



We are over half way through the term now and the school is in full swing. The third Year 7 Camp to Urupukapuka Island heads out this week and the Year Seven and Year Thirteen students are really finding this wonderful experience beneficial.

At Kerikeri High School with our four cornerstones approach and our "busy kids are happy kids" philosophy we are pleased with all the opportunities and activities that are in place already for our students, many who are actively participating in their cornerstones for 2015.

EMAILING OUR NEWSLETTER

Kerikeri High School is pleased to advise that we will be emailing our Newsletters directly to parents of the School who are on email as well as posting physical copies to those who do not have regular email access. This will happen from the beginning of Term 2, 2015. We are expecting that this will reach more of our families and whānau as well as boost the effectiveness of the Newsletter because we can be more timely.

RUSSELL McVEAGH DEBATING COMPETITION

Kerikeri High School entered five teams in the Russell McVeagh Debating Competition held at Whangarei Girls' High School on Sunday 1st March. There were three rounds of limited preparation debates. Kerikeri High School had two teams in the Finals the Affirmative; **Chyna Wood, Laila Abada** and **Kate Sheldon** and the Negative; **Aimee Leaming, Susannah Colbatz** and **Meg Murray**. A mixed Schools' Finals Team was put together for Ajudicators to select debaters for the Northland Team. **Sean Richards** and **Isabella Francis** were chosen to debate in this. The convenor Michael Prendergast announced the Northland Team for 2015 as follows; **Meg Murray, Aimee Leaming, Sean Richards** and **Laila Abada** (Reserve). This Team will be trained by Michael Prendergast and another Auckland University Debater, preparing them for the Nationals that will be held in Wellington at the end of May this year. Highly Commended Speaker was **Susannah Colbatz** and Speaker of the Day was **Meg Murray**.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Alexander Hull** for winning the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Athletics Association 3km Road Race on 7 December in Wanganui. Alexander also competed in the Dick Quax 1500m which is part of the Porritt Classic in Hamilton. More recently Alexander placed 1st in both the 800m and the 1500m at the Auckland Championships in the

Well done also to **Imogen Hull** for placing 6th in the Senior Girls 4 Km Road Race in Wanganui in December. Imogen also placed third in the Dianne Rodgers 1500m race at the Porritt Classic in Hamilton on 7 February gaining a personal best time of 4.51.53. Imogen also completed in the 3000m Auckland Championships Race on 11 February and placed 3rd. More recently Imogen placed 1st in the Junior Women's 1500m and 2nd in the 800m junior women's race, some wonderful results.

Well done also to **Billie Brown** who competed at the North Island Colgate Games in Wellington in January. Billie placed 4th in the 11 year old Girl's High Jump with a personal best of 1.34 metres. **Leah Dawson** placed 8th in the 13 year old Girls High Jump and **Manaia Webb** competed in the 12 year old Girls' 100m and achieved a personal best in her semi-final.

PTA AGM AND MEET THE 2015 PREFECTS

As was advised by Keri News the 2015 PTA Annual General Meeting was held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 17 March** in the Kerikeri High School Library followed by "**Meet the Prefects.**"

The 2015 Prefects made their first public speeches after the short AGM. All Parents and Caregivers were very welcome to attend. This has been an inspirational evening over past years.

PARENT FEEDBACK EVENINGS

Our Parent Feedback evenings have been arranged to give you an opportunity early in the year to meet your children's Teachers. We have two Parent Feedback evenings scheduled this Term, **Tuesday 24 March** from 4.00pm – 7.00pm and **Monday 30 March** from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

Please start in the Library where our Prefects will organise times with you. These appointments are only for 5 minutes and the Prefects will aim to give you at least 5 minutes between each appointment.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE EVENING

As advised by Keri News the Kerikeri High School Music Department presents 'A Little Spark to Ignite The Year' featuring the Jazz Combo that will later be travelling to Tauranga Jazz Festival during the Easter break, the Kerikeri High School Senior Music Students and much more! **Wednesday 18 March** at 7.00pm in the Kerikeri High School Auditorium, adults \$5, students \$2 secure your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

SPORT FORUM

Kerikeri High School would like to extend an invitation to all staff, parents and volunteers who are involved and interested in Sport at Kerikeri High School to attend a Forum on Sport. 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. The Sport Forum will be held on **Thursday 26 March** at 7.30pm in the Kerikeri High School Library. We look forward to seeing you there.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COACHING

The Kerikeri High School Sports' Department is looking for expressions of interest from people who would like to help out with Coaching. The School is looking for coaches to help run the winter Hockey Teams for the school. We have interest from students to run two mixed teams, one Senior and the other Year 9 & 10. The Senior Team will play in Whangarei and the younger team will play in either Kaikohe or Whangarei. These two teams will play mid-week. We also have a large group of Year 7 & 8's who will play on Saturdays in Kaikohe who also need coaches. Please contact the Sports Office if you are interested. Thank you.

SPIRIT OF NZ OR R TUCKER THOMSON

Any students interested in attending a ten day voyage on The Spirit of New Zealand or R Tucker Thomson are asked to see Mrs Gordon in the PE office.

ASB SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Thank you for your support of the ASB Supporting Success in your School Programme and the resulting donation of \$1,000 from ASB Bank. For every new ASB Home loan over \$150,000 taken out before 30 June 2015 ASB will donate \$500.00 cash to participating schools. You can download the voucher from www.asb.co.nz/schoolbanking terms and conditions apply.

TINY MIGHTY POWER

Thank you to the 91 Tiny Mighty supporters who have raised \$1,012 for Kerikeri High School for this quarter. For every new customer who signs up with Tiny Mighty Power, the School receives \$50 and then another \$10 every anniversary. To find out how much you can save just call John on 0278081415 Tiny Mighty guarantee to hold their rates for at least 18

months, with no contract. Thank you for considering this support of the School.

FUTURE APPRENTICE IN YOUR FAMILY?

Is there a future apprentice in your family? A draft Code of Good Practice for New Zealand Apprenticeships is now out for consultation. If your teenager is thinking about an apprenticeship in any vocation, then this is important to them. Visit www.tec.govt.nz to find out more. Feedback closes on 31 March 2015.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These are not Kerikeri High School run activities

Jazz Dance Classes Monday 3.30pm Waipapa Hall, suitable for Year 6,7,8 and 9 students. Bring a friend and have some fun. Call Anne 09 405 0044 or email anneg@xnet.co.nz

Music Tuition Ruth Simpson's Music School in Kingston House, Hone Heke Road, Kerikeri and caters for keyboard and piano tuition for children from 4 years to teenagers and adults. Ruth teaches in small groups and with the addition of singing and rhythm it is a fun way to learn. One-on-one piano tuition is available if that's your preference (limited spaces available). For enquiries and enrolment phone Ruth (09) 402 8372 or 027 303 9577

BaylesBlissBalls BaylesBlissBalls have some of the finest ingredients in them including quinoa, oats, almonds, dates, walnuts, chia seeds, coconut, sunflower seeds, lemon and strawberry. They are a good sugar free alternative for kids lunch boxes and are a great energy boost. Text or call 021 023 51545 or email bayleightubman@yahoo.com

The Baha'i Centre invites Students aged 11-14 to a Youth empowerment programme to learn virtues and spiritual values through exploring stories from around the world. Run by trained youth animators who use a series of workbooks, fun and games and service projects as their tools for learning. The group meets on Thursdays @ 3.15 pm @ the Baha'i Center, 480 Kerikeri Rd. For more info. Ph Veronica 407 5450. Or 0212386591.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **18 March** Music Performance Evening
- **18-20 March** Year 7 Camp 3
- **24 March** Parent Feedback Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
- **26 March** Sport Forum 7.30pm
- **30 March** Parent Feedback Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
- **31 March** Te Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival (Opononi)
- **2 April** Last Day of Term 1
- **3 April** Good Friday
- **3-4 April** Tauranga Jazz Festival
- **20 April** First Day of Term 2
- **27 April** Anzac Day, Public Holiday, School Closed

The term is going really well and we look forward to these last busy three weeks.

Kia ora

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