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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
Tīhewa 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 Manakō
Embraced by the school of Te Kerikeri

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Kia ora koutou

Our thoughts, condolences and aroha are with whānau and the Whangarei Boys High School community at this tragic time, and we acknowledge their loss and grief.

We have had a strong start to Term 2 and there is a positive and vibrant feel around the school. Learning is happening in classrooms and students are actively engaged. School winter sports codes are underway, and Drama performances are happening. Academic opportunities such as the Otago Mathematics Competition, Mathex, Lit Quiz and Impromptu Speeches are being offered and as you will see later in this Newsletter, a wide range of students are participating and experiencing opportunities across the Four Cornerstones.

I was privileged to attend Te Tai Tokerau Tōkihi ki Tua, our regional Kapa Haka Festival and Competition on Saturday to support our roopū, Te Pou o Manakō. It was a significant occasion and our roopū were outstanding. It was one of those special school moments that fills me with pride. I want to acknowledge and thank them for their commitment, role modelling, and for representing us so strongly. I would also like to acknowledge our hard-working staff, and our alumni and whānau who supported these efforts. We will share confirmed results in our next Newsletter.

I am also enjoying getting out and supporting our students. Saturdays at the Netball Centre, and on the side-line during mid-week winter sport are highlights, and I make every effort to get myself to various fixtures. Please feel free to make yourself known to me as we support our teams and athletes. My thanks also to all the parent and student volunteers who help make sport happen by offering time to coach, referee and umpire.

A word about the importance of regular school attendance.

The irony of highlighting the importance of regular school attendance while we are experiencing ongoing industrial action and loss of learning time is not lost on me. There is no question that rostering of Year Levels home is disruptive, as is today's nation-wide rolling strike. Resolution of the Secondary Teachers Collective Employment Contract sits with PPTA and the Ministry of Education, through their ongoing negotiation and mediation in Wellington.

Day to day, regular school attendance is something we can have an impact on. Regular school attendance is when a student misses less than a week of school a term. There is a growing amount of research and evidence that highlights the importance of regular school attendance. Missing even a week of school a term quickly adds up; a student who misses a week of school every term will have missed a full year of education by the time they turn 16. Regular school attendance is a key driver of academic success, positive wellbeing and positive lifelong outcomes.

We are working on ways in which we can keep you regularly updated about your child's attendance rate, so that you are informed and aware. If your child is away from school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Te Puna Waiora or using the school app.

We strongly encourage you to do everything you can at home to reinforce with your children the importance of coming to school, being in class and being positively and actively engaged in their learning.

Our attendance rates have improved significantly in Term 1 this year compared to last year. In Term 2 2022, average attendance dropped as low as 72% across the school. In Term 1 2023 it was 85% across the school. Regular attendance is 90% and above.

2023 Term 1 % of students attending for Kerikeri High School

Attendance	90 – 100%	80 – 90%	70 – 80%	0 – 70%
% of students	48.1%	26.7%	12.1%	13.2%

As you can see, we have room for improvement. Everyday counts – let's get our kids to school every day.

Ngā mihi nui



M Clent (Mr)
Principal

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the 13 students who competed against 400 other riders at the North Island Mountain Bike Championships in Rotorua during the April holidays. They entered a mix of Downhill, Enduro, and Cross Country Relay events. **Devon Ray** (Year 11) placed 3rd in Enduro, **Kole Teixeira** (Year 8), placed 6th in Enduro and **Leah Shrubshall** (Year 9), placed in the top 10 in Enduro.



Congratulations to **Aela Breeze** (Year 11), **Freddy Jarman** (Year 11), and **Chloe Junang** (Year 8, but she entered the Year 9 competition) who are through to Round 2 of the Otago Junior Mathematics Competition. 27 Kerikeri High School students competed in the first round in Term 1. This competition is for Year 9 to Year 11 students and only those who score in the top 15% of each year level are invited to participate in the second round.

Congratulations to the five Kerikeri High School teams that competed in the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year Regionals. **Andrew Magon** (Year 13), and **Max Thomas** (Year 13), made it to the final round with the quiz and were placed in the top 5 in the Region.



Four Kerikeri High School teams of three junior students competed in the Agrikids Competition on Saturday 29th April. They were very keen contestants and are all keen to do it again next year.



Congratulations to all the members of the Kerikeri High School Sailing squad after a great term of sailing.

The Keelboat Team qualified for the gold fleet event at the Nationals sailed on the Waitemata Harbour in Elliott 7s.

The Sailing Team was successful at the Regional Championships in Parua Bay, tying on points with a very strong Rangitoto team.

The Sailing Team also finished a credible 10th out of 28 teams at the National Championships at Algies Bay last month. Special mention goes to

Charley Cates (Year 13), the Team Captain, who is in his last year with the team. Charley has held this team together over the years and has inspired a new generation of young sailors who all aspire to try and beat him on the racecourse.

In fleet racing **Erin Kee** (Year 11) and **Isla Kee** (Year 10) became the Women's National Champions at the RS Feva Nationals finishing 2nd out of 45 boats. The sisters have been chosen to represent New Zealand at the European and World Championships in Hungary and Italy this coming July.



Congratulations to the students who competed in the Regional heats of the Rockquest Competition in Whangarei.

Adomania: **Billy-Joe Epiha, Teah Hagen** and **Aiva Pedro** – one of the only Year 9 bands in the competition.

The following four Kerikeri High School bands were selected to go through to the finals later this month.

Untameable Strange: **Evie Doull, Alastor Fairhurst, Jack Laird, Charissa Miles** and **Dayton Milner** (all Year 11)

Moberf: **Freddy Jarman, Luc Lawler** and **Ani Palmer** (all Year 11s) and **Izzy Cannon** (Year 10)

Fourth Perspective: (previously known as No Vacancy): **Lukas Bayer, Finn French** and **Erin Rosetta** (all Year 12s) and **Kosta Silich** (Year 11)

Intermission: **Josh Andersen, Sailor Epiha Declan Matthews, William Wallace** (all Year 12) and **Indy Williamson** (Year 13).

Congratulations to the students who competed in the Regional Lit Quiz. Three teams represented the school at the Regional Competition for the Kids' Lit Quiz - our teams placed 2nd, 3rd and 23rd out of the 34 teams competing. Lit Quiz is a wonderful interschool competition that celebrates reading and acknowledges our readers.



Angus Henwood, Finn Hofer, Lily Horgan and **Ava Wylie** (all Year 8) placed 2nd.



Kelly-Ann Sexton, Sophia Ibbotson, Mackenzie Crawford and **James Stuart** (all Year 8) placed 3rd.



Sylvie Hill (Year 7), **Mila Spitters** (Year 7), **Emily Godwin** (Year 8) and **Phoebe Atkinson** (Year 7) placed 23rd.

Congratulations to the students who attended the first ever Ultimate Frisbee event in our Sport Northland calendar. It was a fun day as students learnt the rules of this fast-paced sport, learnt different ways to throw and catch the frisbee, and came away with some good results.



Anzac Day

We were privileged to be invited to play a significant part in the Kerikeri Dawn Service on Anzac Day. Our roopū, Te Pou o Manakō provided the choir for the occasion leading the National Anthems of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia beautifully, as well as leading the hymn 'How Great Thou Art/Whakaaria Mai'. Deputy Head Students **Tuhikaiariki Smith** and **Ariella Ripohau** read the Kerikeri Roll of Honour and our Head Students **Joe Howells** and **Ella Parker** were the guest speakers, both delivering moving and insightful speeches. The Colour Party was led in by **Josh Young** and **Tuhikairiki Smith** with taiaha.



Anna Davison was the bugler for the Last Post and Reveille, and also did an outstanding job. Anna was also the bugler for the special commemorative Anzac Day service held at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds honouring the fallen soldiers of the 28th Māori Battalion.



Wet Weather and Early Buses Tuesday 9 May

The bad weather on Tuesday and the high possibility of flooding around the district led to our decision to send our afternoon buses out earlier than 3.00pm. This was coordinated with the Police, Riverview School, Kerikeri Primary School, Oromahoe School and the Bay of Islands International Academy. Our notification was sent out on our school App. Some parents have requested that we also send an email with the same message, and we will endeavour to do this in future.

We encourage everyone to download our App from the Playstore on Android or the App Store on Apple. Search for School Apps New Zealand and once you have downloaded it you add Kerikeri High School as your school. From the front page there are several useful links including Absentees, Daily Notices, the School Calendar, and the app pushes out Alerts to you.



Download the Kerikeri High School App

Our School app is an essential communication tool to stay in touch.

- Send absentee notifications
- Find the Daily Notices and school newsletters
- Use our Helpful links
- Receive important alerts - ensure notifications are enabled

Available through the Apple App Store, or the Google Play Store - search for School Apps NZ and select Kerikeri High School.

Industrial Action

A reminder of the proposed dates for rostering home which is part of the PPTA's industrial action. We know that everyone is hoping for a rapid resolution to this situation.

Tuesday 16 May	Year 9
Wednesday 17 May	Year 10
Thursday 25 May	Year 11
Tuesday 30 May	Year 13
Thursday 1 June	Year 12
Tuesday 6 June	Year 10
Thursday 8 June	Year 9

Representative Hoodies

Due to winter approaching and a delay in the design of the Representative Hoodie, The Uniform Shoppe will be offering students a basic alternative navy hoodie where current sizes of stock have been exhausted. This alternative will be a short-term loan to your child until the correct hoodie arrives. Our supplier at The Uniform Shoppe will be reaching out to those parents who have already paid and are still waiting. We thank you for your patience during this time.

KERI Reading

Tuesday 2 May marked the 22nd year of KERI Reading with a formal and fun event to match up 34 trained Year 13 Tutors and their KERI Readers. The KERI in KERI Reading stands for Kiwis Enjoying Reading Interaction. The aim of this programme is for Year 7 students to have an enjoyable, shared reading experience with Year 13 students, to encourage our Year 7 students to read more. This programme was developed in 2001 by a group of students as a Community Problem Solving project and went on to win National and International awards. It has remained very successful in our school for both the Year 13s and the Year 7s.

Year 13 students volunteer to be KERI Reading Tutors and to work with a Year 7 student in Terms 2 and 3 for one of their study periods each week. This year 34 Year 13 students have volunteered to be tutors and work with Year 7 students, and we thank them for their commitment and service.

Attitude Day 16th May 2023

Attitude is a team of talented communicators who are passionate about the wellbeing of young people. Since the mid-1990s Attitude presenters have been informing, inspiring and entertaining students across New Zealand. The topics covered for each year level are outlined below.

Year 9 - Holistic Wellbeing

We introduce the concept of holistic wellbeing and look at the physical, mental, spiritual, and social sides to every teenager. This programme gives young people ideas on how to tackle their teenage years and become the best version of themselves.

Year 10 - Drugs, Alcohol, and Peer Pressure

We address the issues that cause people to make poor decisions, and give ideas on how to assess risks, make better decisions, deal with peer pressure, and overcome addictions.

Year 11 - Choices, Resilience, and Self-esteem

This presentation offers practical advice on how to get through the hard chapters of life and delivers the 'life messages' teenagers need to grow mental and emotional resilience. It covers the importance of making positive decisions, and how to build the four cornerstones of a meaningful life.

Year 12 - Building and Maintaining Healthy Relationships.

This is a guide to building and maintaining healthy relationships, offering ideas on dealing with peer pressure and coping with break-ups.

Year 13 - Mental Wellbeing

This is a basic overview of how the brain works and a survival kit for handling stress, depression, and the tough times in life. This presentation aims to normalise common mental health issues and give practical solutions of how to get help.

Pink Shirt Day

This year our National Pink Shirt Day is on Friday 19th May. This day is to promote our anti-bullying messages, celebrate diversity, and promote inclusiveness, kindness, and aroha. Our Student WAKA group has taken this project on with huge enthusiasm. For the day they have planned a free mufti day (students are encouraged to wear pink), a sausage sizzle, bake stall, cake competition, face painting, lucky dips, and a 'pink' crowd photo at Interval on the Village Green. Prizes will also be given out to the best dressed. We are looking forward to supporting this worthy cause and we encourage everyone to wear pink! All proceeds will be donated to the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation.

International Student Host Families

We are looking for new host families to add to our fun and caring host family community. International Students are happy to share their culture with your family. Lifelong friendships are

made with students and their families 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 **International Department on 09 407 0163 or email accommodation@kerikerihigh.ac.nz**

You can view our new International Department promotion by following this link

<https://youtu.be/KkwXbnqWvNY>

Chess Club

Chess Club is now on every day, after seated lunch.



Art Exhibition

We are supporting and hosting a Charity Art Auction on Friday 9 June, 5.00pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 10 June, 9.00am – 12.00pm in our Auditorium, organised by former Kerikeri High School student and Prefect Finella O'Leary. Finella is a Neuroscientist from the University of Otago, conducting research into Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. The Auction is to help raise funds to support research into this debilitating disease. Entry is koha and artwork will be presented by current and former students of Kerikeri High School who have generously donated work to support this cause.

Next Board Meeting

Next Board of Trustees meeting: To be confirmed.

Year Level Deans



Year 7

Matua Jordan Westerlund

Ko Whakarongorua tōku maunga
Ko Utakura tōku awa
Ko Mataitaua tōku marae
Ko Ngātokimatawhāorua tōku waka
Ko Ngāti Toro tōku iwi
He hekenga tēnei nō Ngāpuhi
Ko Matua Jordan Westerlund ahau

Kia ora koutou katoa

The transition from primary school to high school can often be a significant milestone in a student's life. Settling very well into Kerikeri High School and guided by our WAKA values, our Year 7 students have demonstrated a remarkably positive and successful transition, setting a strong foundation for their academic and personal growth. Our taitamariki have embraced the opportunity to explore a broader range of subjects, allowing them to discover new passions and interests. A large majority of our students have eagerly embraced the opportunity to meet new classmates and forge connections, reaching out and sparking the beginning of countless meaningful friendships – whakawhanaungatanga.

Students are being introduced to many kaupapa (activities/groups) that are available for Year 7's at Kerikeri High School, such as the SAVE group, Mathex, music tuition, LIT group, KERI Reading, Kapa Haka and many more. It is very important that your child listens out to the Daily Notices during Form Time to sign up and actively participate in something they may show an interest in.

A very important note is attendance, e whānau mā. Please, if your child will be absent from school, use our KKHS app, call Reception or simply explain it on paper which your child can bring to their Form Teacher the next day they are present. With Winter fast approaching and the weather we have been experiencing, students must come to school in correct uniform – this includes correct jerseys and jackets. There is more information on our Kerikeri High School website under the 'Enrolment' tab for uniforms.

Mā te pā te tamaiti e whakatupu – It takes a village to grow a child. The Pastoral Team, Form Teachers and Year 7 Prefects are working very hard to keep this positive momentum up as we continue with the rest of Term 2.

Ngā mihi maioha
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Year 8
Mr Seth Brown

Tēnā koutou

The Year 8's have made a pleasing start to Term 2 and have settled down well as we battle the unusually wet weather which impacts school life.

We have had students involved in a number of Cornerstones so far this term including a Year 8 team gaining second place in Ultimate Frisbee and three Year 8 teams entered in the regional Lit Quiz competition.

There is an array of Cornerstone activities available to Year 8 in Term 2. We have Northland Secondary Schools Surfing, Turbo Touch, Orienteering, Inline Hockey, Golf, Kerikeri High School Cross Country, World Ocean Day Beach Clean Up, Table Tennis, Squash, Badminton and Motocross - that's just what's on the calendar so far. If your child has not participated in a Cornerstone in 2023, we encourage them to get involved in at least one of these activities available this term. These Four Cornerstone activities sitting proudly embroidered on the Kerikeri High School Representative Hoodie show student commitment to gaining a balanced education.

During Tutorial this Term, we have looked at stress management and the Year 8 Form Teachers have taught a skill to their Form Class. Coming up we have Pink Shirt Day antibullying activities, an interclass tournament on both Tuesday 23rd May and 6th June (Students are reminded to please bring their PE gear on these dates) and other activities developed by the Year 8 Class Representatives, alongside our Year 13 Prefects, in our weekly meetings.

The Year 8's are looking forward to Work Day where they can experience a work place for a day. The opportunity to try out new skills and start to think about future careers is invaluable. For some of our students the prospect of starting an after school/weekend job is exciting and all part of the growing up process.

We have the Year 7 and 8 Impromptu Speech competition held during Periods 1 - 3 on Thursday 18th May (Week 4). Also, at the end of the Term we have the annual Year 8 Speech Final Period 2 on Monday 26th June (Week 10).

Ngā mihi nui
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Year 9
Mr Andy Willis

Tēnā koutou whānau

As we settle into Term 2, I am pleased to report that the Year 9's are managing themselves well. They have taken on the new challenge of their option classes with ease and appear to be enjoying the mix of subjects.

Many of our Year 9's are heavily involved in a wide variety of pursuits inside and out of school hours. This includes a wide range of activities from Cadets to Waka Ama to Kapa Haka, all the sporting codes, music and debating and Chess Club, to name a few. This is wonderful to see. We have a mountain of talent within the Year Level. Encourage your tamariki to get involved in the diverse array of extracurricular activities on offer through the school and within the community. You can access the school calendar to see upcoming activities via our website.

Class Representatives have been working alongside our Year Level Prefects and myself to act as a conduit for ideas between their Form Classes, Prefects, myself, and the Student Council. They have also been given the responsibility of working with Prefects to take charge of our next three, Year Level Assemblies.

As the winter months approach, please support your tamariki to look after themselves by staying warm and dry.

Ngā mihi
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Year 10
Mrs Kate Montgomerie

Kia ora tātou

It is wonderful to see our Year 10's in full swing for Term 2. Students are now settled into their options classes and enjoying their learning. There are also many Cornerstone activities underway including the upcoming Mathex, a highlight for many Year 10 students. A large number of Year 10 students expressed their interest in OPC, Hillary Outdoors Pursuit at our information meeting. Permission forms will be available soon and any further students interested are also welcome to collect a permission form.

Attendance is important. Please contact the school via the app, email or phone to inform the school of any absences. Form Time is a crucial time of the day as it helps to set our students up for success. If your child is late to Form Time, can you please write a note or contact the school, this is appreciated and helps support your child.

As we head into the Winter months a reminder that students are required to wear the correct school uniform jersey, hoodie or jacket. Students will be asked to put away any incorrect hoodies.

The Year 10 Pastoral Team is looking forward to continuing to support our tamariki this term and as always please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of any support big or small.

Ngā mihi
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Year 11
Mrs Roz Clent

Tēnā koutou katoa

It is exciting to see our Year 11's building confidence, having settled into their first year as senior students.

Year 11 students are now well underway with their NCEA Level One studies, completing internally assessed Achievement Standards over the range of their subjects. We have started to see the credits appear in students' individual Records of Achievement in our Student Management System. Please remember to ask your child to log on at home with you regularly. This is a great way for you to keep involved in their academic progress. We strongly encourage our students to be fully informed about their learning, so if you are concerned that your child does not really understand the expectations of NCEA Level One, please encourage them to have a chat with their Form Teacher.

Assessment work will increase this term and students will need to manage multiple deadlines by taking responsibility for their own learning. Consistent attendance avoids gaps and keeps the learning momentum going. Arriving at every class on time, keeping track of deadlines on a calendar and keeping ahead of deadlines will also be useful. Homework tends to be focussed on assessment work in Year 11, so there is always study work that can be done at home to support progress in class.

This term, Year 11 Form Teachers are working with their classes on setting up good study habits and skills, building student awareness of how they work best, and how to best use their study time. Students can make the most of their Form Teachers' support during Form Times and Tutorial on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child arrives at school before form time every day.

Noho ora mai
Roz Clent

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Year 12
Mrs Jess Lowe

Kia ora koutou

A busy term for Year 12 has started. In their various classes, our taura have learnt the basics and acclimatised to the demands of Level Two NCEA. They are focused on doing their absolute best mahi to prepare themselves for whatever is next in their journey.

Alongside this academic focus, a number of cornerstones are continuing from last term, or starting up. Winter sport, environmental groups, Tōkihi ki Tua, and Ball Committee to name a few of the multitude on offer.

While the main focus of their time at school is of course on learning, helping our young tangata grow to be healthy, happy well-rounded people is always in the forefront of our minds. To that end, the conversations around their driver licensing, being safe in their environments and demonstrating WAKA values will continue.

Ngā mihi
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Year 13
Ms Erica Collins

Tēnā koutou

Firstly, I would like to commend Year 13 as a whole on their wonderful start to the school year. Term 1 ended with a lovely Peer Support celebration with the Year 7 students, and also an assembly to recognise wonderful attendance for Year 13.

Term 2 is always a busy one and we had a number of students who performed over the weekend in Tōkihi ki Tua. It was an outstanding kapa haka performance, well done to you all! We have many students who have kindly donated their time with our KERI Reading programme which began last week. This is where they are buddied up with a Year 7 student and they work together through the reading programme. Our Ball Committee of Year 12 and 13 students are also underway with weekly planning during Tutorial for our upcoming Senior Ball. More details about this will be in the next newsletter.

This term, Year 13 students are only required in Form Time for Mondays and Fridays, with Form Times on the other days being optional. This is so the students and the Form Teacher can start and finish the week together. Form Time is used for the Form Teacher to track attendance, have conversations about where the students are at academically and to pass on important administrative information. If you could support your student to attend this, it would be very much appreciated.

Good attendance is key to success. If you have any queries regarding your student's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact their Form Teacher. Could we please have absences explained using the school app, or by email to the Form Teacher so that we can track this as accurately as possible.

Thanks for your wonderful support. I am sure Term 2 will yet again fly by! If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi
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