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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 3 is nearly over and it's starting to feel like Spring is in the air. Staff and students have worked hard this term, both in the classroom and across the Four Cornerstones and there have been many highlights to acknowledge and celebrate. From the School Ball early in the term, trips to the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre and on Lion New Zealand, our participation in the highly successful Te Hui Ahurei o Ngāti Rēhia Kapa Haka festival, the success at the Regional Science and Technology Fair and Auctioneering, to teams representing Kerikeri High School all over the North Island during Tournament Week, and at AIMS Games in Tauranga, to mention just a few things, we have been flat out.

On top of that, students in Years 11, 12 and 13 have sat mock examinations in preparation for their important external examinations which begin on November 6, and many students are also working hard to complete portfolios of work for NCEA submission.

One of the keys to being successful at school is being here regularly. Attendance at school every day, and in class every hour counts. I have spoken about this in previous Newsletters and erratic attendance for some students continues to be a barrier to their achievement and progress, and this sadly limits their potential. Please support your children by ensuring they come to school every day, prepared and ready to engage in their learning. If you need help with this, please contact us and we will be of assistance. Our Form Teachers, Year Level Deans, Assistant Principals and Deputy Principals are only too happy to help and assist you.

Today we have presented Kerikeri High School Honours awards. It is always a pleasure to recognise and celebrate elite achievement, and I hope the example each recipient sets inspires others to work hard to reach their own very best level of attainment in the various activities they are involved in.

It's fair to say everyone is looking forward to a change in routine for a fortnight during the upcoming break between Term 3 and 4. For many students it won't be a 'holiday' as they will be working hard preparing for externals and completing those important final assessments. None the less I wish everyone a restful and safe break and I hope everyone finds some time for themselves to unwind and reset for the important last term of the school year.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Mike Clent

Principal

Student Achievements

Tournament Week

In Week 7 we sent five school teams off around the North Island to represent Kerikeri High School at the annual Tournament Week competitions. Our Mixed Hockey team travelled to Taupo and finished a commendable 5th.



Our Football Boys First XI travelled to Whanganui and although they finished 16th they competed well, and we were delighted to receive correspondence from other teams about their exemplary behaviour and attitude both on and off the field. Well done boys!

Our Football Girls First XI competed in Whangarei and also placed a commendable 5th.

Our young Premier Netball side competed in the highly competitive UNISS B Grade in Hamilton and maintained their ranking in this division.



And our Premier Boys Basketball side competed in the North Shore, performing very well against a number of the bigger city schools, placing 20th.

Aims Games

Congratulations to the Boys' Football Team that competed at the AIMS Games and were placed a commendable 7th. This was an outstanding result, and our best ever Football performance at AIMS Games.



Our Girls Netball team at AIMS showed a positive attitude over their 5 days of competition, playing up to three games in a day. They battled the elements at the start of the week and showed resilience winning half of their games.

Congratulations to **Taylor Pavlicevic** (Year 7), **Ava Shaw** (Year 8) and **Hannah Williams** (Year 7) who competed in the Open Junior and Open Junior Advanced categories at AIMS Gymnastics. This is the first time that Kerikeri High School has had gymnasts compete. **Taylor Pavlicevic** (Year 7) was placed 13th on Beam.



Well done to **Alexis Farmiloe** (Year 7) and **Layla Bell** (Year 7) who swam superbly at AIMS Games, picking up a number of placings and swimming several personal bests, over the three days.

Alex Hodgson (Year 8) also competed at AIMS Games in both Cross Country and Enduro Mountain Biking over several days and had great results despite the tracks being very wet and muddy. Alex placed 48th out of 102 competitors in the Enduro.

A big thanks to our hard-working Sports Department who made all of the arrangements for teams to travel to Tournament Week and AIMS Games and participate and for securing so much funding to keep the costs reasonable for families. A huge thanks to the coaches and managers who gave up their week to provide these wonderful opportunities for our students.

Congratulations to the following boys who competed in the last round of competition for the year in the Northland Secondary Clay Target Shooting. **Hadley Todd** (Year 10) was placed 1st in the Junior Boys Single Rise. **Josh Matthews** (Year 10) was placed 2nd in the Junior Boys Single Barrel, and he was placed 3rd Junior Boy Overall for the year.

Congratulations to **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) who competed in the Regional semi-finals of the Wright Family Spelling Bee. Special congratulations to **Charlene Junang**, who made it through to the final in Wellington, to compete for a \$5,000 prize. We wish her all the best.

Congratulations to **Naoise Breeze** (Year 13) who won the Level 3 section of the STANZA National Spanish Speech competition and to **Joe Howells** (Year 13) who placed 3rd.

Kerikeri High School Elite Honours Awards

Today we have presented Kerikeri High School Elite Honours Awards to students in our Celebration Assembly. Kerikeri High School Honours Awards recognise the 'best of the best' and are regarded as significant recognition of elite achievement and of the hard work, dedication, sacrifice and commitment required to reach these levels of attainment. Congratulations and well done to today's recipients, who have been recognised across three of our four cornerstones. Academic, Sporting and Cultural.

Academic Honours

Sunny Perry (Year 12).

Cultural Honours

Zoe Ackers (Year 13), **Hayley Bloch-Jorgensen** (Year 11), **Naoise Breeze** (Year 13), **Grace Calnan** (Year 13), **Layla Molloy** (Year 12), **Joe Howells** (Year 13), **Phoebe Williams** (Year 11).

Sport Honours

Joshua Andersen (Year 12), **Sascha Bell** (Year 11), **Zane Cooper** (Year 13), **Jake Couling** (Year 13), **Bailey Edwards** (Year 11), **Oliver Horsfield** (Year 12), **Grace Gundry** (Year 11), **Blaine Kaihe** (Year 12), **Erin Kee** (Year 11), **Isla Kee** (Year 10), **Charlie Klinac** (Year 12), **Analise Moody** (Year 13), **Te Aowera Para** (Year 13), **Sunny Perry** (Year 12), **Devon Ray** (Year 11), **Niveka Rhodes** (Year 13), **Izzy Robinson** (Year 12), **Oska Robinson** (Year 12), **Tuhikaariki Smith** (Year 13), **Cooper Steen** (Year 12), **Kingiteahuahu Tana** (Year 13), **Lilli-Rose Voakes** (Year 11), **Winter Whiu** (Year 11)

BLAKE NZ-VR Team Visit



The BLAKE NZVR team recently visited Kerikeri High School Year 9 Social Studies classes. Wearing virtual reality headsets, the students experienced a number of underwater experiences through 360-degree videos, learning what causes damage to the moana and what actions can be taken to protect the marine environment. They gained a deeper understanding of kaitiakitanga/guardianship of our environment. This supports the learning that the students are currently doing in their classes.

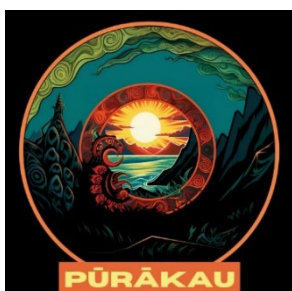
Daffodil Day 2023

Our Student Council with the help of our Student WAKA Team organised some awesome events to fundraise for last month's Daffodil Day. They ran a poster competition for the Year 7 students, cooked a sausage sizzle, ran a bake sale, did face painting, and sold lucky dips. These activities along with our school mufti day, raised \$1870.76 for the Cancer Society. A big thank you and shout out to Kerikeri Countdown who generously donated sausages and bread for the event.



Children's Theatre for Kerikeri Kindergarten

Every year Kerikeri High School drama students perform for Kerikeri Kindergarten. This year the Year 11 drama students created performances focused on Te Reo and Pūrākau (myths and legends).



Year 9 Drama Swiped

Teenagers and Technology - a match made in heaven or hell? There is no doubt that social media has transformed society, making our lives so much easier and connected.

But what happens when we can't disconnect, when we get trolled or become too distracted, is our attention being swiped? This was the theme for our recent Year 9 Performance.



Te wiki o te reo Māori



During Week 9 our kura celebrated Te wiki o te reo Māori. Our Student WAKA Team planned daily activities to provide opportunities for everyone to use Te Reo Māori.

Rāhina/Monday: Learning waiata with **Peata Wyeth-Hura** (Year 13) and Matua Aidan. Ngā kare-ā-roto (Feelings) in the Library with Mrs Smith.

Rātū/Tuesday: Weaving with harakeke with **Peata Wyeth-Hura** (Year 13). Mahi korowai (add feathers to a korowai/cloak) in the Library with Mrs Davis.

Rāapa/Wednesday: Kī-o-rahi with **Makurangi Smith** (Year 10), **Waina Te Pouakai** (Year 10), **Rongoā Mata-Ariki** (Year 11), **Ātahikoia Smith** (Year 11) and **Winter Whiu** (Year 11).

Rāpare/Thursday: Kēmu patapātai/Quiz in the Library with **Kiera Matich** (Year 12), **Ciara Andrews** (Year 12), **Laine Tai** (Year 12), **Lucy Clent** (Year 12) and **Amber Collins** (Year 12).

Our whole school participated in the Māori language moment at 12noon. **Freddy Jarman** (Year 11) and Mrs Jarman used our PA system to play Tūtira mai. This added even more atmosphere to our Market Day. Mrs Fitzpatrick's Outdoor Education class was walking the Māhinepua track and stopped at noon to sing Tūtira mai together.

Our Student Council held a mufti day and allocated colours to each Year Level, was great to see so many involved.

Rāmere/Friday: Our roopū kapahaka, Te Pou o Manakō supported Kerikeri Primary School's Te wiki o te reo Māori with an amazing performance. They then performed outside Te Puna Waiora for our school. As always, spine chilling performances.

A big mihi to our Art department and students for the beautiful art installation.

Throughout the whole week, there was a 'kupu o te rā/word of the day' competition running in the library and 'kaiaiko o te wiki/teacher of the week' so students could nominate teachers who were using te reo. Ka rawe Mr Clark, Mrs Davis, Mrs Edwards and Ms Baird!



Te Ahurei o Ngāti Rēhia Kapahaka Festival

On Thursday 31st August, Te Pou o Manakō kapahaka supported Te Hui Ahurei o Ngāti Rēhia Kapahaka festival at Whitiara Marae in Te Tii, now in its second year. Te Pou o Manakō, alongside other local primary schools, showcased their remarkable talent and dedication. Hosted by the hapū of Ngāti Rēhia and by Riverview School, the event united the community in preserving their cultural heritage. With mesmerising kapa haka performances, every group that performed left an indelible mark on the festival, honouring the past while inspiring the future.

We thank Ngāti Rēhia and Riverview School for hosting this outstanding occasion.

WAKA For Phones

A reminder that our expectations for student management of their phones at school includes that all phones are either switched off or on silent, and in school bags during class time. Students should not be listening to music during lessons and phones are to be left in school bags if a student leaves class for any reason, for example to go to the toilet.



Please support your child by reinforcing these expectations, and if your child is having their behaviour addressed because they are not meeting our expectations, perhaps support them by making them leave their phone at home.

Phone use in class is an unnecessary distraction to learning and is often disruptive. We really appreciate the overwhelming support for our WAKA for phones approach from so many of you.

School Uniform

Like many of you, we have been frustrated recently by the short notice given when the Uniform Shoppe has unexpectedly closed or not opened at all on several recent Saturdays. We also share many of your frustrations about the slow supply of ordered Kerikeri High School Representative Hoodies recently. We have met with our uniform supplier and have raised our concerns with them, and we have been given assurance we won't face these circumstances again. For those still waiting on your child's Representative Hoodie, these will be available for collection from The Uniform Shoppe during the holidays.

We are pleased to announce that from 2024 some additional items have been added to the school uniform, including a Kerikeri High School scarf, and some exciting school branded headwear, which we will share more about as this year concludes. We will also be updating our school jacket to a more stylish and modern version, which will be waterproof. We will share more details next term.

Donation

We would like to acknowledge and thank David and Barbara Williams who have generously donated \$1,000 to Kerikeri High School.

Board Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 18 October, in the Boardroom.

Senior Prizegiving

A reminder our Senior Elite Prizegiving is on Wednesday 1 November at 11:00am. We warmly invite all parents, whānau and friends of the school to join us as we celebrate the elite and outstanding achievements of our senior students in 2023.

Normal classes for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will not run on this day.

Upcoming Dates

New Students & Whānau Evening - 21 September
Last day for Term 3 - 22 September
Term 4 begins – 9 October
Enrolment Evening – 12 October
Board Meeting – 18 October
Labour Day Holiday – 23 October
Senior Prizegiving – 1 November
Teacher Only Day – 13 November
NZQA exams 6 – 30 November
Year 9 & 10 exams 16 – 21 November
Year 13 Graduation Dinner – 29 November
Year 8 & Year 10 Prizegiving – 12 December
Year 7 & Year 9 Prizegiving – 13 December