

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

Greetings All

A warm welcome to new students and their families to Kerikeri High School. The Year 7s are in the middle of their excellent camps at Urupukapuka Island under the guidance of their peer support leaders from Year 13. New parents will find that there is a wealth of information to be obtained from the school newsletters. Peer support leaders will be telling Year 7 students to get involved in as many activities across the four cornerstones as they can and some parental encouragement to this end certainly helps!

It is always a fantastic start to a new school year for the Board when it is advised that the NCEA results from the previous year have been excellent. Viewed as a whole the 2012 NCEA results are the best ever obtained by the School and continues the upward trend of recent years. They really are outstanding and full credit to the students and teachers who together worked so hard to get those results.

The first term is flying past in a whirlwind of activities. Easter will no doubt provide a good opportunity for staff and students alike to recharge the batteries to see out the remainder of the term.

Thank you to all those parents who have paid the School voluntary contribution at the start of the year. The Board cannot stress enough how important the contribution is to the level of amenity the School can provide. This includes teaching resources. For any parents who have not yet paid please give consideration to either making the payment now, or sorting out a weekly or monthly direct payment which the School will be happy to facilitate. It really does make a difference! It is the Board's view that while great efforts have been made to keep the voluntary contribution at current level, moving forward the School simply cannot continue to get the results it does without increasing the contribution. This will probably happen next year. Kerikeri High School is a top rate school and the Board wants it to continue to earn that reputation.

After a very busy few years of building projects, which have improved the whole appearance and amenity of the School enormously, 2013 will be one of quiet upgrades to some of the existing older facilities. One of the other major property aims in recent years has been ensuring that all the classes are now climate controlled and that project is almost complete.

One major event for the Board in 2013 will be the end of the current Board's term of office with new elections in May 2013. Some of the existing Board members have indicated they are prepared to stand for re-election but it is also an opportunity for new blood and enthusiasm and the Board urges parents to consider throwing their hat in the ring when nominations are called for in the course of the next month or so.

The Board wishes all the 2013 students the best. Those in 2012 set the bar very high and it will take enormous effort for all involved to reach it again!

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The Board