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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 Manako
Embraced by the school of Te Kerikeri
Behold, the essential life force

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou

Last week our Board of Trustees began their consultation with our school community as part of their work developing a new Strategic Plan that will guide Kerikeri High School through the next two years. This is part of the Ministry of Education's new Planning and Reporting processes for all schools in New Zealand. This consultation gives our parents and whānau an opportunity to give feedback on what we are doing well and what we could do better, and to help shape what our school will look like moving forward.

We genuinely want to hear from you, and we value your honest feedback and thoughts. Please take a few moments to complete the survey which was emailed to all parents and whānau last week to ensure your voice is heard.

I am pleased to report we are also underway with our work with the Education Review Office and their new 'Te Ara Huarau' process, which is a new review process replacing the previous model which saw ERO onsite for three days, and then publishing a report. The new process involves us working with ERO to set and monitor goals over the coming three years and is a longer-term collaboration. The Education review Office's next meeting with us is Tuesday 24 October.

I have spoken about attendance in previous newsletters, and I continue to stress the importance for our students of regular attendance. I appreciate we are experiencing a lot of illness in the community, but I remain concerned about students whose attendance is irregular and their academic progress. Every day at school and every hour in class counts.

Some families are choosing to take overseas holidays and trips during the school term, and while this may mean access to cheaper flights and accommodation, there is a cost and that will be to student learning and progress. It is difficult for teachers to be providing up to a month and in some cases six weeks' worth of work in advance for students on holiday and overseas trips. Their planning priority is for the students who are present in their classes daily.

Once again you will see in the Student Achievement section of this newsletter the wide and diverse range of student achievement across the Four Cornerstones. As we write references for our Year 13 students who are applying for University Scholarships, the depth and breadth of their participation in school life across their time with us becomes apparent. There is a lot to be proud of.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Mike Clent
Principal

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the ACER Australasian Languages Competition in Spanish. **Joe Howells** (Year 13) Level 3 High Distinction, **Braeden Leung** (Year 12) and **Lindsay Adams** (Year 12) Level 3 Distinction, **Emma Betts** (Year 12) and **Phoebe Williams** (Year 11) Level 2 High Distinction, **Hayley Bloch-Jorgenson** (Year 11) and **Amber Robinson** (Year 12) Level 2 Distinction, and **Zack Valadares** (Year 9) Level 1 Distinction.

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Semi-Finals of the Wright Family Spelling Bee.

They have been invited to compete in Whangarei in September and we wish them the best of luck.

Will Anderson (Year 9), **Louis Astill** (Year 10), **Joshua Carlisle** (Year 10), **Charlene Junang** (Year 10), **Indea Ralph** (Year 9), **Gabby Robinson** (Year 9), **Skye Robinson** (Year 10) and **Alecia Smythe** (Year 10).

Congratulations to all the Year 12 and 13 Business Management students who attended the Young Enterprise Trade Fair at the Packhouse Market on Saturday 12th August. It was an exceptional Trade Fair with a very high standard of stalls, with the students receiving many positive comments from members of the public. **Ella Parker** (Year 13) was awarded the People's Choice Award and was also awarded 1st Place by the official judges.



Ngapuhi Kraus and **Ella Parker** (both Year 13) represented Kerikeri High School at the Business Hall of Fame black tie Gala in Auckland on August 10th. The students read the Bios for two of the seven laureates at this prestigious event.



Congratulations to **Joe Howells** (Year 13) who won the recent Whangarei Rotary Speech contest. He delivered a prepared speech entitled 'Food for Thought', about his reflections on travelling to India, and the impromptu speech topic was, 'Should cell phones be banned on school grounds?'



Congratulations to **Ngapuhi Kraus** and **Indy Williamson** (both Year 13) who stole the show with local band Jam Sandwich at the 39th Bay of Islands Jazz and Blues Festival held in Paihia. Ngaphui provided velvety vocals for the mix of cover and original songs, and Indy added impressive melodic lines alongside her. Both students received a raft of compliments after each of their four sets.

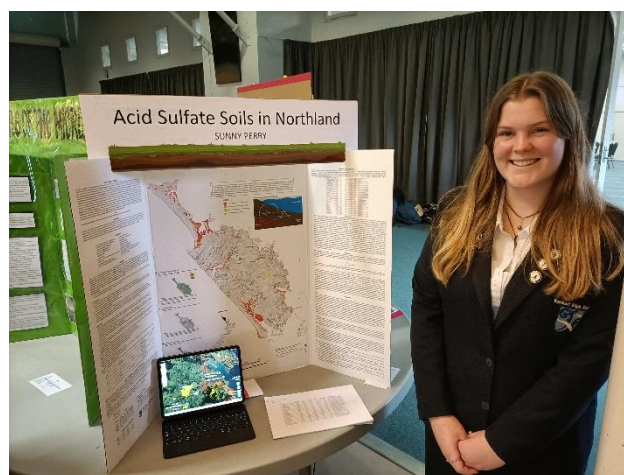


Congratulations to **Erin Kee** (Year 11) and **Isla Kee** (Year 10) who represented Kerikeri High School and New Zealand at two sailing events in Europe last month. The RS Feva Europeans were sailed on Lake Balaton in Hungary. They finished 2nd Women and 7th overall. As non-Europeans they were allowed to participate but weren't eligible to be official prize-winners.

The RS Feva World Championships were held in Follonica, Italy. They finished the week 21st out of 210 boats and 4th Girls Team. Erin and Isla went onto the podium to collect medals for finishing as 3rd Family Team.



Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Top Energy Regional Science Fair and to those who were awarded prizes. Please see the attached list of winners. Congratulations to **Sunny Perry** (Year 12) for being awarded both Best Senior Project and Overall Winner 2023.



Te tatūnga whakanui o Ngāti Rēhia Matamomōe

You are invited to join us in celebrating the Constituted seat for Ngāti Rēhia Matamomōe on the Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees.

This will be held at Whitiara Marae on Wednesday 6 September 2023.

We will assemble in the carpark for the pōwhiri at 6.00pm

For catering purposes please RSVP to enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz or phone Reception 09 407 8916 by Monday 4 September.

Ngā mihinui ki runga i a koutou katoa.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,

Tēnā rā tātou katoa.

Visiting Music Mentor

This year we were successful in our application to the New Zealand Music Commission to have a Mentor visit the Music Department for two days. Kim Halliday is a professional musician from Auckland who specialises in Guitar but also plays a range of instruments and writes compositions to go with documentaries and film. She worked with many option music students who were preparing for their Solo Performances later in the term. In addition to that, she talked about working within the music industry with the Year 13 students, answered questions and offered advice to those thinking about heading that way when they finish school. Kim had an opportunity to work with two focused groups of guitarists – an advanced group of Year 11-13 males and an enthusiastic group of Year 8-10 girls. The girls made an impression and were invited back for an additional session before Kim left. Thank you to the New Zealand Music Commission for providing this wonderful opportunity to our students and to Kim for her wisdom, insight and patience.

School Buses Update

Our local school bus network is known as KSTN (Kerikeri Schools Transport Network) and includes Kerikeri High School, Kerikeri Primary School, Riverview School and Oromahoe School.

In 2021 the KSTN requested a review of the funding for our local bus routes by the Ministry of Education. After a long and somewhat frustrating wait, the Ministry has now completed the review.

We are pleased to share with you that because of this review there is an increase to KSTN funding which allows us to make some additions to our bus routes and allows us to carry students who were previously not eligible for Transport Assistance.

We are now able to carry students who live outside the KSTN boundaries. (Unfortunately, and somewhat confusingly, the transport boundaries do not coincide with Enrolment Zone boundaries).

For clarity on who is eligible to catch school buses, any student in Years 1 – 8 who lives within 3.2km of their nearest school (whether they attend that school or not) and in Years 9 – 13 who lives within 4.8km of their nearest school (whether they attend that school or not) are ineligible for transport assistance and cannot travel for free on KSTN buses. This is a nationwide Ministry of Education setting, not a local rule KSTN have put in place. All school bus networks across Aotearoa New Zealand operate the same.

From this week students who live beyond the minimum distance described above are now eligible for transport assistance regardless of whether they are attending their nearest school or not. Students who attend a more distant school 'transfer their eligibility' and can use, free of charge, a bus serving the school they attend. The only requirement is that they catch the bus from a scheduled stop on the shortest route between their home and their school.

If you reside closer to another school which offers Year 7 & 8, or Years 9 - 13 and you wish to make use of one of the KSTN buses, please contact our friendly staff at Reception to check eligibility and which bus and stop your child may be able to use.

Students who are using KSTN buses and who are now eligible by transfer will no longer need to pay. Contact us at Reception for details on refunds for concession cards.

The privately operated buses serving Paihia, Haruru, Kaeo, Kaikohe etc which are outside the KSTN boundaries are still fare paying routes.

The additional funding may also be used in the future to allow for some extra routes or bus runs, to

alleviate the loadings on some buses, and we will assess that once we understand the impact of the changes described above.

At this stage, the Network schools have considered the best use of the increase and have resolved that the following improvements to routes will be introduced.

Initially two Routes will be extended

The current KK14 route will extend to cover 340-560 Wiroa Rd and 0-230 Lodore Rd (Ricker Rd corner) collecting students for Kerikeri Primary School and Kerikeri High School.

The current KK6 bus will extend its route to include 700-410 Puketona Rd (terminus will be in Halyard Loop, Watea).

Moving forward, KSTN will monitor student numbers on our buses and may subsequently introduce a new route that will serve the northern and central area of our network. This will involve some considerable alteration to current routes and full details will be provided for everyone before any introduction.

Timing of these changes

The extensions to KK14 and KK6 are planned to occur in the week of 4 - 8 September. There will be minor adjustments to bus times in the order of 5-10 minutes. There may be some further minor adjustments required over the initial days of operation. Students will be given details of these. The introduction of any new northern and central route will probably be during Term 4 after monitoring of student loadings.

A Safety Reminder

The Ministry of Education have requested that schools "remind your caregivers that it is their responsibility to supervise their children prior to the children boarding the school bus in the morning and once they get off the school bus in the afternoon."

This is a timely reminder that schools are not responsible for student safety at bus stops, other than the loading and unloading procedures.

Please also remember that schools and our roads are extremely busy before and after school, and sometimes younger students are not as aware of road safety as we would like. Please drive carefully and stick to speed limits outside schools and when passing stationary buses collecting or dropping off

students. The speed limit when passing a stationary school bus is 20km an hour.

Cobham Road Roadworks 4 September – 30 November

We have been advised today that there will be major roadworks taking place on Cobham Road beginning 4 September and scheduled to finish on 30 November. An upgrade of the public wastewater system will mean Cobham Road will be reduced to one lane with traffic flow controlled by traffic lights. This will be between the intersection of Mill Land and Cobham Road and Resolution Road and Cobham Road. We anticipate this will cause considerable disruption and urge everyone to include likely delays in your morning and afternoon planning.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13 September 2023, in the Boardroom.

Top Energy Regional Science Fair Results for Kerikeri High School

Kyota Drift	Top Energy	Julian Howell	Bronze
Drag Racing	Top Energy	Alysha Hawke	Bronze
Disappearing Plates	Top Energy	Stella Weston	Bronze
Wax Up	Top Energy	Isla Dawson	Bronze
Flowing Fountains	Top Energy	Holly McGlinchey	Bronze
Pass or Shot?	Top Energy	Finn Spitters, Tom Jackson	Bronze
Low or High	Top Energy	Knox Oliver	Bronze
Predicting the Waves	Top Energy	Liam Turner	Bronze
Does wifi affect bean growth?	Top Energy	Gabby Robinson	Bronze
Talking About Torque	Top Energy	Baxter Lupi	Bronze
All About Apples	Top Energy	Stella Stephens	Bronze
The Effects of Antibiotics on Gram Positive and Gram Negative Bacteria	Silverback Academic Media	Dayna Hawke	Bronze
Rooting 4 Da Future	Summit Forests	Emily Sok, Eleonor Vigil	Bronze
Nostoc's Kitchen Killers	Grant McCallum	Lucia Andrew, Harriet Phillips	Bronze
How Gross is Your Face	Makana Confections	Tara Perry	Makana Voucher
Drag Racing	Tailored Results Women's Fitness Studio	Alysha Hawke	Special
Icy Ice Cream	NZ Baking Industry Research Trust	Emmalee Ferris	Book Prize
Beetle Buddies or Fungal Foes	Department of Conservation	Swara Kharche	Growing Conservation Award
Clear As Mud?	Department of Conservation	Amber Bloch-Jorgensen	Biosecurity Award
To Test the Pest	Department of Conservation	Kane Creighton	Technology Award
Reduce Waste Save Space	Haigh Workman	Luca Gundersen-Stewart	Silver Engineering Award
Bye Bye Condensation	Vision Consulting Engineers Ltd	Eva Lovell	Silver
How Gross is Your Face	The Doctors	Tara Perry	Silver
Fertiliser Scmertiliser	Rodger Ludbrook	Amalfi Robinson	Silver Environmental Award
The Rise of the Cheesecakes	NZ Baking Industry Research Trust	Shyla Atkinson, Stella Lumkong	Silver
The Burning Question	NZ Environmental Limited	Jayden Patrick	Silver
Skin Deep	New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology	Pippa Sager, Nevaeh Taylor	Silver
Cracking the SCOBY Secret	Stats NZ & New Zealand Statistical Association	Joe Howells	Silver Outstanding Use of Statistics
Acidic Oceans	Engineering New Zealand	Olivia du Plooy	Silver

Graphite and Plastic	Engineering New Zealand	Simone Wu	Silver
I Will Show You the Light Down Refraction Lane	Top Energy	Dani Kirkby-McCloy	Gold
The Peel Fect Fertiliser	Top Energy	Taylor Wright	Gold
Drowsy Driver	Top Energy	William McNulty	Gold
Cracking the SCOBY Secret	Top Energy	Joe Howells	Gold
Oops! I Dropped it Again	Silverback Academic Media	Hannah Wade	Gold
Unmasking the Truth	Silverback Academic Media	Sophia Ibbotson	Gold
Autonomous Robot	Catalyst.Net Limited	James Browning, Ben Flood	Gold
Sun Smart & Ocean Smart	Far North District Council	Stella Bowron	Gold
Beetle Buddies or Fungal Foes	Far North District Council	Swara Kharche	Gold
Vegetated Buffers	Engineering New Zealand	Finn Hofer	Gold
Which Flax Design is Strongest	Engineering New Zealand	Mika Silich	Gold
The Solution is in the Soil	Summit Forests	Craig Wilson	Gold
Copper in Cattle during Winter	Grant McCallum	Fin Ludbrook	Gold Farming Prize
Marine Oil Spills	Massey University	Kate Graham	Gold
Acid Sulfate Soils in Northland	Massey University	Sunny Perry	Gold
The Peel Fect Fertiliser	Massey University	Taylor Wright	Outstanding
The Solution is in the Soil	Massey University	Craig Wilson	Outstanding
Sun Smart & Ocean Smart	Massey University	Stella Bowron	Outstanding
Which Flax Design is Strongest	Massey University	Mika Silich	Outstanding
Autonomous Robot	Massey University	James Browning, Ben Flood	Outstanding
Marine Oil Spills	Northland Regional Council	Kate Graham	Outstanding
Acid Sulfate Soils in Northland	Northland Regional Council	Sunny Perry	Environmental Solutions Award
Vegetated Buffers	NIWA	Finn Hofer	Climate Award
Acid Sulfate Soils in Northland	NIWA	Sunny Perry	Fresh Water Award
I Will Show You the Light Down Refraction Lane	Top Energy	Dani Kirkby-McCloy	Best Intermediate Project Year 7
Autonomous Robot	Top Energy	James Browning, Ben Flood	Best Intermediate Project Year 8
Vegetated Buffers		Finn Hofer	Best Intermediate Project Year 8
Marine Oil Spills	Top Energy	Kate Graham	Best Junior Project Year 9

Acid Sulfate Soils in Northland	Top Energy	Sunny Perry	Best Senior Project
Acid Sulfate Soils in Northland	Top Energy	Sunny Perry	Overall Winner 2023