCEA Level Two pass rates and Endorsements. Despite the academic step up in Level Two our Year Twelve students improved on their Level One pass rate and their NCEA Level Two pass rate was 86.7%. Our Year 12 students produced our Best Ever NCEA Level Two Endorsements.

- NCEA Level Two, Pass Rate an outstanding 86.7%
- Level Two Endorsed with Merit 32%
- Endorsed with Excellence 18%

Level Three is a challenging qualification. Again our students and staff produced our Best Ever Level Three pass rate of 81.4%, with 25% of the students getting Level Three Endorsed with Merit and 9.3% with Excellence.

Our University Entrance pass rate also the Best Ever at 76.6%. NCEA is the most accurate predictor for university success according to information released at the end of last year by the University of Auckland.

At the very top end of academic extension our students achieved 10 Scholarships, reflecting our academic ethos and the range of subjects available at Kerikeri High School.

Congratulations to:

- Justin Rogers Outstanding Scholarship-Drama
- Freya Forstner Scholarship-Biology
- Maxwell Irving Lamb Scholarship-Painting
- Maxwell Irving Lamb Scholarship-Photography
- Sam Tagart Cottis Scholarship-English
- Halina Myers Scholarship-English
- Annalise Bergman Scholarship-Photography
- Kieran Brown Scholarship-English
- Anastazja Harding Scholarship-English
- Anastazja Harding Scholarship-History
- Anton Norman Scholarship-Drama

The NCEA results are still provisional and may still increase once students’ reconsiderations and compassionate considerations are processed.

### WELCOME TO NEW STAFF FOR 2013

Joe Broughton (Automotive/Technology), Rachael Hardcastle (ESOL), Jessica Donovan (International Administration Manager), Ellie Liddington (Physical Education), Marita Hewitt (Design and Visual Communication), Liz Harte (Science and Mathematics), Tanya McGregor (Payroll Support) and Nadine Willis-Cleaver (Attendance Administration).

### RANGITAHU AWARD TE REO

The Te Reo Problem Solving Team consisting of Breeze Durham, Caleb Wilson, Rawiri Webb, Savannah Peters-Hei Hei, Tamiana Iorangi and Jasmin Winikerei recently received the very prestigious “2012 Maori Youth of the Year” Award run by TV One “Marae Investigates”. They were up against many finalists for this award and were presented with their taonga at Waitangi by TV One personality Scotty Morrison. Ka mau te wehi.

### WAKA

After intensive school community consultation our Positive Behaviour Team of staff and students have revamped and revealed our new school values.

We are learners Whaia te Matauranga  
 Act with respect Manaaki te tangata  
 Keep ourselves safe Tiaki tangata  
 Always proud Kia manawanui

We want everyone in our school community to uphold our values as we journey in our Waka to success.

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

We were excited this week to unveil our brand new Student Handbook. All Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will have a Handbook and it will be used continually and consistently across all of their classes.

It is packed full of useful information about the school – all you need to know such as bell times, school calendar, student support and services, our Honours system, the NCEA and What to do if...(frequently asked questions). Students had a major part in developing the Handbook that would be most useful to students. The Handbook incorporates a diary.

The Student Handbook is \$12.50 available from the school stationery shop.

### PEER SUPPORT IN ACTION

On Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st of January, 116 of our Year 13 students took part in a Leadership Camp organised and run by Deputy Principal and Peer Support Leader Mr Mike Clent, Deputy Principal Mrs Glenys Ross, Year 13 Dean Mrs Emma Wise, Guidance Counsellors Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Jen Edmonds, Mrs Jenny Taylor and the Year 13 Form Teachers.

The Leadership 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 and Mrs Taylor 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.

### SPORT FORUM

Kerikeri High School would like to extend an invitation to staff, parents and volunteers involved and interested in sport at Kerikeri High School to a Forum On Sport in our school at **7.00pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February in the Staff Room**. The purpose of the Forum is to cover many of the school processes involved with sport and to offer an opportunity for a question and answer/suggestion session.

### MEET THE FORM TEACHER EVENING 6.30pm-7.30pm NCEA INFORMATION EVENING 7.30pm-8.30pm WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Parents and caregivers are invited to a Meet the Form Teacher Evening 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 an opportunity to see our new buildings.

For parents of junior students, we will take you to the classrooms where your child has their classes. Parents of Year 10 and Senior Students may wish to attend the NCEA Information Session that will form a part of the evening. Everyone is welcome. Our PTA will provide a light supper.

### GOOD ATTENDANCE IS KEY

Regular attendance is vital to a student's academic success. If your child is absent from school, please ring reception and advise us of this with the reason for the absence. If you are not able to do this please supply an absence note when your child returns to school.

### WINTER CODE PRE SEASON FITNESS BEGINS

Pre-season training and general fitness sessions are being held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7.00am – 8.00am in the Gym for any Year level, showers available. Any queries please see Mr Jordon or Mrs Gordon in the PE Office.

### 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 Mrs

Simpson. Alternatively you could email [sport@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:sport@kerikerihigh.ac.nz)

### HONOURS AWARDS

Our Honours Awards are well established and highly sought after by our students. We award Honours for elite achievement in each of the Four Cornerstones of Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Leadership with Service. Many students are setting their goals at Honours level and we value this aspiration. Honours awards are so successful that we are now at the point where we need new Honours Boards for our Auditorium. Honours awards and Honours boards have previously been very generously sponsored by Mr Dave and Mrs Kathy Clarke and we are extremely grateful for their significant contribution.

If you are interested in making a major sponsorship contribution to the school to support our Honours system we would be most interested in hearing from you. Please contact Mr Mike Clent, Deputy Principal for further information.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **18-19 February** School Photos
- **19 February** Sport Forum 7pm
- **20 February** Prefect Celebration Assemblies
- **20 February** "Meet the Form Teacher Evening" and "NCEA Information Evening" 6.30pm
- **25 February** Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
- **1 March** Student Council Social
- **6-8 March** Year 7 Camp One
- **13-15 March** Year 7 Camp Two
- **20-22 March** Year 7 Camp Three
- **29 March** Good Friday
- **1 April** Easter Monday
- **2 April** Schools are Closed
- **4 April** Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
- **8 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4pm-7pm
- **10 April** HPV Vaccinations
- **15-19 April** Tai Tokerau Festival
- **16 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4pm-7pm
- **19 April** Last Day of Term 1 2013

You may want to keep the information page including with this Newsletter containing some of the information that you may need during 2013. We have included the names of the Deans, Deputy Principals and Guidance Counsellors.

We hope that your family will really enjoy 2013 with Kerikeri High School and that you will join us as often as you can for School functions, trips and sporting events.

**Kia ora**

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

<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs Elizabeth Forgie
<b>Deputy Principals:</b>	Mrs Judy Cleaver, Mr Mike Clent, Mrs Glenys Ross, Mr Daniel Wise
<b>Administration:</b>	Jolanda, Lynn, Sue, Susan, Lorraine, Loree, Faye, Joanne
<b>Guidance Counsellors:</b>	Mrs Gill Luke, Mrs Jen Edmonds and Mr Stuart Angus, Chaplain
<b>Careers:</b>	Miss Eileen Andrews
<b>Board of Trustees Chairperson:</b>	Mr Rick Palmer
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