

## Kerikeri High School Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families and Whānau, Staff and Students,

We are in the final full week of the 2020 Academic year for our Year 11, 12 and 13 students, and staff and students are all working hard and with purpose to give every student the opportunity to achieve to their best personal level. We are grateful for the national extension of NCEA Externals by a week. It is certainly a busy time for all as we count down to our Senior Elite Prizegiving next Wednesday and the beginning of the NCEA Examinations.

The Senior Elite Prizegiving on **Wednesday 11 November** will be special. Given the challenges that Covid 19 has thrown at us this year we are having a different look with a big stage coming in for our Kapa Haka Roopu Te Po ō Mānako as they lost both the Tai Tokerau Festival and our Matariki Celebration Evening this year. We begin right on the dot of 11.30am. Please be mindful of parking, we will open up the bottom field.

Our Junior students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are not required at school on Wednesday 11 November but if you wish to send your students, normal classes will not be taking place, however we will look after them.

Our School **End of Year Examinations** for Years 9 and 10 begin on Thursday 12 November and conclude on Tuesday 17 November. These examinations are important preparation and practice for our students as they head towards their Senior examinations in Year 11 and beyond and allows them the opportunity to learn the skills and organisation required for successfully sitting external examinations. Best wishes to our Year 9 and 10 students.

**NCEA Examinations** begin on Monday 16 November and we encourage all of the students to make the most of their study time and to be well prepared for exam questions.

We continue to deal with the impact of the fire we had two weeks ago. Three classrooms had considerable damage, and a toilet block was destroyed. This has resulted in some significant re-timetabling across the school to re-room a number of classes and we are pushing to get these classrooms fitted out to start next year.

The Police investigation into the cause of the fire continues and they are keeping in close contact with us at School. When we know more, we will share what we can with you. We would like to again acknowledge and thank our local Police, the fire investigators and the Kerikeri Volunteer Fire Brigade for their rapid and caring response to our emergency.

As a result of the fire, and three instances of possible copycat behaviour in subsequent days, we ran **Special Assemblies** for our Junior Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Thursday last week. We explained the impact of the fire on the School community and thanked the students for their rapid, calm and appropriate response during the evacuation and for their patience. We also thanked those who have shared information with us about the cause of the fire. We explained that we are not allowing students to leave class during lessons to get water. Drink bottles can be refilled between lessons

and at break times. We explained that students may go to the toilet during lessons (a basic human right) and that Teachers would be making a note of when a student was out of class. Lateness to class will be followed up quickly. We are committed to keeping our School safe and we will not allow the actions of one or two students to compromise the safety of so many of us.

## **Our Students' Achievements**

While the fire has been an unwelcome and concerning distraction for us, there has been a lot to be proud of and to celebrate. **Kerikeri High School Honours** were awarded in Week 2 of this term and the following students were recognised as Honours Award Winners;

(Academic) Rosie Robinson, Nimish Singh, Gilda Tejada, Gillian Toala. (Cultural) Rehutai Armstrong-Kingi, Stella Blackwood, Imogen Crooks, Georgia Doherty, Sarah Doherty, Faith Hohepa, Amy Honey, Vinnea-Rose Joyce-Manners, Maybel Koro, Charlie Potter, Nicolas Powell, Casey Roberts, Nimish Singh and Anneke Veenis-Petzer. (Sport) Kori Brown, Lucas Casey, Harry Davies, Boston Dickey, Joshua Du Preez, Emilia Finer, Sam Harper, Gabi Hislop, Joel Lemalu, Jaydn Roberts, Kyle Spence and Manaia Webb.

Eight **Geography** students were chosen from around New Zealand for final selection for the National iGEO Competition. We are delighted that three come from Kerikeri High School. Congratulations to Year 12 Geography students Stella Blackwood and Jamaine Young have both got into the New Zealand Team for the International iGEO Competition that is to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2021 and to Alexie Smith, who is reserve for the iGEO Team.

The **Young Enterprise** Scheme continues to produce fine young entrepreneurs at Kerikeri High School. The Young Enterprise Regional Awards were held at the Copthorne Hotel in Waitangi at the end of November, with some outstanding achievements by Kerikeri High School students. Congratulations to our 2020 Finalists: Ally Sargent, Oliva Bell, Leia Weeds, Rosie Robinson, Max Donaldson, Gina Baguley, Nikita Kingston and Kacey Powdrill.

Leia Weeds and Oliva Bell received the Award for Excellence in Financial Management and Gina Baguley received the award for Excellence in Tourism. Rosie Robinson was awarded five trophies for Excellence in Business Management, Excellence in Sales, Marketing and Communication, Excellence in Financial Management, Excellence in Sustainability and the BDO Young Managing Director of the Year. Rosie also placed Second in the region for the YES Company of the Year. Congratulations to Rosie on her outstanding achievements. And congratulations too to Max Donaldson, who won the Trophy for Commitment and was announced the Regional Winner, YES Company of the Year. Max will now travel to Wellington on December 10th to compete for the National title of YES Company of the Year.

Ten Kerikeri High School teams competed in Whangarei in the Northland **Mathex** Finals. Our Year 10 Team placed second, congratulations to Jade Sceats, Joe Howells, Chase Elia and Charley Cates and one of our Year 8 Teams placed third, congratulations to Aela Breeze, Aria Lee, Paige Edwards and Nikita Underwood.

Well done to Cade Lumkong, Caitlin Renner-Austin and Lola Scott for their results in the recent **ICAS Mathematics** Competition.

We have won **Lit Quiz** for our region and now our Team will be going to the Nationals in Wellington. Lit Quiz is a National Interschool Competition that encourages and celebrates reading. Well done to our Year 8 students who won the Competition; Freddy Jarman, Ruby Norton, Jana Godwin and Nikitah Underwood and to our Year 7 Team of Roisin Godson, Tyler Keehn, Maddie Hawker and Alex McDonald who placed third. Thank you to their Mentor, our Librarian Mrs Julia Smith.

Three Year Nine students; Maxine Baker, Braeden Yeung and Issy Sheldon travelled to Auckland today to compete in the **Readers Cup National Final**. We wish them all the best.

### **Sport is Back**

We are back competing in Northland Secondary Schools Sport with Fast Five Netball, Touch Rugby, Volleyball and Quick Rip.

The annual **ASB Secondary School Sports Awards** have been presented over the last two weeks across Northland, in a very different format to usual due to Covid-19. Congratulations to all our Kerikeri High School Code Winners: Tiree Robinson (Road Cycling), Gabi Hislop (Girls' Football), Zane Cooper (Inline Hockey), Emily Freakley (Inline Hockey), Lily Wilson (Mountain Biking), Manaia Webb (Girls' Rugby), Zara Thomas (Horse Riding), Sky Gundry (Surfing) and Rebecca Clements (Tennis).

Well done to Sky Gundry who attended the Scholastic Surfing Nationals in Kaikoura and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Under 18 Girls' Competition.

### **Science**

We are delighted to announce Stephanie Bartletts successful selection to the Science Academy in 2021. Stephanie will receive an all expenses paid two weeks at Otago University's Advanced School Sciences Academy with mentoring throughout the year.

The University of Canterbury's Kiwi Science Competition is skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. The tests are designed by New Zealand Teachers for New Zealand students. Well done to Tiarna Andrew, Cade Lumkong, Kinston Harpur, Lincoln Talbot, Caitlin Renner Austin, Austin Smith and Xavier Frater for their results in this Competition.

Nimish Singh and Gililan Toala were awarded a Place in the Rotary National Science Forum.

And our Year 7 and 8 students are currently having their Science Fair projects judged by our Science Teachers. This is another example of a 'replacement activity' as we try to recreate opportunities for our students which were lost earlier in the year due to Covid-19.

### **Music and Drama**

Last week we enjoyed a wonderful Music performance from our senior students and we also enjoyed our two Year 9 Drama classes performances of 'Scenes from a Quaranteen.'

### **Hospitality Recipes 2020 - An Offer From Our Life Technology Department**

We have had a busy year in Hospitality this year and have enjoyed seeing the students develop their skills over the three Staff Breakfasts which have provided essential student assessment opportunities. Many students have requested copies of the delicious recipes that they have made throughout the year. This is available by emailing [ssturge@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:ssturge@kerikerihigh.ac.nz)

### **Design Your Career Youth Summit**

The Design Your Career Youth Summit is for Secondary School students preparing to make further education and career choices, parents wanting to understand the emerging challenges their children will face, and school Career Advisors seeking compelling content to support their students. This global online-only event, presented by The Ingenarium and supported by Careers England, Careers and Transition Education New Zealand and Cognita, is FREE to register and attend. It will run over one week from 9 November, with all content remaining accessible to registered attendees for a limited time afterwards. Registrations are now open at [www.youthcareersummit.com](http://www.youthcareersummit.com)

### **Our School Canteen**

Our School Canteen is providing a great service to our students. A reminder lunches can be ordered and paid for online; you can access our Canteen online by following this link <https://www.lunchorders.co.nz/>

### **Teacher Only Day Advance Notice**

The whole of New Zealand is involved in the changes after the wide ranging review to strengthen NCEA, called RAS, the Review of Achievement Standards. The Ministry of Education announced Teacher only days over 3 years, for secondary teachers to work on the RAS. The first of these is on Friday 27 November for Northland.

### **Thank you**

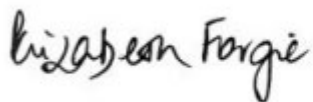
Thank you to the following community members that have contributed to the Fuel for Schools Sponsorship Programme, earning Kerikeri High School \$799.38; Bay of Islands Golf Club, CR & SM Johnsen Trust, Plateau View Ltd and Otaha Station. We are making fantastic progress towards the \$1,000 target that allows Kerikeri High School a choice of technology or sports equipment packages for the School.

We have been heartened by all the support we get from our community as we strive to make the most of this Covid challenged year for all of our students. Our staff have

gone above and beyond, looking after students who are not behaving as they did before Covid, reworking assessments and revision, finding alternate ways to keep the opportunities coming for students despite the doors that Covid has closed to them and showing the care, kindness and resilience that is so important in times of challenge. The encouragement, support and feedback from families and whānau means a lot.

Best Wishes for these next few weeks.

Warm regards



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