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Dear Parents, Whānau, Students and Staff

The first day of Term 3 brought the worst weather, however it was great to welcome everyone back to School. Our Calendar is full of a wide range of opportunities for our Students across the Four Cornerstones and we encourage everyone to keep getting involved in the wider life of our School, there is so much to enjoy.

Facemasks Weeks 1 – 4 Term 3.

We appreciate the efforts of Teachers and Students who chose to wear face masks, following the strong recommendations of both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. Many of us would prefer not to be wearing masks, however doing so helps limit the spread of Covid. This may make a difference to the disruption Covid causes to student learning and enable us to have a more settled and predictable 10 weeks of School than we experienced in Term 2.

The School Ball

Our Senior School Ball will be held tomorrow night and we are once again anticipating a superb occasion. It is one of the highlights of the school year. There are not many occasions these days where young people get the opportunity to dress up so formally and enjoy a safe and stylish social occasion like this, and we are delighted to be able to offer them this experience once again.

Our warmest thanks go to our Year 13 Dean Mrs Sue Judd, and her hardworking team of Year 12 and 13 Ball Committee students for the countless hours they put in over the holiday break transforming the Auditorium, the Library and the two Drama Rooms for the evening. We also want to pass on our warmest thanks to our hard-working PTA, led by Shelly Ellicott, and the parent volunteers who are helping provide the outstanding supper the students will enjoy.

Board of Trustee Elections

Our triennial Elections for Parent Trustees, and Staff Trustee are coming up; our election date is September 23 2022, and nominations for Parent Trustees are open shortly.

More information will be coming to all eligible parents and caregivers from our Returning Officer Susan Manning in the next few days.

If you would like more information on becoming a Parent Trustee on the Board, please contact Susan Manning, her email address is smanning@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

Parent Trustees on the Board play a vital role in supporting the strong leadership of the school, and we are extremely fortunate at Kerikeri High School to have been so well served by exceptional Parent Trustees over a long period of time. We are extremely grateful for the positive and genuine contribution our Parent Trustees continue to make to the governance of our School.

International Students

This week we have welcomed back International Students to Kerikeri High School, after nearly 2 and a half years of closed borders. We are delighted to have 21 students from a range of countries including Germany, Chile, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Denmark. Our new students were formally welcomed to Kerikeri and our School on Wednesday with a Pōwhiri at Whitiora Marae. Prefects and our Kiwi Buddy students accompanied our Internationals and supported them, spending the day at the Marae learning more about tikanga and Ngāti Rēhia-tanga.

Our International Students add a richness to our school, and many of our local students make life long connections with their new friends, often spending time with them when they embark on their OE's overseas.

Our thanks to our hard working Director of International, Mrs Jessica Donovan for all of the work she has put in to give our International Students such a warm and settled start to their time with us.

Staff Changes

Over the holidays we have had some staff changes. Our Dean of Year 11, Mrs Kim Sainsbury has left us, taking up a role as Guidance Counsellor at Tikipunga High School. We are sad to see her go and wish her well for her new opportunity. Mrs Roz Clent has stepped into the Dean's position to see the Year 11's through to the end of the Year, and Mrs Michelle Robinson will be teaching Mrs Sainsbury's English classes.

Mrs Sainsbury passes onto the Year 11 whānau her thanks for their support and aroha over the years and wishes everyone the very best.

Mr Chris Wallace has also left us to take up a position at Murchison Area School in the South Island, and we wish him all the best. We welcome Mr Lucas Goodin to the Mathematics Department, and Mrs Kate Moss will be teaching Mr Wallis's Year 12 Outdoor Education class.

Parent, Student, Teacher Evenings

Our first of three Parent, Student, Teacher Evenings was held on Tuesday evening. These are great opportunities for parents and whānau to connect with classroom teachers and discuss student progress in their various subjects. We value these opportunities and warmly encourage and welcome parents and whānau to these meetings. Bookings can be made online to meet with teachers at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the event code **ew7y5** and our subsequent evenings are being held on Thursday August 4 and Wednesday August 17, both from 4.00pm – 7.00pm.

Options Evening

Students in Years 8 through to Year 12 will soon begin the process of selecting their Option Subjects for next year. To assist parents, whānau and students with this we are holding our annual Options Evening on Tuesday 9 August, from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet with teachers and hear more about what each option subject involves, and where these subjects lead to. No appointments are necessary, and we warmly welcome and encourage you to come along and support your child with their option selection process.

Enrolments for 2023

We will soon have Enrolment Packs available for the 2023 School Year, and we are working closely with our local contributing Primary Schools as together we warmly prepare these new Year 7 students for their transition to Kerikeri High School.

Our Out of Zone Application process for places in 2023 closes on Monday 19 September.

Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre

In the second week of the school holidays 20 Year 12 students travelled to the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Tongariro with Ms Erica Collins and Mr Mike Clent. The students took part in a wide range of exciting and challenging outdoor activities including caving, abseiling, high ropes challenges, and spending a night camped on Mt Ruapehu. The students were exceptional and had a wonderful time.

Over the coming weeks we have two further groups heading to the Hillary Centre; our Year 11 group is returning, having been evacuated out of their Year 10 trip last year due to lockdown, and our Year 10 students will be there the following week. We wish them safe travels and exciting experiences.

Kapa Haka

The Year 7 and 8 Kapa Haka Roopu, Ngā Teina, have begun their campaign for the Tai Tokerau Regional Primary Schools' Competition at the beginning of Term Four. The students in the Year 9 and 10 Roopu, Ngā Puawai, are working as Tutors with the teina. This is the first time our kura has entered a regional primary competition and the intention is that it will pave the way for future junior students as well as adding depth to the senior group, Te Pou o Manāko.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Kiera Matich** (Year 11), **Savanna Munro** (Year 12), **Taryn Rihari** (Year 13) and **Joshua Stephens** (Year 13) who recently won a Gold Medal for their entries into the Regional Online Secondary Schools Culinary Competitions. **Kiera Matich** and **Savanna Munro** won the Auckland North/Northland region and will now represent Kerikeri High School at the National Secondary School Live Culinary Finals in Auckland in September. They will be one of eight teams from around the country.



Congratulations to **Lydia Bailie-Bellew** (Year 13) whose artwork entitled 'Collision of Two Worlds' has been selected to be exhibited as part of the National Youth Art Awards, which is open to artists up to 25 years old.

Congratulations to **Tiree Robinson** (Year 13) for placing 4th in the U20 Girls North Island Secondary Schools Cycling Road Champs.



Congratulations to **Oceane de Reuck-Donelley** (Year 13) who has been selected for the Northland Women's Rugby Squad to compete in the Farah Palmer Cup competition.



Congratulations to the boys' Year 10 3 v 3 Basketball team (**Hunter Kay, Sam Bell, Tawhio Tua and Nikau Tahere**) and senior boys **Tuhikaiariki Smith** (Year 12), **Atahikoia Smith** (Year 10), **Nate Te Hira** (Year 13) and **Mitchell Hayes** (Year 11) who went through undefeated at the recent Northland Secondary Schools Day.



Congratulations to the following students who placed at the recent Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country Event held at Barge Park: Senior Boys **Callum Hoult** (Year 12) 3rd, Year 7 & 8 Boys **Charlie Birt** (Year 8) 1st and **Liam Hoult** (Year 7) 2nd and Year 7 & 8 Girls **Eleanor Kennedy** (Year 7) 3rd.



The Regional Rockquest results have been announced and we congratulate No Vacancy - **Lukas Bayer** (Year 11), **Finn French** (Year 11), **Erin Rosetta** (Year 11) and **Kosta Silich** (Year 10) who placed 2nd in the Regional Final and will possibly be performing for the National Semi-finals in Auckland in late August.

In addition to their success, we congratulate **Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi** (Year 10) from The Secrets who won the Musicianship Award, and **Ani Palmer** (Year 10) from Moberf who won the Lyric Writing prize.



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As you can see the start of Term 3 is exceptionally busy and we are enjoying being able to offer so many diverse opportunities to our students and our school community. Please, if you have any concerns or queries feel free to contact us. We are always pleased to hear from you.

Ngā manaakitanga

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth Fergie'.

EA Fergie (Mrs)
Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Clent'.

M Clent (Mr)
Associate Principal