

Dear Families and Whānau,

Term Three is underway now and we have a lot to look forward to.

We hope that you managed some relaxed family time over the holidays, and we are all re-energised to move on with everything Kerikeri High School has to offer now.

We also hope that you came through the huge rain event we had last week ok and one silver lining was that the students were not at School during those times of torrential downpours. Let's hope for a better end to winter.

We had a Celebration Assembly today to award Academic and Leadership Honours and our list of the students who achieved Honours is further in the newsletter.

Parent Feedback Evenings

Our Parent Feedback Evenings start this week and we have scheduled extra because we missed our early short meetings in Term One. There is one a week with the exception of the week of Options Evening each on a different night of the week.

Wednesday July 22 4-7pm

Tuesday July 28 4-7pm

Thursday August 13 4-7pm.

You will have received an email to make bookings with your Teachers. It is great if you can bring your student because we all need to work together to get the best outcome for every student and if we are making plans or setting goals our students need to be part of the planning.

If you have not made appointments on line or you are not in a position to do this, don't worry. We will be there on the night in the Library to help you. Look out for our Prefects who will have the maps of where each of the Teachers are and will be trained to help you make appointments.

The ten minutes between each appointment is very much needed so you can get around our big site and it is a good chance to see around the School. We try to put Teachers in a convenient location for you all to get to.

If a Teacher is sick and it is not possible to re-schedule, we will take your names and phone numbers and they will telephone you.

Bring Your Own Device

Covid did mean that more of our students and families are connected and with devices than ever before.

This gives us more of an opportunity to capitalise on learning using devices as we had to do during Lockdown. We believe that technology is an amplifier of learning and has the capacity to make a difference for students so we will be strongly encouraging students to bring their own device to School and not rely on there being enough School ones to go round.

Options Evening is Thursday 6 August

This is a really important time to be thinking about each student's Course for next year. While it may seem early to you we need to put the planning in place for enough Teachers in each subject area to cater for the students who are opting for that subject.

In our School we believe in a broad balanced curriculum and after the junior years where in Year 9 students can choose 3 optional subjects and in Year 10 choose 2 optional subjects, we make English, Mathematics and Science compulsory in Year 11 to ensure that students do not cut off pathways too early. We study 6 subjects in Year 11 and so students can choose 3 optional subjects in Year 11 for NCEA Level One and these subjects are usually linked to a pathway a student is thinking of.

We have a hardworking and successful Careers and Gateway (work experience with NCEA Credits) team and Mrs Eileen Crawford our Careers Adviser will be there on the night.

Before the Options Evening you will have received all of the information about the courses and pathways available to your student at Kerikeri High School in 2021. One of the benefits of being a bigger school is our wide range of subjects, specialist classroom teachers and facilities and at Year 12 for instance we can offer over 30 subjects.

WAKA

We see our WAKA values as a way to share understanding about our high expectations at Kerikeri High School and we teach them explicitly.

Covid has disrupted our programme this year and for Term Three we are fully focussed on our WAKA Values, with a specific WAKA value highlighted each fortnight as below, to link in with what is happening across the school at that time.

More regular Year Level Assemblies have also been scheduled so that each Year Level has an Assembly approximately every 7 school days. WAKA will continue to be a key part of the content of those assemblies so that students are clear about what the expectations of them are and what those expectations look like. We will also include in our Daily Notices a specific reference to one aspect of each WAKA value each day, from our WAKA matrix to reinforce these positive expectations.

Year Level Deans are working with Form Teachers to deliver WAKA lesson in Tutorials which reflect the WAKA value being highlighted each fortnight.

Weeks 1 & 2	Manaaki te tangata Act with Respect – “Expect Respect”
Weeks 3 & 4	Whaia te Matauranga We Are Learners – Options Evening is in Week 3 and students will be thinking about 2021 Option choices
Weeks 5 & 6	Kia manawanui Always Proud – lots of extracurricular calendar events happening
Weeks 7 & 8	Tiaki tangata Keep Ourselves Safe, as we get towards the end of the term
Weeks 9 & 10	Manaaki te tangata Act with Respect, as we finish the term – a reminder about respectful expectations and what Acting with respect looks like.

The Tuckshop is Coming

Covid also disrupted our contract with our new Tuckshop provider and thank you for your patience. We are really looking forward to them opening up in our purpose-built Tuckshop in Week Four.

There is lots to look forward to

Please get the App. Go to the usual place you download an App and search for School Apps New Zealand, input Kerikeri High School and download it for free. On the front page of the App you will see the Calendar for every day this year as up to date as it is that day, the Daily Notices, Absenses, Contacts, News, Term Dates and fast Links to our Website and Parent Feedback Evening Bookings and even the 2020 NZQA Examination Timetable.

Things to look out for coming up soon are ...

Plastic Free July activities

Spanish Week

Art Folios in progress in the Auditorium

Winter Sports start inter school with Rugby, Football and Netball.

Celebration Assembly

This was only our second Celebration Assembly of the year, the first being for our Prefects at the beginning of Term One.

There was a strong welcome for our recipients from our Kapa Haka roopu and we recognised all of the students who achieved their NCEA Level One and Level Two Endorsed with Excellence and additionally those students who qualified for Honours with the whole 80 Credits at Excellence in Level One and 72 Credits at Level Two given the considerable academic step up. Nimish Singh was also awarded Academic Honours for being top in New Zealand for ICAS Writing.

Our Head Students, Anna Yarrall and Will Whiu spoke and the four Head Students were awarded their Honours for Leadership, Anna, Will, Minaia Corfield and Isaiah Bentley Tsibuah.

The Honours Recipients are:

Honours Academic in NCEA Level 1:

Stephanie Bartlett

Max Cooling

Georgia Doherty

Isabella Doubleday

Emilia Finer

Patrick Godson

Joshua McNulty

Jessica Mooney

Heidi Nicholls

Casey Roberts

Nimish Singh

Holly Thackwray

Gillian Toala

Eva Wagner

Honours Academic in NCEA Level 2:

Elisha Alexander

Dean Baker
Ella Bijl
Liam Collins
Charlotte Gamble
Deanna Griffin
Jack Hodgson
Emilie Jones
Madeleine Kathro
Jeany Kim
Aishlin Murphy
Scarlett Murray
Katie Sale
Alice Taylor
Marika Upston
Helen Wasey
Anna Yarrall

Best Wishes for this Term

We are looking forward to this term and as Anna and Will encouraged all of the senior and nearly senior students to make the most of these days. We have worked hard as a country and we have all been reminded, in a very hard way during Lockdown, what a privilege it is to teach and learn in a School like ours.

Thank you

Ngā mihi Nui

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