

## **Kerikeri High School Newsletter 2 – Mar 2021**

Dear Families and Whānau, Staff and Students

What a day it has been! We appreciate your thank-you emails as we reassured you all throughout the day that your children were safe and we were looking after them. Our staff were wonderful and led with kindness and care.

Now to our second news letter of the year. As a country we continue to face the challenges of Covid together. Our students are taking the uncertainty and some disruption in their stride and we are thankful for the generous kindness of our staff who are always supportive, and who have coped with the re-scheduling of many of our events with good grace.

Level Two has caused changes, however we are fortunate to be able to be at School and not having to do our learning on line. Like the rest of Aotearoa New Zealand we are waiting anxiously for the Prime Minister's announcement for next week's Covid setting.

While we are all very familiar now with the good hygiene and tracing messages, we must not be complacent, and we continue to stress the importance of hygiene and safety to our students.

If we stay in Covid Level Two there will be more unavoidable changes to our school calendar next week. Our Swimming Championships on Monday will not be able to be open to parents, we will have to reschedule our Prefects' Celebration Assemblies, which are currently scheduled for Tuesday, and Tuesday evenings Meet the Form Teacher event (currently at 6.00pm in the Auditorium) and our first Year Seven and Year Thirteen Peer Support Camp out to Urupukapuka Island, will both have to move again also.

### **Prefects 2021**

Our Prefect Team of 38 students was named last week, following an application process which includes completing a CV, submitting an application and supporting letter and a Panel interview with every applicant, meeting with the Principal, the Deputy Principal for Year 13, and the Year 13 Dean. Our wonderful Prefects are outstanding role models for our school and represent the diverse student community we have at Kerikeri High School. Congratulations to all of the 2021 Kerikeri High School Prefects:

Stephanie Bartlett  
Fern Bell-Bowers  
Stella Blackwood  
Kori Brown  
Lucas Casey  
Andrea Cotton  
Max Couling  
Summer Curran  
Harry Davies  
Georgia Doherty  
Isabella Doubleday  
Joshua du Preez  
Emilia Finer  
Patrick Godson  
Anika Green  
Peter Hargrove  
Samuel Harper  
Rehutai Kingi  
Hope Korewha

Maybel Koro  
Henry Ludbrook  
Axel Mabidikama  
Charlotte McCondach  
Josh McNulty  
Casey Roberts  
Jaydn Roberts  
Reuben Saipaia  
Nimish Singh  
Rachel Smythe  
Adrian Snowdon  
Ella Taurua  
Holly Thackwray  
Gillian Toala  
Tane van de Donk  
Cole Walker  
Emily West  
Charlie Weston  
Jamaine Young

Deputy Head Girl: Gillian Toala  
Deputy Head Boy: Nimish Singh

Head Girl: Andrea Cotton  
Head Boy: Rehutai Armstrong-Kingi

### **Kerikeri High School Athletics Championships**

We were sorry that Covid Level Two meant that parents could not be there in support at our School Athletics Championships this week. It was an excellent day and a longstanding School Record was broken, one that had stood since 1985. Congratulations to Jamie Doubleday who broke the Boys (14 – 15 Years) 200m record.

And congratulations to all of our Year Level Winner and place getters in our Athletics Championships:

Year 13 Girls 1st Rachel Smythe, 2nd= Isabella Doubleday & Anika Green.  
Year 13 Boys 1st= Josh Du Preez & Harry Davies, 3rd Josh McNulty  
Year 12 Girls 1st= Avalon Strang & Sky Gundry, 3rd Juliette Wilkinson  
Year 12 Boys 1st Toby Bell, 2nd Josh Morrow, 3rd Jacob Fewtrell  
Year 11 Girls 1st Mereana Huirama-Moore, 2nd Ariella Ripohau, 3rd Gabby Smythe.  
Year 11 Boys 1st Jamie Doubleday, 2nd Callum Hoult, 3rd Tony Munford  
Year 10 Girls 1st Anika Wallace, 2nd Layla Molloy, 3rd Arlia MacCarthy.  
Year 10 Boys 1st Joshua Gaulofa, Ahi Fowler-Bayer, 3rd Oliver Horsfield  
Year 9 Girls 1st Jayden Tango, 2nd Tanya Woods, 3rd Madison Flood  
Year 9 Boys 1st Sam Bell, 2nd= Benji Ellicott & Flynn Fair-Machin

### **New Students**

We have welcomed a number of new students in to our school this year. Across Years 8 through to 13 there are over 100 new enrolments. We have formally welcomed our new students with Pōwhiri, and run a tutorial session for them explaining our WAKA values and expectations, how things work in our school and how to get involved in the Four Cornerstones.

Our new Year 7 students are thriving. They are excited about the range of subjects and teachers they have, and have well and truly found their feet. We are thrilled with how happy, confident and settled

they are. This is due to the care and kindness shown to them by their Form and Subject Teachers, and also our wonderful Year 13 Peer Support Leaders who are working closely with them. Having the opportunity to develop such positive relationships with our Year 7 students and their Family and Whānau is so valuable as they make their way through their adolescent years and their learning journey.

### **Our rich curriculum**

We are proud to offer a rich and diverse curriculum and despite the challenges Covid has presented, we have been able to offer a number of curriculum related learning experiences outside of the classroom early in the term for our students. The Year 12 Biology classes have been on their Rocky Shore Field Trip, our Year 13 Outdoor Education classes have undertaken tramps in the Puketi Forest, our Year 12 Outdoor Education classes have completed their Sea Kayaking experience, and our Year 11 Economics class has had a trip to Blue River Orchard.

### **Bus fares**

Clarkes Buses have made us aware of some upcoming fare increases for non-eligible students on KSTN buses, beginning at the start of term 2, 3 May. For non-eligible students travelling on KSTN buses within the KSTN transport zone the current \$3 cash fare will increase to \$3.50, and the 10 trip concession to \$30. For non-eligible students travelling on KSTN buses from outside the KSTN transport zone the fares will not change.

### **Te Manawa Tahī**

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support Hub which is provided and run by the Ministry of Education, and is a place you go to talk about your child's educational needs if you feel they or you need more educational support. This is a free service and you can attend the Hub without an appointment or you can call 080052484256 to arrange one.

The next Te Manawa Tahī hub in Kerikeri will be held on the 10th of March, 9.30am – 12.00 pm at the Kerikeri Sports Complex.

### **Staying in touch with us**

Our School App, available on both the Playstore and Appstore, is a great way to keep in touch with us and we encourage all Parents and Whānau, and students to download it; you can use the App to message us about your child's attendance, you can access the Daily Notices to keep up with the wide range of Four Cornerstone activities and opportunities that are available to our students, you can access the up to date School Calendar, and it also means you will receive alerts from time to time from us here at school. Our School App was such a great support today during the tsunami emergency and we were delighted to see so many people sign up for our alerts today

### **WAKA**

A reminder we would like everyone in our School community to uphold our values as we journey together in our Waka to success.

Wahia te Matauranga	We are Learners
Manaaki te tangata	Act with Respect
Tiaki tangata	Keep ourselves Safe
Kia manawanui	Always Proud

Our WAKA initiative grew out of the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme. It has certainly been very positive at Kerikeri High School and is evident in our students' positive and appropriate behaviour. Our last ERO Report noted that this is a dynamic and successful school that features high levels of collaboration between students, whānau, teachers and leaders.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns

Warm regards, Ngā mihi