



Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands
New Zealand

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Dear Families and Whānau, Staff and Students,

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As Term One concludes we want to say thank you. Thank you to families and whānau for your support and understanding when we had to roster students home to allow us to cope with the disruption to staffing that Covid was causing. Thank you to our staff who have worked extremely hard under what have been challenging circumstances. And thank you to our students who exemplified our WAKA values, have been settled and kind and worked with purpose. Our School is in good heart, despite the circumstances we have faced, and there is a lot to be proud of. Thank you everyone for the huge effort this term.

Ngā mihi nui

The Change to Orange

You'll be aware that yesterday the Minister of Education Chris Hipkins announced the move to Orange at 11:59pm last night.

The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection.

I wanted to give you an update on what the move to Orange means for our school.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, continue to wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we may ask them to wear a mask, for example, when we are having a large Year Level Assembly. If there are a high number of cases at School or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn again in classrooms for a time.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on our school buses.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and reminding student about cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal in Term Two.

Student Achievements

On Sunday March 21st, six Kerikeri High School teams with students from Year Ten to Year Thirteen competed in the Northland Regional Selection Tournament 2022. The Winners of the Tournament were **Nicolas Powell (Year 13)**, **Joe Howells (Year 12)** and **Grace Calnan (Year 12)**. Runners-up in the Tournament were **Pippiana Voakes (Year 13)**, **Zoe Ackers (Year 12)** and **Alice Calnan (Year 12)**. **Nicolas Powell** and **Joe Howells** were selected for the Northland Team to compete at Nationals in Wellington for the second year running. **Zoe Ackers** was also selected as Team Reserve.

Congratulations to Year 13 student **Sky Gundry (Year 13)** who was recently awarded a \$1000 grant from Girl Boss for her successful Young Enterprise Scheme business.

Congratulations to **Jamie Doubleday (Year 12)** who has been appointed to the School Sport New Zealand Student Athlete Commission, a group of only 12 students in the country given the task of adding a student voice to decisions around school sport. Jamie was selected from a large field of applicants from around New Zealand. This is the second year in a row Kerikeri High School has had a student on the Student Athlete Commission.

Congratulations to **Kaia Derbyshire (Year 9)**, who represented Kerikeri High School at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Open Water Champs held at Mount Maunganui. This was also part of the National Banana Boat Ocean Swim Series.

She competed in the 1.25km event and came 1st in the 12 - 13 year old females, a full 2 minutes ahead of second place. Overall Kaia was the 5th female out of the water in the Under 19s in this distance. She also competed in the 500m event and came 2nd.

Congratulations to both our **Boys and Girls Open Sevens** teams which both qualified for the Condors national finals later this year.

Twenty-one riders represented the Kerikeri High School at the Northland Secondary Schools Dressage and Show Jumping. Congratulations to:

- 1.05m: **Sophie Ludbrook (Year 11)** 3rd, **Ruby Donovan-Flynn (Year 11)** 4th
- 95cm: **Keira Featherstone (Year 9)** 2nd
- 85cm: **Sylvie McDonald (Year 12)** 1st, **Jessica Frear (Year 10)** 2nd, **Chloe McCaig-Brown (Year 12)** 3rd, **Grace Gundry (Year 10)** 4th

Congratulations to **Logan Denize (Year 12)** who competed at the North King Country King of the Schools' Motocross. He won all three races in the 15 - 19 125cc class and two races in the 14 - 19 250cc class, placing 1st Overall.

Kerikeri High School had two teams entered in the annual Harken National Secondary Schools Keelboat Championship. The Kerikeri Blue Boat of **Luke Norman (Year 8), Isla Kee (Year 9), Erin Kee (Year 10), Charley Cates (Year 12)** and **Sam Kee (Year 13)** made the Gold Fleet, and the Kerikeri Red Boat of **Thomas Fewtrell (Year 13), Jacob Fewtrell (Year 13), Grace Calnan (Year 12), Carter Stringer (Year 11)** and **Ella Parker (Year 12)** made the Silver Fleet.

And congratulations to former Kerikeri High School student **Brady Rush** who made his debut for the All Black Sevens at the recent World Rugby Sevens Series in Singapore, where New Zealand placed second.

Year Level Assemblies

This week we have been able to hold our first Year Level Assemblies of the year, with the shift from 100 to 200 for indoor gathering sizes under the Red Traffic Light settings. Assemblies were run twice, with half the Year Level attending the first session and the other half attending the second session. Our Year Level Assemblies are important occasions where we model our WAKA values, reinforce our shared expectations, and acknowledge and celebrate student success and achievement across the Four Cornerstones.

Year 7 & 8 Swimfests

Our Sport Department ran very successful Swimfests for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. They were well supported by the Student Sports Council and the Year Level Prefects, and we were thrilled by the high rates of participation and the wonderful festival atmosphere. Students had lots of fun and really got into the spirit of supporting their classmates.

Kerikeri High School Parent Teacher Association ... a message from our PTA Chair

The Kerikeri High School PTA is a welcoming group of parents who meet monthly and work to support Kerikeri High School students and staff. Some of the support we are able to provide includes counting Work Day money, polishing trophies for Prizegiving, selling second hand uniform and catering a few events throughout the school calendar. The highlight of these being the School Ball. The Kerikeri High School PTA is a great way to meet people and help our school community. We are not involved in fundraising and our monthly meetings are informative, providing insight into what is happening in our school. New faces and fresh ideas are very welcome at our meetings. Please get in contact with us if you would like to know more. The next Kerikeri High School PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 May at 7.00pm in the Kerikeri High School Staffroom, and new members are most welcome.

Work Day Thursday 19 May

Kerikeri High School Parent Teacher Association Work Day will be held on Thursday 19 May 2022. This is our School's major full school fundraiser. Our students have raised money for projects and many extras not covered by Government Funding. For example, in previous years, Work Day funds have been spent on the provision of filtered water drinking fountains, covered walkways, a new school van, extra seating for the Auditorium for school assemblies, portable marquees, a garage for the school vans and landscaping and seating at the Hospitality building and the purchase of two COWs (Computers on Wheels) to facilitate learning in classrooms.

The decision about what to spend Work Day funds on is made by the students through the Student Council.

We ask that you please support this important event by encouraging your child or children to find suitable employment for Thursday 19 May. Students who do attend School on Thursday 19 May will be supervised by our Relief Teachers. Kerikeri High School Teaching Staff will use this valued time as a Professional Development Day.

We have attached a helpful fact sheet about Work Day.

Tai Tokerau NCEA Change Teacher Only Day Friday 20 May

This is one of a series of national days mandated by the Ministry of Education to prepare Teachers and Schools for the coming changes to NCEA.

Bully Free New Zealand Week 16 – 20 May and Pink Shirt Day 18 May

Bully Free New Zealand Week 2022 is happening across Aotearoa in the third week of Term 2, and Kerikeri High School will again be enthusiastically promoting these important values of acting respectfully and safely towards others. The theme for 2022 is "He kōtuinga mahi iti, he hua pai-ā rau: Small ripples create big waves."

Pink Shirt Day will be held in our School on Wednesday 18 May 2022. It is a day that aims to create schools, workplaces, communities, and whānau where all people feel safe, valued, and respected. The day will be a free mufti day and we will encourage as many staff and students to wear something pink as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Bullying behaviour happens across a wide range of situations, and School is no different. We work hard to prevent and address bullying when occurs in our School. 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. The worst thing they can do is stay silent. We can help. We want every person in our school to have a safe adult they can confide in and turn to for help. 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, any Teacher, a Form Teacher, Year Level Dean, School Counsellor, Deputy Principal, Associate Principal and Principal. We are here to help, and we strongly encourage you to contact us if you have concerns.

Nathan Wallis

Nathan Wallis is a compelling speaker and a respected New Zealand neuroscientist., and he will be speaking in Kerikeri on June 22 and June 23. The local Ministry of Education have organised these opportunities to hear Nathan, and we have attached information about his presentations for those who are interested and would like to attend.

Solar Power at Kerikeri High School

Recently we completed our new Solar Power project, with installation of solar panels across the large Business, Enterprise and Social Sciences building and Gymnasium roofs. On a clear day the solar panels can generate up to 75% of the School's power use. Not only is this financially sound but it is also environmentally friendly and sets a great example for our students in the use of renewable and clean energy.

The School featured in a recent Northern Advocate article which highlighted the benefits of the solar Power project to the school, and you can find it here:

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/nzs-biggest-school-solar-system-slashing-power-bills-at-kerikeri-high/LIZX4XAFK65WKWF4TL7TTBB4JA/>

SAVE - Sustaining All Viable Environments

SAVE (Sustaining All Viable Environments) is our student-led environmental opportunity. This year we have a Senior group taking on organisation and community driven projects and a Junior group focusing on activities and workshop learning.

SAVE Events run so far have been:

- Tie dye workshop in conjunction with Hospice Mid North
- Started Project Sunshine (a planting initiative)
- Carino sailing day trip to understand local marine environments
- Senior SAVE have been looking into a community garden, World Water day exhibit in the School Library and establishing a Young Reporter for the Environment.

Communication is Key

We really value good relationships at Kerikeri High School and good communication is the key. Download the App to:

- Send student absentee notifications
- Check the Daily Notices
- Keep up to date with School News and events
- Receive notifications that are useful to you and your student via alert subscriptions
- Check Revision Classes
- Plus handy links for students to access their School Office 365 account and curriculum resources and more
- Access the student NCEA Handbook

Please provide us with an Email Address – if your Newsletter arrives in the post, we don't have your email address. Please phone Reception on 407 8916 or send an email to enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz so we can get you on the list for faster communication.

And please call us if you need assistance. We have warm and friendly Reception staff who want to help.

Rest and Recharge – Take Care

The holiday break is very important as we need the opportunity to recharge and get set for another busy Term 2 which we hope will be less disrupted by Covid 19.

We wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable break, and a Happy Easter. Ngā Mihi o Te Aranga

Ngā mihi nui, Warm regards



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