

# Kerikeri High School



## **Principal's Report to Board of Trustees Thursday 3 November 2011**

What a week we have just had for Kerikeri High School.

The Year Seven and Eight Community Problem Solvers – Breeze Durham, Caleb Wilson, Rawiri Webb, Savannah Peters-HeiHei, Jasmin Winikerei and Tamiana Iorangi qualified to compete at Nationals, October 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> and won the Competition with their project “Te Reo – Together Everybody Really Enjoying Our REO”.

The Global Issues Problem Solving Teams also competed in the National Finals in Auckland where teams were then selected to go to the International Competition in America. The Senior Division members are Charlotte Fladgate, Jackson Lee, Niveet Singh and Samantha Scahill, and the Middle Division members are Nik Black, Alasdair Brooks, Lucy Ellingham and Hannah Weatherup. Both teams won their divisions.

In addition Creative Writing is the third aspect of this international competition, and two Kerikeri writers placed highly in their division; Charlotte Fladgate earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Sam Scahill's scenario gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Senior Division for their futuristic speculations.

Sam Scahill received additional recognition for her highly valued input to Future Problem Solving over the years when she was presented with the Student Service award for Exceptional Service.

Each of the division winning teams has earned an invitation to compete at the international competitions in Indiana in June 2012.

Three Kerikeri High School students went forward to ‘Realise the Dream’ from the Regional Science and Technology Fair. Fifty students are selected throughout New Zealand and from them twenty students are then selected to be in ‘Realise the Dream’. Three of these twenty students are from Kerikeri High School.

Following a very good year in Equestrian our Equestrian Team at St Peters were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Show Jumping at the North Island Competition, an effective nationals.

At the Far North Sports' Awards Melissa Simpson was awarded Sportswoman of the Year and the Sailing Team won Team of the Year. Ten students won their individual categories; Riley Phillips-Harris (Tae Kwon Do), Ellie Nagel (Cricket), Rupert Mark (Football), Melissa Simpson (Hockey), Elley Miller (Hockey), Jayne Clarke (Mounted

Games), Carla Marsh (Swimming), Imogen Hull (Athletics), Sophie Burling (Showjumping) and Haydn Jurisich (Swimming).

And the Mixed Mountain Biking Team placed fourth at the Nationals, just outside the medals.

The October holiday break offered a welcomed chance for everyone to recharge in preparation for a very important Term Four programme. The pressure is on our senior students who needed to treat the two week holiday as a Study Break with Senior Prizegiving only two school weeks after the beginning of Term Four.

The Kerikeri High School Sailing Team travelled to Port Lincoln in South Australia during the break for the Interdominion Secondary Schools' Teams' Sailing Championships and were placed second, in their final race securing New Zealand as the top country.

## **Students**

Jessica Clayton won the National Final of the Beef and Lamb New Zealand Burger Competition.

BJ Rogers gained Third place overall in the Nga Manu Korero Nationals held in Tauranga between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Lisa McLea was a Regional Finalist in the recent SPARC Sport Northland Volunteer Awards.

The Kerikeri High School Equestrian Teams that competed in the Northland Secondary Schools' Combined Training Event were placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

At the ASB Northland Secondary School Sports' Awards held on the final Friday night of Term Three the Kerikeri High School Sailing Team took the Team of the Year Award. Other winners were Imogen Hull – (Athletics), Haydn Jurisich – (Swimming), Jayne Clarke – (Mounted Games) and Riley Phillips-Harris – (Tae Kwon Do).

A very successful Trashion Show was held 7.30p.m. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and during the day for all year levels.

A Celebration Assembly was held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. This was an opportunity to thank the 2011 Prefects for their leadership, role modelling and willingness to step up and work hard on behalf of the school. It was also an opportunity to acknowledge that while we have had some tough times this year we have also had some wonderful highlights, such as the National Top three Teams success for Inline Hockey, Waka Ama, Gymnastics, Equestrian, Sailing and in ICAS, Distinctions and High Distinctions. At Regional level we had Team success with the Boys' 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Football Team beating Whangarei Boys' High School to be the Northland Champions, our Girls' Hockey Team winning at Tournament Week, we were first and second at the ANZ/Massey University Economics Challenge and took all of the top prizes in the Top Energy Science and Technology Fair.

Head Girl Emily Curtis, and Head Boy Michael Prendergast, gave inspirational speeches encouraging the NCEA candidates to use the break as a study break and work very hard for the externals.

Honours at the third Celebration Assembly were awarded to – Academic - Lauren Smith – (Hospitality), Sport - Sally Anderson – (Gymnastics), Paige Corbett (Football), Kate Lourie (Gymnastics), Rupert Mark (Football), Lisa McLea (Gymnastics), Georgia Miller (Hockey), Elley Miller (Hockey), Joe Palmer (Cross Country), Riley Phillips-Harris (Tai Kwon Do), Joanna Price (Football), Kate Shepherd (Squash), Samantha Wasson (Hockey) and Nikki Wilson (Cross Country and Athletics). Melissa Simpson was awarded Sport (Hockey), an unprecedented ninth Sports Honours.

The Prefects attended their final Leadership Training Seminar on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October to complete evaluations to assist next year's Prefects and to prepare for their last requirements.

Term Three ended with the high calibre Year 13 Drama Assessment Performance 'Bare' on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

The annual Art Exhibition began on Friday night with the Preview Opening with Wine and Cheese in the Auditorium. This extremely popular evening is organised and supported by the Kerikeri High School P.T.A. to offer a showcase of the work of the Art Department prior to the all weekend exhibition.

Enrolment Interviews for 2012 students were held between 4.00p.m. and 7.00p.m. on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October in the Kerikeri High School Library. We value the opportunity to meet with all new students and parents for 2012 for individual interviews. Tours of the school are also organised for this evening and the Tour Guides were this year's Year Seven and Twelve students.

Further to the information in the introduction about 'Realise the Dream' – three Kerikeri High School students were nominated to represent the Far North Region at the National event Realise the Dream. This event is organised by the Royal Society of New Zealand. Our three students were chosen from over 130 projects that competed at the Far North Science and Technology Fair. Over 50 projects were nominated to 'Realise the Dream' and the Royal Society only take the top 20 as finalists. An indicator of the strength and prestige of the competition is that the Canterbury region nominated five projects selected from 500. The judging panel selected the three Far North Projects to go forward as Finalists. The students will participate in a week-long series of activities costing \$10,000 per student, ranging from how to write a press release, going to the Leigh Marine Reserve, working at Dairy New Zealand to exploring Massey University and NIWA before the culminating event the Prize giving at Government House. Additionally each student receives a cash award of \$500. Jason Leaming is the first Year Ten boy ever chosen to represent Kerikeri High School and the Far North. At the Prizegiving the Royal Society will announce the nine major prize winners. Previous students who have attended 'Realise the Dream' have confirmed that this is a life changing event. These students include: Corinne Marti, Samantha Stevenson, Lauren Wing as well as Sarah Pirie and Lina Barthlen Potter.

Senior Prizegiving will be held Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30a.m. in the Kerikeri High School Gymnasium.

The first NCEA Examination is Level Two English on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Self Review and Innovation**

On Wednesday 2 November 2011 the Minister of Education, Hon Anne Tolley, visited Kerikeri High School. She was accompanied by Mike Sabin, National Candidate for Northland. After a tour of the new Science, Mathematics and Information Technology Building with Head Girl Emily Curtis and Head Boy Michael Prendergast, the Minister met with our Prefects in the Library. At 3.30p.m. parents, staff and friends of the school were invited to meet with the Minister in the Library.

The Minister was personally very helpful during the time following the arson and during the rebuilding process and we are looking forward to showing her the new building.

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**Principal**