



# Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands  
New Zealand

# NEWSLETTER

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Tū mai tōku maunga ko Pōkākā  
E rere atu nei te awa o Wairoa  
Riporipo tau ana ki te awa o ngā Rangatira  
Tiro kau atu ki te pā o Kororipo  
Raro nei i te mana o ngā tupuna  
Ko Hongi, ko Rewa, ko Tāreha  
Te marae ko Te Pou o Manakō  
Te kura ko Te Kerikeri  
Tihewa mauri ora

Standing majestically is my mountain Pōkākā  
Where the stream of Te Wairoa flows down  
Entering into the river of chiefs  
Swirling at the base of Kororipo Pā  
The ancestral fortress of Ngāpuhi  
Immortalised by Hongi, Rewa and Tāreha  
Our marae is Te Pou o Manako  
Embraced by the school of Te Kerikeri  
Behold, the essential life force

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## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou

Term 1 has been busy and we have enjoyed a successful start to our 2023 school year, with a number of highlights, a lot of hard work and as always, a lot of student participation across the Four Cornerstones. Our new Year 7 students have made a great start to their time at Kerikeri High School, and they enjoyed a wonderful Peer Support Camp on Urupukapuka Island with their Year 13 Leaders. Our School Prefects have taken up their leadership role with enthusiasm and dedication, our Student Council and Sport Council are both up and running and making a meaningful contribution to school life and students across the school are doing their very best to meet our expectations and live up to our WAKA values.

The first day of Term 2, Monday 24 April, is a Teacher Only Day and we are beginning work with our entire staff, learning about how we embed Restorative Practice across our school. We are at the beginning of this learning, and we will share more with you as we understand more about it. The following day, Tuesday 25 April is ANZAC Day and so students will be able to enjoy an extra two days at the end of their holiday break.

Our annual PTA Work Day fundraiser takes place early in Term 2, and the use of all funds raised is at the discretion of the Student Council. Please encourage your child to support this important fundraiser and remind them that students benefit directly from the proceeds. School will be closed for instruction but open for supervision for students who attend. Teachers will be using this day as the first of two Ministry of Education approved 'Accord Days' to work on the NCEA Change process.

I would like to thank our school community for your support and encouragement throughout this first Term. To our hard-working staff, to our dedicated Trustees on our Board, to the mums and dads on our Parent Teacher Association, to all the parents and whānau who support and encourage our students, and of course most of all to our students themselves, ngā mihi nui. I know that students and staff will be looking for a well-earned break as Term 1 ends, and I wish everyone a very safe and happy Easter Break, and a restful school holidays. We look forward to Term 2 and seeing everyone back at school.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Mike Clent

**Principal**



## Student Achievements

Congratulations to the Kerikeri High School Senior Debaters who travelled to Whangarei to compete in the regional New Zealand Schools Debating Championships. After a knock-out competition made up of 14 teams, the final saw two Kerikeri High School teams battle it out for the title. **Grace Calnan** (Year 13), **Joe Howells** (Year 13) and **Cameron Willis** (Year 13) eventually won the tournament in a close debate against fellow Year 13 students, **Zoe Ackers**, **Alice Calnan** and **Rachelle Nichols**. **Joe Howells** was named Speaker of the Tournament and Highly Commended Speaker awards went to **Alice Calnan** and **Grace Calnan**. **Lilli-Rose Voakes** (Year 11) was awarded Most Promising Speaker of the Tournament and gained a place in the Northland Development Squad. Both **Zoe Ackers** and **Joe Howells** have been awarded highly prestigious places in the Northland Schools Debating Team and will be travelling to Wellington in May to represent our school and region.



Congratulations to our Head Boy **Joe Howells** (Year 13), joint winner of the 2022 Race Unity Speech Awards, who attended Parliament at the beginning of this month, to reflect on 21 Years of the Race Unity Speech Awards. It was an auspicious and uplifting occasion, hosted by former Deputy Head Boy, **Nimish Singh**.

Congratulations to students who competed in the 2023 Secondary School Waka Ama Nationals at Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua.

**Jessie Davis** (Year 10) competed in the W1 250m race, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Te Takere Final (Plate Final).



**Ko Te Temepara Tiwai Apiata** (Year 9), **Darcy Bavister** (Year 9), **Stella Davis** (Year 8), **Te Marama Porter** (Year 11), **Awe Seymour** (Year 11) and **Hawaiki Taituha** (Year 9) represented our school in the W6 500m turn race and the W6 250m straight race progressing to the Te Ihu Final (Championship) for the W6 500m turn race and placing 7<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand. They progressed to the Te Takere Final (Plate Final) for the W6 250m straight race placing 1<sup>st</sup>.



Congratulations to the Kerikeri High School Clay Target Shooting team who competed in the first of the Secondary Schools' Clay Target Shooting competitions in Whangarei. **Lincoln Talbot** (Year 11), after shooting 20/20 in the Senior Boys Single Rise, competed in a shootout and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Josh Matthews** (Year 10), after shooting 14/15 in the Junior Boys Single Barrel, competed in a shootout and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. The A Team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the School Competition, the first time our school has ever placed.





Congratulations to **Layla Bell** (Year 8), **Aimee Broom** (Year 8), **Alysha Hawke** (Year 7), **Blake Smith** (Year 7), **Vince Walker** (Year 8) and **Jack Whitlow** (Year 8) who represented the Far North at the Northland Primary School Swimming Sports in Dargaville. All members of the Kerikeri High School team swam really well and were great representatives of the Far North.



Congratulations to the 24 Paddleboarders that competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association Paddleboarding competition at Lake Manuwai. Kerikeri High School took out the Top School with the following placings.

Year 7 Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> **Bronte Clarke**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Darcy Clarke**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Hannah Williams**

Year 8 Girls – 2<sup>nd</sup> **Indigo Fisher**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mackenzie Crawford**

Year 8 Boys – 1<sup>st</sup> **Ethan Powrie**

U14 Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> **Taylor Wright** (Year 9)

U14 Boys – 1<sup>st</sup> **Nicholas Louw** (Year 9)

U16 Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> **Lillirose Voakes** (Year 11), 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jana Godwin** (Year 11), 3<sup>rd</sup> **Lea Schwich** (Year 11)

U19 Girls – 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ella Scott** (Year 12), 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mishell Zisakis** (Year 12)

U19 boys – 1<sup>st</sup> **Jan Wiescher** (Year 13)

Year 7 & 8 Relay – 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 9 - 13 Relay – 2<sup>nd</sup>



Congratulations to the students who represented Kerikeri High School at the Northland Secondary Schools Surfing Competition held at Ahipara earlier this term.



**Nixon Edwards** (Year 9), **Grace Gundry** (Year 11), **Orla Hill** (Year 9), **Tommy Lodge** (Year 10), **Vinnie Reilly** (Year 10), **Oska Robinson** (Year 12), **Gus Rosevear** (Year 12), **Kosta Silich** (Year 11), **Eva Steenkamp** (Year 9) and **Taylor Wright** (Year 9) all performed really well in their heats against tough competition to make it through to the quarter finals. Some progressed further into the semis with **Grace Gundry** comfortably taking out first place in her U16 girls final and **Oska Robinson** winning the U16 Boys.

## School Policies

All of our school policies are available for everyone in our school community to access. They can be found at <https://kerikerihigh.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Our Community Username is kerikerihigh and our Community Password is waka.

Attached to this newsletter is further information about how to access and contribute to ongoing review of our school policies.

## Student Council

Our 2023 Student Council is up and running. Our Student Council is chaired by our Head Students, Joe Howells and Ella Parker, and each Year Level has a representative on it. Student Council provides a way in which students can have some input into school decision making. Funds raised by the annual PTA Work Day are spent at the discretion of the Student Council, always going towards something students benefit directly from but for which the school receives no additional funding.

## Year 12 Geography Trip

As part of the Year 12 Geography course, 60 students visited a working marine reserve at the Poor Knights Islands with Dive Tutukaka this week. The weather and conditions were perfect for students to experience the marine reserve through snorkelling, paddle boarding and kayaking. As well as many varieties of fish there was a lot of different marine life seen including dolphins, seals and the odd marlin jumping. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped us to make this trip happen.



## Senior SAVE Group

Our Senior SAVE (Save All Viable Environments) Group has done some great mahi this term including raising funds for recycling units for our senior form classes, creating tie dye that is being sold in the central Hospice Shop to raise money to support the work they do. The students have set goals for the rest of the year including recycling, minimising waste and educating staff and students about environmental issues.

## KK4 Bus Change

For students who catch the KK4 bus, which heads out along Purerua Road and on to Te Tii, there will be a slight change to departure times from Kerikeri High School in the afternoon. From the beginning of Term 2 this bus will leave approximately 5 minutes earlier than it has been. It will become one of the first buses to leave. Students who catch this bus should take this into account after school to make sure they arrive promptly after class to the bus lines to ensure they do not miss it. We have



shared this with students in the Daily Notices this week.

## PE Uniform

Our new Physical Education uniform is now available at the Uniform Shoppe in Waipapa. Our expectation is that all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be wearing correct PE uniform from the beginning of Term 2. If there are difficulties with the cost of the PE uniform, please contact your child's Year Level Dean or Health and Physical Education teacher in confidence.

## School Representative Hoodies

Kerikeri High School Representative Hoodies are available for students who meet the schools approved criteria, as described on the school website. The student must have achieved a qualifying cornerstone in at least one of our Four School Cornerstones - Cultural, Sporting, Academic and Leadership. Approval Letters have been given out to our qualifying Year 7 students and all other year levels can get an Approval Letter from our Sports Office. This letter is to be taken to The Uniform Shoppe in Waipapa where the hoodies can be purchased from. There is a 3 – 4 week turnaround for hoodies due to the personalised embroidering required.

## Monday 24 April Teacher Only Day

Monday 24 April is a Teacher Only Day and we will not be open for supervision of students. Our staff will be involved in professional learning about Restorative Practice as we work to embed this across our school over the coming months

## ANZAC Day Tuesday 25 April

Our local Dawn Service to commemorate ANZAC Day will take place in the Kerikeri Domain on Tuesday 25 April at 5.45am. Students from Kerikeri High School will proudly be playing a leading role this year as we come together as a community to remember and acknowledge the

sacrifice and service of those who have gone before us.

## Work Day Friday 12 May 2023

Our 2023 Work Day is being held in Week 3, Friday 12 May. Work Day is our School's major fundraising event of the year. The proceeds of the Work Day contribute to extra facilities at our school which we are not funded. Previous years, Work Day funds have been used to purchase new school blazers, piu piu for the Kapa Haka, filtered water drinking fountains, covered walkways, landscaping and seating and purchasing of COWS (Computers on Wheels). The decision about what to spend Work Day funds on, is made by students via the Student Council. More information on Work Day will be sent out at the beginning of Term 2. We ask that you please support this important event in our school calendar by encouraging your child or children to find suitable work for Friday 12 May.

## Advice on Potential Industrial Action Term 2

We have received advice from the Post Primary Teachers Association of potential industrial action in Term 2. While we are hopeful of a settlement for the Secondary Teachers Collective Contract, proposed industrial action includes a rolling one-day national strike, which in Northland would be Thursday 11 May. If this eventuates our arrangements would be the same as the two previous occasions PPTA members have been on strike; we would be closed for instruction but open for supervision of students under 14 years old.

PPTA have also advised of potential rostering home of students by Year Levels and have indicated the following dates:

Year 11	Thursday May 4
Year 12	Tuesday May 9
Year 13	Thursday May 11
Year 9	Tuesday May 16
Year 10	Wednesday May 17

Year 11	Thursday May 25
Year 13	Tuesday May 30
Year 12	Thursday June 1
Year 10	Tuesday June 6
Year 9	Thursday June 8

Please be aware this advice is for potential industrial action and is not yet confirmed. We will keep parents and whānau advised as we hear more in the new school term.

## Road Safety

A reminder to all students about being aware of road safety when travelling to and from school, especially those who are riding bikes or driving to school.

Students in Years 12 and 13 who have a Restricted License are required to have a signed parent permission form, available from Te Puna Waiora, before they can bring their car to school. We expect all student drivers to remain within the limits of their license, and this includes not travelling with passengers if the license is Restricted.

Students riding bikes to school must wear a bike helmet, and we encourage students to make themselves visible in the mornings using a light or wearing something reflective on their clothing or on their school bag.

## International Student Host Families 2023

We invite you to join us for an opportunity to learn and share different cultures. Our International Students add a lot to our School and our students benefit greatly from the connections and friendships they make with our guests. Our International Department is now seeking new host families to add to our fun and caring host family roopu for Term 3 and 4 2023. International Students are coming from a variety of different countries around the world. Lengths of stay vary from between one term through to one year. Our International Students are happy to share their culture with your family and lifelong friendships are made with people from all over the world. International students that are attracted to Kerikeri are like us; active, busy and enjoy an outdoor

lifestyle. Remuneration is provided and all applicants are Police vetted. If you would like to receive some more information, please contact our Director of International, Jessica Donovan on 407 0163 or [international@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:international@kerikerihigh.ac.nz)

## Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 10 May, in the Boardroom.