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Kia ora Parents, Whānau, Staff and Students

Term 2 is coming towards its conclusion, and it has been an extremely busy 10 weeks across our School. A lot of hard work and effort has happened in our classrooms and across a wide range of Four Cornerstone activities. The diverse range of student achievement and success we recognise in each of our Newsletters reflects this and we have lots of reasons to feel very proud as a school community.

Our News Letters are emailed out to all parents, staff and students and you can find copies of previous News Letters on our School Website under the 'What's Happening' tab on the main page. You can find this link here [News Letter Link](#)

Important Term 3 Dates

Tuesday 27 July 4.00 – 7.00pm Parent Feedback Evening

Saturday 31 July 8.00 – 12.00pm Senior Ball

Thursday 5 August 4.00 – 7.00pm Parent Feedback Evening

Monday 9 August 6.00 – 9.00pm Rotary Speech Finals

Tuesday 10 August 4.00 – 7.00pm Options Evening

Monday 16 August Tai Tokerau Teacher Only Day

Thursday 19 August 4.00 – 7.00pm Parent Feedback Evening

School Ball

Our formal Ball is one of the highlights of the year for many of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students. This year's Ball is being held on Saturday 31 July. We have a large number of senior student volunteers on our Ball Committee, and they are working hard to create a fantastic event for everyone. We especially appreciate their commitment to the physical transformation of our Auditorium and other areas during the second week of the school holidays. Parents with students attending the Ball will receive a letter with more information about arrangements and expectations for the Ball during the first week of Term 3, after ticket sales have concluded.

PTA and the School Ball

As always, our wonderful PTA will be preparing and serving the delicious supper our students enjoy at the Ball. The range of food and its presentation is always exceptional and looked forward to by everyone. Donations of home baking for the Ball from our parents and caregivers from all year levels, are much appreciated and plays an integral part in the overall supper. Our PTA would love items such as brownie, slices, truffles, coconut ice or anything sweet and bite-sized and they can happily supply you a recipe if needed. If you are able to help, please email shelleylicott@gmail.com

The PTA also require volunteers to help with food preparation, plating, serving and clearing on the night of the Ball. Food preparation starts at 3.00pm for an hour or two and there are other jobs throughout the evening. If you are able and happy to help, please email shelleylicott@gmail.com with the times you are available. Thank you so much for all your support.

Term 2 Progress Reports

Term 2 Progress Reports will be emailed out to Parents and Caregivers for all students at the end of the day on Friday 9 July. Please keep an eye out for these reports in your inbox. If you do not receive one on Friday, please check your "junk mail" in case the email has been directed there by your mail filter. If this happens, please consider adding noreply@kerikerihigh.ac.nz to your "safe senders" list so that future emails from this address will land in your inbox. Reports will also be available through Students' Spider Portals in the Documents tab from next week.

School Speeches

Our annual Speech Competition gives all our students the opportunity to prepare and present a speech. Public speaking skills are important and we know the experience of delivering a speech to a teacher, to a class or to the Year Level gives our students an experience which serves them well in their futures.

Congratulations to our Year Level placegetters and winners:

Year 7

1st: Ikaroa Kingi

2nd: Isaac Sharp

3rd: Pippa Sager

Year 8

1st: James Simpson-Maccabee

2nd: Kylah Tawara

3rd: Ben Andrews

Year 9

1st: Atahikoia Smith

2nd Equal: Freddy Jarman

2nd Equal: Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi

Year 10

1st: Layla Molloy

2nd: Chanleigh Baatjies

3rd: Joshua Anderson

Year 11

1st: Jamie Doubleday

2nd: Joe Howells

3rd: Lucas Thomas

Year 12

1st: Sky Gundry

2nd: Nicolas Powell

3rd: Amelia Galvin

Uniform Review

It is time for the School Uniform Review, and we invite parent, student and staff feedback about our School Uniform. A link to the Uniform Review is here and we ask you take a few moments to share your feedback with us. [Uniform Review Link](#)

Board of Trustees Self Review

Our Board of Trustees invite parent, student, and staff feedback on the School's Policy on Bullying, which has been redrafted for consultation. We acknowledge bullying happens in our School, in our community and nationally. Bullying is unacceptable at Kerikeri High School. Bullying behaviour causes harm and is understandably an emotive and upsetting experience for students and their parents when it occurs.

We work hard to address this behaviour and we work hard to prevent bullying. You can be reassured we do not 'sweep it under the carpet'. Young people often feel reluctant to share with a safe adult when they are experiencing bullying, for fear of making it worse. We want every person in our school to have a safe adult they can confide in and turn to for help. Most often for our students that will be a Parent. Parents and Whānau, please contact us if you become aware of bullying behaviour. We will help.

There are a range of people in our school who parents and students can talk to, including any staff member who teaches your child, a Form Teacher, Year Level Dean, Guidance Counsellor, Deputy Principal, Associate Principal and Principal. We are here to help, and we encourage you to contact us if you have concerns.

You can find our new [Draft Policy on Bullying here](#), and we welcome your feedback. You can share your thoughts with us by following the link at the end of the Draft Policy on Bullying.

In addition to this News Letter we will be encouraging our students to give us feedback on both the Uniform Review and the Policy on Bullying through our Daily Notices.

Communication

As we say above, there are a range of people in our school who parents and students can talk to:

- Your Child's Teachers
- Form Teachers
- Year Level Dean
- Our Guidance Counsellors
- Deputy Principal
- Associate Principal and Principal

Just ring Reception on 09 407 8916 and we will put you in touch. If it is a governance matter you can contact our Board of Trustees at board@kerikerihigh.ac.nz.

The date for our next Board of Trustees meeting is Wednesday 4 August 2021 at 5.30pm.

Kerikeri High School Student Sports Council

This year has seen the formation of a Student Sports Council which has 24 student members who meet regularly and discuss "how to make the sporting experience better at Kerikeri High School". The Sports Council represents all students, and its members help implement changes to existing events, are establishing new events on our Sport calendar, help run school events, promote school sport at Year Level Assemblies and present certificates. They are also actively promoting "Balance is Better" philosophy and encouraging students to participate in a wide range of activities.

New Zealand School Libraries Report

The Ministry of Education is working to create a report highlighting great practice in New Zealand school libraries. Twelve school libraries were selected from around Aotearoa as examples of high-functioning school libraries and Kerikeri High School was one of these. We thank our Student Librarians and our Library staff for the excellent job they do.

To keep up to date with library activities, books, and events follow their Instagram account: @kkhslibrary

Year 11 Market Day

On 30th June, the Year 11 Business Management students had a small Market in the school auditorium. The students involved put a lot of effort into planning their businesses and producing their products. This teaches them useful skills and also gains them NCEA credits. The Market Day was a great success with lots of the groups selling out by the end of the Market. Congratulations to all the business management students.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Sailor Epiha** for winning gold in Sparring, gold in Speciality and silver in Patterns at the recent Nationals Taekwondo Tournament.

Congratulations to our Year 9 Readers' Cup team of **Jana Godwin, Grace Gundry, Michelle Horsfall,** and **Nikitah Underwood** who won the Regional Interschool Competition in Whangarei. They will now represent Kerikeri High School at the National Competition in Auckland during Term 3.

Congratulations to **Nimish Singh** who won the 2021 REINZ Auctioneering Schools' Championship, with Nicolas Powell coming in as runner up.

At the recent Young Enterprise Scheme mid-year celebration, the top 8 "Dragons' Den" pitches from the Northland region repeated their pitches to an audience. Kerikeri High School had four companies in the top eight: **Eva-Sky Gundry** (Sky's Surf School), **Max Donaldson** (GreenKiwi Supplements), **Holly Thackwray** (Healthy me) and **Jacob Fewtrell** (Insight).

Other competition winners were also announced at the YES event. Congratulations to **Sky Gundry** who came 1st and **Jacob Fewtrell** who came 3rd in the Kerikeri Design and Print Business Card competition. Congratulations to **Georgie Ludbrook** (Afters) who came 2nd and **Nicola McDonald** (Natures Wood, Rakau Taiao) who came 4th in the Northtec Business Plan competition.

Congratulations to **Kahleah Nathan** and **Oceane De Reuck-Donelley** who have both made the Semco Northland Rugby Development Team.

Congratulations to **Nimish Singh** who won the Whangarei Rotary Speech competition last month. Nimish had to deliver a speech on a topic of his choice and also take part in the impromptu speech section of the competition; the topic was, 'Facebook makes society less happy'.

Congratulations to **Samuel Bryant, Venice Janelle Maunahan** and **Kelly Wan** who competed in the Education Perfect Year 9 & 10 Spelling Bee and have made it into the Regionals next term.

Congratulations to the three Kerikeri High School bands who had made it through the heats to get into the top 12 bands at the Regional Rockquest finals in Whangarei last week.

They were: Under Pressure - **Zane Scott, Sam Hendriske, Josh Boyd** and **Dillan Blithe-Drake**, No Vacancy - **Erin Rosetta, Kosta Silich, Finn French** and **Lukas Bayer**, The Click - **Sailor Epiha, Jenna Dawes, Cooper Harris** and **Declan Matthews**. The Click was awarded third overall, and **Erin Rosetta** from No Vacancy received the Musicianship Prize.

Band members of Under Pressure - **Josh Boyd, Dillan Blithe-Drake, Sam Hendrikse** and **Zane Scott** will perform at the regional Bandquest competition (for Primary and Intermediate Schools) next month in Auckland.

Congratulations to **Gabi Hislop** who has been selected for the NZ Māori U17 Football Team to play the Cook Islands at Mt Smart on 23rd July.

Congratulations to **Eva-Sky Gundry, Grace Gundry, Oska Robinson** and **Kosta Silich** who have been included in the Northland Surfing Training Squad. They have been training and competing against some of Northland's best surfers. **Eva-Sky Gundry** has been selected to travel with the competition team for the upcoming National Competition in Taranaki.

The following students were placed at the Primary and Intermediate Kerikeri and Districts Interschool Cross Country. Congratulations to **Charlie Birt** – 1st 11 year old boys, **Kaia Derbyshire** – 3rd 11 year old girls and **Keira Featherstone** – 3rd 12 year old girls.

Congratulations to the **1st XI Football Girls'** team playing in the Semi Final and the boys' team is competing in the Knock Out Cup rounds.

The **1st XI Hockey Team** have played six games in the Monday night Hockey competition, winning five, drawing one, 38 goals for and 3 against.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in our school Badminton Championships:

1st **Guide Prawatlerdwattana** and **Laney Roberts**

2nd **Samuel Fan** and **Heidi Nichols**

3rd **Patrick Godson** and **Prisayus Kenney**

Congratulations to **Logan Denize** who competed in Round 4 of the North Island King of the Secondary Schools Series at Ruakaka Motocross Park and came 1st overall in both the 15 – 19 years 125cc and 250cc events.

Congratulations to **Nimish Singh** who won Mejor Orador (Best Speaker) at the National Spanish Debate Championships, an event open to all New Zealand secondary schools that teach Spanish.

Congratulations to alumni **Sophie Burling** who graduated from Kerikeri High School in 2011. Sophie has been awarded a Fullbright New Zealand Science and Innovation Graduate Award. Sophie will research tissue engineering techniques at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, Massachusetts. Sophie graduated with a BSc in 2018, a BSc (Hons First Class) in 2019, and is a PhD candidate at Massey University.

We wish everyone a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday break, and we are looking forward to Term 3 and having everyone back at school.



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