

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER, MAY 2021

This newsletter follows our last written in term one this year when we welcomed all our families and whānau including those who were new to the school. It has been a busy start to 2021 for our Property and Finance Committees, keeping the physical school in good condition with a very tight budget, due to Covid19.

Our students' success and wellbeing are always at the heart of everything the Board does, just as they are for our staff. The Board endorses the words of the school in the recent May newsletter around vaping and bullying, neither of which are acceptable at Kerikeri High School. It has also been particularly busy for the Disciplinary Committee. As a result of several incidents involving drug dealing, intimidation and threats of violence, the Board has taken a strong stance and expelled or excluded five students.

Looking back at 2020 when good communications were so vital, the school stepped it up a level. Just before NZ moved into lockdown the school noted in the March newsletter *"We really value good relationships at Kerikeri High School and good communication is the key."* It went on to encourage everyone to download the school app to keep up to date and access helpful information. If the school has your email and you have the app installed on your phone, you will receive frequent comms.

We encourage you to read these regular newsletters that the school send to our school community. Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT), led by the Principal Elizabeth Forgie and Associate Principal Mike Clent, send these to our staff, students, families, whanau and the Board. The last one was sent on the 10th of May so if you have not seen it yet, please check for it again in your email, letterbox, or you can find it on the school website.

The Board was delighted with the NCEA results which were discussed in the May newsletter. And we acknowledge our students' academic successes which were recognised at the Celebration Assemblies, and our Kapa Haka roopu, Te Pou o Manakō, who achieved outstanding results at Te Tai Tokerau Regional Kapa Haka competition, ki Tōkihi ki Tua. We also acknowledge the many other activities listed in the newsletter, and the large number of our students who participate in these Cornerstones.

Remember that your child's teachers and Deans are your first point of contact at the school. The Board are also keen to hear from you, and we are always seeking parent input to help us as we continue to develop and refine policies to steer our school towards achieving success for our students.

Hei konā mai and goodbye for now.

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