



Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands
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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

A very warm welcome back to everyone for the start of Term 4. For our students in Years 11, 12 and 13 this term is a sprint – we only have three school weeks remaining before our Elite Senior Prizegiving (Wednesday 1 November). For our students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 it's not quite a sprint, I liken it more to the 800 metres – hard and fast work with the end of the school year somewhat in sight. As always Term 4 will be extremely busy across the school.

Our Elite Senior Prizegiving on Wednesday 1 November at 11.30am will be a special highlight as we acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional performance and achievement of so many of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students across the Four Cornerstones, and most especially the Academic Cornerstone. We extend a warm invitation to all parents, whānau, caregivers and friends of the School to this special occasion. Because Senior Prizegiving involves all of our staff, normal classes will not run that day for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, and students in those year levels who come to school that day will be supervised by our relief teachers.

A major change we have been working on this year has come to fruition, and this term we will begin issuing our new look, and more regular school reports. This has been a development in response to feedback from parents and whānau, as well as staff, and we believe the new and more regular reporting process and format will give parents more up to date information about ongoing learning progress, attendance, and attitude to learning. For students in Year 11, 12 and 13 we realise the timing of introducing these new reports to parents is not ideal, however, we believe the benefits will quickly become apparent as we move forward next year. These new reports will be issued twice in Term 1, and three times in Terms 2, 3 and 4.

We will share more information and a guide to our new reports with all parents, whānau and caregivers within the next week, in advance of Senior Reports being issued.

You may recall from our Newsletter of 3 August that we signalled our Year 10 students will be entered for the Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite credits which are required to 'unlock' NCEA at Level 1 and beyond. By way of a reminder, these assessments, known as co-requisites, will see students required to achieve 10 Literacy (Reading and Writing) and 10 Numeracy co-requisite credits. These 20 co-requisite credits sit outside the 60 NCEA credits which make up a Level 1 NCEA qualification from 2024. Students will achieve these co-requisite credits through sitting three assessments in Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. These tests are completed on-line, and all of our Year 10 students will be sitting these in the week beginning Monday 30 October.

These co-requisite credits have attracted a lot of media comment in the last 12 months or so, and we are aware that results have varied across the country for all sorts of reasons. We are also aware some students may not achieve these credits in their first attempt. However, there is no requirement to attain them in Year 10, and students will have successive opportunities to unlock them as they progress through Years 11, 12 and 13. For those who do attain them, they will have kick-started their NCEA journey.

Thank you to everyone who completed our Board of Trustees survey last term. Your feedback is invaluable, and we are grateful for your time, thought and honesty. Your feedback will play an important part in shaping the strategic planning for our school moving forward, and our Board will share that with our school community in the coming months.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Mike Clent
Principal

Student Achievements

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.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Northland Football Club at the Weir Rose Bowl in Cambridge during the holidays.

14th Grade – **Lilah Smith** (Year 9) and **Taylor Wright** (Year 9)

13th Grade Boys – **Luca Gundesen-Stewart** (Year 8), **Tom Jackson** (Year 8) and **Cameron Podbury** (Year 8)

12th Grade Girls – **Phoebe Atkinson** (Year 7), **Sylvie Hill** (Year 7), **Pearl Michalick** (Year 7), **Piper Rocque** (Year 7) and **Mila Spitters** (Year 7)

12th Grade Boys – **Tamaki Dunn** (Year 7)

Congratulations to the following students for their sporting achievements during the holidays.

Jake Couling (Year 13) - Blues U18 Rugby
Te Aorewa Para (Year 13) East Coast Bays and

Northern Swords U18 Rugby League

Bailey Edwards (Year 11) – U16 NZRL

Charlie Birt (Year 9), **Theo Davis** (Year 9),

Braedon Flaherty (Year 9), Michael Roessler (Year 10) and **Isaac Sharp** (Year 9) - Northland U14 Football

Rhianna Cotter (Year 8) and **Paige Horner** (Year 7) - BOI U13 Hockey

Congratulations to **Devon Crawford** (Year 10), **Skylar Langner** (Year 11), **Josh Matthews** (Year 10), **Lincoln Talbot** (Year 11), **Hadley Todd** (Year 10) and **Jacob Waldron** (Year 9) who competed in the North Island and National Secondary Schools Clay Target Competition in Hamilton during the holidays. **Lincoln Talbot** (Year 11) was placed 8th in Senior Boys Single Rise in the North Island Secondary Schools Clay Target Competition.

Congratulations to **Richie Norton** (Year 11) who earned a commendation for his 78% mark in the University of Otago Senior Science Quiz.

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the ICAS Science Examinations.

Jack Mounter (Year 8) High Distinction (top 1% of entries).

Charlie Stevenson (Year 9) Distinction (next 10% of entries).

Finn Hofer (Year 8), **Swara Kharche** (Year 8) and **Parker Riley** (Year 11) Credit (next 25% of entries).

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the Australian Chemistry Examination.

Finn Hofer (Year 8), **Swara Kharche** (Year 8) and **Jack Mounter** (Year 8) Distinction Junior Division (top 10 – 25% of entries).

Braeden Leung (Year 12) Credit Senior Division (top 25 – 40% of entries).

Freddy Jarman (Year 11) and **Richie Norton** (Year 11) Credit Intermediate Division (top 25 – 40% of entries).

Congratulations to the students from **8KOL** who received a \$500 prize pack for winning the Mitre 10 and More FM Get Growing competition



Congratulations to **Abby McNulty** (Year 12), **Analise Moody** (Year 13), **Sunny Perry** (Year 12) and **Lizzie Woodhead** (Year 10) who have all been selected to play in the Northland U19s Cricket Rep Team and to **Lilli-Rose Voakes** (Year 11) who has been selected to play in the Northland U16s Cricket Rep Team. **Lizzie Woodhead** (Year 10) has also been selected to play in the Northern Districts Women's U16 Māori Cricket Team.

Congratulations to the Gateway students who sat courses over the holidays and achieved the following - 15 new learner drivers, 16 students passed the Level 2 Health and Safety, 14 students passed the Level 3 Health and Safety, and 16 students passed the First Aid Course.

Congratulations to **Lukas Bayer** (Year 12), **Callum Hault** (Year 13), **Liam Hault** (Year 8), **Joe Lankshear** (Year 13), **Will McNulty** (Year 9), **Devon Ray** (Year 11), **Kole Teixeira** (Year 8) and **Zachary Trautz** (Year 10) who competed in the Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Nationals in Blenheim during the holidays. **Kole Teixeira** was placed 5th.



Kerikeri High School Student Recognition

Kahikā Moko Tepania presented Certificates of Recognition to honour the students who played an active role in the collaborative efforts with Healthy Families for the Kerikeri Transport Choices Project. Kahikā, Councillors and representatives from Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa and the Far North District Council were welcomed by our kapa haka roopū to Kerikeri High School and to our whare Te Pou o Manakō on the last day of Term 3.

The recipients were **Lily Horgan** (Year 8), **Elliott Mayhill-Knight** (Year 10), **Analise Moody** (Year 13), **Rubi Nagar** (Year 7), **Rachelle Nichols** (Year

13), **Amorangi Pepene-Hohaia** (Year 11), **Tio Pepene-Hohaia** (Year 9) and **Hannah Whitehead** (Year 12).



Staffing Changes

In the coming weeks we are farewelling two of our teachers. **Mr Alex Ward** has won a teaching position in Hamilton, and we wish him and his family all the very best. **Mr Zac Holly** has won a position outside the education sector, and we wish him and his family all the very best. We thank both these hard-working teachers for their commitment to our students.

Mr Holly's Mathematics classes will be taught by **Mrs Michelle Robinson** until the end of the year, and Mr Holly's DTC classes will be taught by **Ms Lili Molloy-Wolt**. Mr Ward's senior DTC classes will be covered by **Ms Lili Molloy-Wolt**.

Rotary International Youth Exchange – Spain 2024

For Year 13 student **Ariella Ripohau**, the decision to defer University and further study in 2024 was made when she was selected as a Rotary International Youth Exchange Ambassador.

Instead of heading off to university or on to further studies she will spend 2024 living in Vigo, Spain.

Ariella will spend the year living as a Spanish teen: attending a local high school, living with different host families, and of course, learning a new language and culture, whilst also travelling and exploring Spain and other parts of Europe. During her year Ariella will also work closely with her Host

Rotary Club on projects and volunteer programmes that benefit local clubs and groups.

Rotary has restarted its International Exchange Programme for the first time since 2019. Ariella is one of only eight outbound students from District 9910, which covers north and west Auckland, the whole of Northland, and up into the Pacific Islands, to be selected. This year her sponsor club, Kerikeri Rotary is hosting French RIYE student Sidonie Baudry who also attends Kerikeri High School in Year 11.



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shoppe, Waipapa will be closed on Saturday 21 October because of the Labour Day long weekend.

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.

Information about how to access and contribute to ongoing review of our school policies is included in this Newsletter.

Topics for review in Term 4 are:

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
- Student Assessment and Achievement
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning
- Religious Instruction/ Religious Education
- Health Education

Measles

Please read the information in this Newsletter from Te Whatu Ora regarding a recently reported case of Measles in Northland.

Upcoming Dates

- Board of Trustees Meeting – 18 October
- Labour Day Holiday – 23 October
- Year 10 Co-requisites – 30 Oct – 3 November
- Senior Prizegiving – 11.30am, 1 November
- Teacher Only Day – 13 November
- NZQA Examinations 6 – 30 November
- Year 9 & 10 Examinations 16 – 21 November
- Year 13 Graduation Dinner – 29 November
- Year 8 & Year 10 Prizegiving – 12 December
- Year 7 & Year 9 Prizegiving – 13 December

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on 18 October 2023, in the Boardroom.



Information for the school community

Staff, parents, and whānau.

About SchoolDocs

SchoolDocs was established in 2006 as a user-friendly policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Based in Ōtautahi Christchurch, the SchoolDocs team partners with schools across the motu to develop policies and procedures that keep pace with the changing educational environment.

SchoolDocs sites make policy information accessible to the whole school community. Each site contains a set of policies and procedures that is tailored to the school, and feedback from community members helps to ensure that the site reflects how the school operates.

Using the site

SchoolDocs sites have a unique web address for each school. All members of the school community can access the site using these details.

Website	<input type="text" value="http://www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz"/>
Username	<input type="text" value="kerikerihigh"/>
Password	<input type="text" value="waka"/>

SchoolDocs sites are organised into sections that reflect operational requirements. The table of contents shows the key policy for each section, with dropdown menus that show supporting policies and procedures.

- To find a policy or procedure, use the **search function** at the top left with a topic name or keyword. Related topics will appear in the table of contents window. Clicking on the topic you want to read and then closing the search will show where the topic sits in the table of contents.
- For a list of important policies and procedures, search for the **Quick Links** topics that are available for school staff, and parents and whānau.

Reviews and feedback

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review schedule that ensures content stays up to date. Each term, the school community is able to provide feedback on the content and implementation of policies and procedures that are under review.

The SchoolDocs team uses feedback from all schools, along with research and external consultation, to make changes to core content. The team notifies schools of any action that is required.

- Topics that are under review have a **review button**, which allows school feedback to be sent to both the school and the SchoolDocs team.
- All topics also have a **feedback button** that can be used to send general feedback or queries about a topic directly to the school.

[Start your review](#)



For more information, go to www.schooldocs.co.nz

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Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

Te Tai Tokerau

9 October 2023

Tēnā koutou

Measles Case in Northland: Awareness for Families and Caregivers

As you may have read in the media, someone from Northland has recently been diagnosed with measles. The local public health service is in the process of tracing any exposed contacts from this case within Northland.

At this time, we are uncertain about the source of this infection, and there may be other cases of measles in our community.

The public health service will advise any organisation where there has been an exposure to measles, and if needed, these will be publicised through media alerts.

Over the next few weeks, we ask that parents and caregivers please take note of the signs and symptoms of measles.

Measles is infectious, so if you or your whānau develop any of these symptoms, **please phone your doctor or after-hours clinic before attending**. You can also ring Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice anytime; interpreters are available.

Measles key signs and symptoms

- The illness often **begins** with fever, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis (pink, watery and sore eyes), which can last for 2-4 days.
- A red and spotty **rash** then appears 2-4 days after the first symptoms, beginning at the hairline and gradually spreading down the body to the arms and legs. The rash lasts for up to one week.



Red, blotchy rash



Fever



Sore, watery pink eyes



Cough



Runny nose

The factsheet included provides more information about measles. MMR vaccination provides excellent protection against measles, which can be a serious illness.

To find out where you can be immunised including community clinics and pharmacies go to our [website](#)

Here are two recent press releases containing supporting information:

- [Information available now for possible measles contacts](#) – 6 Oct 2023
- [Alert for all of New Zealand after measles case confirmed](#) – 5 Oct 2023

Ngā mihi

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National Public Health Service in Te Tai Tokerau

Peter Thomas

Te Rarawa
Pou Taki ā-Rohe | Director Northland
Te Aka Whai Ora



Eat a range of healthy foods
Kaingia ngā kai hauora

TIPS TO KEEP YOU
SMILING

Fluoride in toothpaste helps prevent tooth decay

Avoid eating or drinking after brushing teeth,
Especially at night so the fluoride can keep
working to protect and strengthen teeth.



Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

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