



Kerikeri High School
Newsletter



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Kerikeri, Bay of Islands

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Tēna koutou katoa e te whānau,
Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou o te tau hou.
Nau mai haere mai ki tā tātou kura, Te Kura Tuarua o te Kerikeri.

Term Three is in full swing and it is a crucial term for our senior students as they balance their academic priorities with all of their own challenging activities, leadership with service to wonderful sporting and cultural experiences. Our junior students are encouraged to develop their Four Cornerstones with so much on offer right now.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the **Kerikeri High School Concert Band** who performed at their first National Concert Band Festival last week in Whangarei. The Band worked very hard preparing a 20 minute performance under the guidance of their Conductor David Lawless and their efforts were rewarded with a Silver Award placing by the Adjudicators.

For the first time in recent memory we are now Northland Champions in **Senior Girls' Basketball**, a fantastic achievement for this team after winning the Juniors last year.

Our **Learning Enrichment Students** travelled to the Tin Pin Bowling Tournament in Whangarei this week making great personal progress and winning 1st and 2nd in Division B.

Congratulations to **Sophia Fotheringham** whose artwork has been selected for the National Youth Art Award. This prestigious nationwide award is open to young artists between the ages of 15 and 27, and includes independent artists as well as students who are prepared to produce work in addition to their curriculum work.

KERI READING WHĀNAU EVENING

A wonderful evening with over 80 parents, students from Year 7 and Year 13 and many staff and our external expert Mrs Robbie Lamont who was organised by Mrs Maria Halliday who leads the Keri Reading Programme.

41 Year 13 students and 41 Year 7 students on are building their reading skills and making reading enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who made this evening such a success.

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BALL THANKS

A special thanks to the Year 13 Dean, Mrs Kate Crawford for all her hard work with a great Student Ball Committee, supported by many other staff during our Ball preparations and clean up. A huge thank you also to our wonderful PTA for all their supporter for a stunning supper. Everything looked amazing and the 2017 Ball was a real success. Congratulations to the students, teachers and parents for a magical evening.

NZQA TOP ART EXHIBITION

The Art Department recently hosted the NZQA Top Art Exhibition. Top Art is an annual touring Exhibition featuring NCEA Level 3 portfolios that achieved Excellence in Visual Art in the previous year. This year's exhibition features the Photography folio of 2016 Kerikeri High School graduate Mary-Jane Martin. Alongside the Top Art Exhibition, portfolio work in progress was exhibited by a selection of this year's Year 11, 12 and 13 Visual Arts students.

OPTION CHOICES FOR 2018

This term our students from Years 8 to 12 will be thinking about their Subject Option Choices for 2018. This process is supported by our Deans and Form Teachers with final decisions being made at home with whānau and recorded on our online options website.

The Curriculum Guide has been sent home with all students containing detailed information regarding pathways and courses.

Our first Parent Information Evenings were held on Tuesday 1st August and Wednesday 9th August and we encourage students and parents come along to **Options Evening** on Thursday 17th August in order to gather as much information as possible during this time. Our Careers and Guidance staff will be available on Options Evening to give specific advice to individual students and senior students can drop in to make appointments with Mrs Eileen Crawford during the school day.

Families and whānau will be sent an email link to the Options Portal in the week beginning 14th August with a password and details of how to make choices. This will remain open for two weeks. Students without email facility should see their Year Level Dean who will help them with their choices.

NZQA FEES – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A reminder that NZQA examination fees and financial assistance applications are due by Friday 18th August.

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees to National Secondary Schools Qualifications, for those who meet the required criteria. Students who gained financial assistance last year will need to reapply.

Fees for students are \$76.70 per student, up to a maximum of \$200 per fee payer. For Year 13 students entering scholarships, there is a fee of \$30 per subject.

Financial assistance reduces this to \$20 per candidate, up to a maximum of \$30 per fee payer.

2018 ENROLMENTS

Planning for 2018 Enrolments is well underway. Out of Zone Enrolments for next year close on **Wednesday 30 August**, with a ballot scheduled for **Wednesday 6 September** if required.

Our Prospective Parent Evening will be held in our School Library on **Wednesday 20 September** at 7.00pm

Personalised Enrolment Packs will be delivered to Year 6 students at Riverview Primary School and Kerikeri Primary School next week. A formal Enrolment Evening, where families have the opportunity to meet with Year Level Deans and Deputy Principals, will be held in Term 4 on **Thursday 19 October**, 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

If you have any Enrolment queries please contact us at school.

SPORTS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for ASB Sports Awards and Kerikeri High School Sporting Honours.

The Sports Department are keen to hear if any students at Kerikeri High School have excelled in their chosen sports during 2017. Please email student names and achievements to our Sport Co-ordinator Mrs Bettina Simpson at BSimpson@kerikerihigh.ac.nz. ASB Sports Awards can be filled in on line and they can be found on the Sport Northland website.

WAKA SCHOOL VALUES

WAKA at Kerikeri High school is an acronym for our School Values:

We are Learners – Whaia te Matauranga

Act with Respect – Manaaki te tangata

Keep Ourselves Safe – Tiaki tangata

Always proud – Kia Manawanui

WAKA evolved from our participation in Positive Behaviour for Learning. Considerable consultation and collaboration with students, staff and the parent community led to the establishment of these values, and we attempt to base all of our behaviour and interactions in our school on them.

Dedicated WAKA lessons and activities are taught throughout the year across the school. We do this to explicitly and positively to teach our expectations for behaviour; in this way students know what is expected and are less likely to behave in ways that are negative and do not meet expectations. WAKA has had a very positive impact on behaviour across the school and has resulted in a significant decrease in our negative discipline occurrences.

Teachers are making a concerted effort to catch students doing the right thing, and reinforce the expected positive behaviour. We especially focus on this free and frequent positive reinforcement during a two-week period each term where students in Years 7 – 10 are issued WAKA cards and receive WAKA nominations. The large numbers of students receiving WAKA certificates is pleasing to see.

WAKA is making a positive difference and the school continues to have a very settled, focused and safe tone as a result.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Always Proud

At Kerikeri High School we have a school uniform. We encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride. Students are expected to be in full school uniform to and from school and home, and at school. Non-uniform items, including mufti hoodies and mufti jackets, are not permitted. With the winter weather well and truly set in, we encourage students to wear school jerseys and school jackets to keep warm and dry.

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Second Hand Uniform

The PTA will be selling second hand uniform in the Auditorium Foyer from 4-6pm on Options Evening. We have some great quality items at bargain prices so please drop by.

SPANISH IMMERSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

A group of students travelling to Spain next year on a Spanish Language Immersion trip are conducting a fundraiser in conjunction with Jack'n'Jill photography.

Families have the opportunity to book a 15 minute portrait session for only \$10, they will also receive a free 10 x 13 photo of their choice from the session or may use this as credit towards further purchases. See attachment for more details.

Portrait sessions will take place on August 12th. Please pay for and book your sessions at reception. Get in quick as spaces are limited.

<https://kkhsnews.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/spanish-fundraiser.pdf>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These are not Kerikeri High School run activities

Alzheimer's Northland Memory Walk, Kerikeri
Saturday 23rd September, 12pm

Come join us in our Annual Memory Walk to help raise awareness of dementia in our local community. And also provide an opportunity to remember family members and friends we know or have known, living with dementia.

We will start at the Kerikeri Domain, by the library at 12 noon. 'Memory Walk T-shirts', balloons, music, kids activities and some refreshments will be provided. Bring your walking shoes, a cheery smile, and you will have a choice between a short or long walk, depending on how energetic you're feeling on the day! And a prize will be given for the best purple outfit!

Please register online at Alzheimer's NZ or ring the Kerikeri office on (09) 407 3010 for further information. Or visit our FaceBook page Alzheimers Northland. <http://memorywalk2017.gofundraise.co.nz/>

Kerikeri Dental Centre FREE basic dental treatment for 9-18 year olds visit lumino.co.nz/freeteen for more information 09 407 8338, lumino.co.nz/Kerikeri

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whānau. We offer a free national Helpline for parents and caregivers providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting concern. The helpline is open from 9am to 11pm Monday to Sunday www.parenthelp.org.nz 0800 568 856

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **17 August** Options Evening
- **19 August** Northland Trade Fair featuring our Management and Business students
- **24 August** Senior Music Concert
- **28 August** Junior Speech Finals
- **30 August** Out of Zone Applications Close
- **31 August** Regional Science Fair Open Day
- **31 August** Year 9 Drama Performance
- **1 September** Regional Science Fair Prizegiving
- **4 September** Jock Hodgson Trophy Speech Finals
- **4-9 September** Tournament Week
- **11-15 September** AIMS Games
- **14 September** Year 13 Drama Performance
- **20 September** Prospective Parents Evening
- **29 September** Last day of term

Thank you for all your support. The term is going well.

Kia ora



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