

Kia ora Parents, Whānau, Staff and Students

We are now halfway through Term Two and it is racing by. Students and staff are very busy in our classrooms and across the Four Cornerstones and a quick check of our school calendar on our Website will illustrate this. As always there are opportunities for students in all Year Levels to get involved, put their hand up to be considered for selection, and participate in the wider life of the school.

Getting involved is so important; students can make new and positive connections with others, their sense of belonging is enhanced, they develop new skills, and by necessity they become better at managing themselves and being organised. We also highly value the development of the whole person through participation in a range of activities and so we strongly encourage students to get involved, try new things and put themselves outside of their comfort zones.

Kerikeri High School Cross Country

Our annual School Cross Country races are being held on Tuesday June 15. An innovation from our Sport Department is to add some fun, relay-style Cross Country events to compliment the Competitive Cross Country race. We hope to see greater numbers of students involved, running in relays with their friends, and perhaps their school sports teams. Racing the competitive Cross Country is not for everyone but taking part and having some fun while being active is achievable for most and this is a great way to keep students involved with positive physical activity.

Student Achievements

Our Kapa haka Roopu, **Te Pou o Manakō** achieved outstanding results at Te Tai Tokerau Regional Kapa Haka competition, Tōkihi ki Tua.

1st Place - Waiata Tira – Choral - **Te Pou o Manakō**

1st Place Kaitātaki Tāne - Male leader - **Rehutai Armstrong-Kingi**

1st Place Kaitātaki Wahine - Female leader - **Maybel Koro**

2nd Place Whakaeke – Entry - **Te Pou o Manakō**

2nd Place Waiata-ā-ringa - Action Song - **Te Pou o Manakō**

1st Place Whakawātea – Exit - **Te Pou o Manakō**

5th Place Overall - **Te Pou o Manakō**

Congratulations to **Nimish Singh** who won the Northland Regional Race Unity Speech Competition held in Whangarei. The topic for the speech was ‘Paddle as One – Race Relations in Aotearoa’, and it provided students with a forum to share their vision for race unity and working together towards eradicating racial prejudice and injustice. Nimish wrote and delivered an incredibly powerful speech, advancing to the national semi-finals of the speech competition in Auckland, where he delivered his speech and attended the

Race Unity Hui and the National Final of the Speech Awards.

Congratulation again to **Nimish Singh** who was also the winner of the Secondary Schools Regional Auctioneering Competition, with **Nic Powell** placing a close second. We thank Barfoot and Thompson Kerikeri, in particular Ross Paterson for the support of this opportunity.

Congratulations to **Emilia Finer, Sophie Broughton, Henry Ludbrook, Ciara Andrews, Lukas Bayer, Dayna Hawke, Oliver Horsfield, Florence Venner** and **Sascha Bell** who competed at the New Zealand Division II Swimming Championship in Dunedin last month. **Emilia Finer, Florence Venner, Oliver Horsfield, Henry Ludbrook** and **Sascha Bell** all gained top 10 placings in various events, **Florence Venner** received a Bronze for her 100M Butterfly and **Emila Finer** received Gold for 1500M Freestyle.

Congratulations to the three Kerikeri High School teams who were selected for the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly held in Auckland last week. **Nimish Singh, Rachel Smythe** and **Gillian Toala** represented Ireland, **Marshall Arvidson, Sakura Aihara** and **Kayle Hyde** represented Qatar, and **Savannah Hancock, Patrick Godson** and **Casey Roberts** represented Libya.

100 teams from the Northland/Auckland area representing 100 different countries took part in the two day event set to copy the United Nations Assembly. Each team chose two remits based on current global issues to speak about in front of the 300 participants.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Turbo Touch team consisting of **Lucas Casey, Sam Harper, Mouhnir Ramach, Daniel Rogers, Cameron McClelland, Bailey Johanson** and **Ari Leonard** who came 1st at the recent Northland Secondary Schools Competition.

In the recent Immerseme Games, an online language immersion competition, **Gillian Toala** received the Laureate Award for 1st in World Overall, 1st in Mandarin Chinese, 4th in Spanish.

Pippiana Voakes received a Gold award, also 8th in Spanish, **Matilda Townsend** placed 13th in Spanish. **Casey Roberts, Shannon Miringaorangi, Joe Howells** received Silver awards and **Ella Parker, Ella Howells, Gemma Griffiths, Victoria Walker, Ellee Newman** received Bronze awards.

Millie Caswell and **Shannon Miringaorangi** won the Best Original Storyline in the Spanish International Comic-Con competition, drawing and writing an original comic in Spanish. Students from 137 schools across five countries competed.

Congratulations to **Franky Sefton** (Year 8) whose story 'The Legend of Hoiha' has been awarded Highly Commended in the New Zealand Intermediate School Writing Competition. The competition had over 500 entries from 40 schools. With so many entries, this is a wonderful achievement. Franky's story will be included in the 'Beyond Beneath Below' anthology, to be published in June of this year.

Gateway

We are funded for 106 placements for Gateway and to date we have sent 60 students out with employers. Students have to earn on average 20 NCEA credits. These can come from industry providers, or from courses we run or from unit standards that we offer.

During the April holidays this year we ran following courses.

20 students (3 were Gateway) passed their Learners Licence after spending up to three

days with Tata Morgan from Te Runanga o Whaingaroa and Neil Vartan from the New Zealand Police (who has funding to assist paying for the licences, our students pay \$20 instead of \$93.90)

20 Year 12 students completed the 12 Health and Safety course (Safety Matters)

20 Year 13 students completed the 13 Health and Safety course (Safety Matters)

12 students and 4 staff completed their First Aid Certificates (Life Care Consultants)

We will offer these same courses in the July holidays, and depending on demand, the October holidays as well, so students have less interruption to their curriculum time while still supporting pathway and gaining NCEA credits.

13 students from the Hospitality Department have completed their Barista Course from NorthTec.

Careers

We were fortunate to have the Far North Careers Roadshow here on Wednesday 26 May. We had a range of providers to showcase what possibilities we have for future education and employment both locally and nationwide.

Last week we had another eight students study for their Learner Drivers Licence with Tata Morgan from Te Runanga o Whaingaroa and Neil Vartan from the New Zealand Police. To date seven of the students have sat their tests, all passing with 35/35.

Careers on Instagram

Students and whānau are welcome to follow the Instagram page run by the Careers Office [careerskkhs](#)

On this page will be any job vacancies, Gateway opportunities, visiting speakers, open days and any other relevant information.

S.A.V.E. – Saving All Valuable Environments

Friday 4 June is Arbor Day and will be celebrated with a tree planting event and a free tree giveaway at Lunchtime.

This week, SAVE students visited Opito Bay to participate in a beach clean-up as part of World Oceans Day.

Senior Ball 2021

Our Senior Ball will be held on Saturday 31 July here at school. Tickets went on sale for Year 13 student last week and will be on sale for Year 12 students from Monday 14 June and for Year 11 students from Monday 21 June. The cost is \$70.

Our Ball is one of the highlights of the school year and we are looking forward to another wonderful evening. Unlimited photographs of the event are available as part of the ticket price.

The Ball Committee is made up of a dedicated group of Year 12s and Year 13s and they are working incredibly hard to make this event special.

Payment for Ball tickets can be made by internet banking. The school banking details are as follows:

12-3091-0120756-00

Please put your student's name and BALL as Reference.

Alternatively, parents can pay via their Payment Portal link; the Ball will be added as a payable optional item for each Year Level during their allocated week.

Ball dresses and suits in a variety of sizes and colours are for sale at Careers until the end of this week, all good quality and nothing over \$25.00. Students are welcome to sign out items to take home to try and can be paid for at school Reception.

Second-Hand School Uniform and PE Uniform

Both our Student Centre, Te Puna Waiora and our Health and Physical Education Department are happy to receive any second-hand school and/or PE uniform which families may be willing to donate. Please feel free to drop any uniform donations into Te Puna Waiora or Reception.

Thank-you Paper Plus

Thanks to Paper Plus Kerikeri who have made a financial donation to our school as a rebate for purchases made by our school community during their Back to School sale. We thank them for their contribution.

Goodbye to Cheques

Earlier this year, banks announced the decision to discontinue the use of cheques as a method of payment. This does have implications for us and our community. As a result, we are no longer accepting payments to Kerikeri High School via cheque. There are alternative payment methods you can choose from:

In person at the school office via cash/EFTPOS.

Direct credit/internet banking to ASB 123091 0120756 00.

Via the Payment Portal Link sent with the School Statements.

Champion Tuckshops' Eat Smart Menu

Our school Canteen has an updated menu for Term 2. We have attached a flier to this newsletter, showing the new menu.

Who can Help You

We want everybody, our students, families and whanau, and our staff to feel they have a point of contact in our school when times are challenging. This could be a Subject Teacher, a Year Level Dean, it could be a Careers or Guidance Counsellor, the Principal or Associate Principal or a Deputy Principal.

If you reach out to us, we will support you to get the right help.

Some first points of contact could be:

- Te Puna Ora, our Student Centre
- Reception
- The Principal's PA, Paula

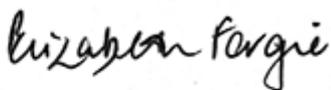
- The Deputy Principals' PA, Philippa

Please don't worry about the confidentiality of the enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz email address, it is opened with discretion and forwarded to the person you want to contact, or the best person to answer your query or help with your concern.

Ngā mihi nui



M Clent (Mr)
Associate Principal



EA Forgie (Mrs)
Principal