



Principal's Report

8 December 2011

The Senior Prizegiving was a wonderful event to farewell our Year 13 students and our Year 11 and 12 students to NCEA Externals. With inspiring speeches from our Head Boy and Head Girl, attendance by the Minister of Immigration and Broadcasting, the presentation of the inaugural Mayor's Prize by Mayor Wayne Brown and over \$90,000 in Scholarships and Prizes awarded to our Senior Students it was a very memorable day.

On Tuesday the Year 8 and Year 10 Prizegivings were held, and on Wednesday the Year 7 and Year 9 Prizegivings. They were well attended by parents and also special occasions.

Students

The Year 7 and 8 Community Problem Solving 'Together Everybody Really Enjoying our REO' group, Jasmin Winikerei, Savannah Peters-HeiHei, Breeze Durham, Tamiana Iorangi, Rawiri Webb and Caleb Wilson, not only won their Division in the Nationals but have been invited to present their project at a National Gifted and Talented Conference in Wellington.

The National award winning Community Problem Solving team comprising of Savannah Peters-Heihei, Jasmin Winikerei and Tamiana Iorangi, were invited to the Māori Language Awards evening held at the Rotorua Events Centre. The Māori Language Awards celebrate and recognise excellence in te reo Māori and long term commitments to Māori language regeneration. The awards, hosted by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, (The Māori Language Commission) aim to celebrate Māori language regeneration and innovation across Aotearoa. The students were invited as special guests in acknowledgement of the work they are doing to promote te reo. They enjoyed the formal evening where they were able to meet and talk to many people that are doing great things to help improve te reo Māori across all mediums.

National Champion Daniel Gualofa received a total of 7 medals at the recent Mitsubishi Motors Paralympic New Zealand (PNZ) National Championships in Hamilton. He received two Gold Medals for 50 Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke, four Silvers and one Bronze in his first Nationals and first full season of swimming.

Kerikeri High School Japanese students, Dana Aplin, Ellen Doughty, Kurumi Maruyama and Melanie Jones won Best Japanese Language Video in the Japan Foundation Sydney Video Matsuri Competition. There were over 200 entries from Australia and New Zealand.

The Kerikeri High School Equestrian Team were placed Second Overall in the recent North Island Secondary Schools' Showjumping Championships at St Peter's on the 28th October. Team Members are Amber Goulding, Jessica Warren, Bridget Newson-McNally and Alicia Heller. This is effectively the Nationals event.

Three students from Kerikeri High School were selected to attend the National Science Fair, Realise the Dream. The students were: Nicky Kerr for her work on the ways to extend the shelf life of figs, Sophie Burling for her investigation in to the iodine content of common horse feeds and supplements, and Jason Leaming for his work into easy cockroach prevention. Jason is the first Year Ten student ever to be selected.

Daniel Gualofa, Daniel Franco, Finn Forstner and Han Ju Kim were members of the Badminton A team and came third in the Northland Secondary Schools' Badminton competition.

The last Year Level Assemblies for the senior students were organised for final obligations and External Examinations. Students had an NZQA Briefing from Deputy Principal Mrs Glenys Ross.

Prizegiving is always a huge event in the life of the school and especially this year. Significant again was the number of University Scholarships won against national competition by our students. Massey University High Achiever Scholarships went to Sophie Burling (Academic), Joshua Kupiec, Bridie MacInnes and Tamara Kogler (Arts), Massey University Academy of Sport Scholarship (Sophie Burling), Victoria Excellence Scholarship (Ben Luke and Jordan Price), The University of Auckland Jubilee Award (Bridget Thackwray) and The University of Auckland Scholarship (Michael Prendergast).

Since the Prizegiving Sylvan Kuczera has received an Allens Scholarship, Ryan Baxter a Lincoln University Scholarship and Karalee Whiu has recently been awarded a Te Kotahitanga Scholarship.

The Life Education Team visited Year Seven students at Kerikeri High School on Friday 4 November.

The Board of Trustees Student Representative voting took place on Monday 7 November. The 2012 Student Representative is Riley Phillips-Harris.

A lot of work has gone in to the transition process for Year Six students in our two major contributing primary schools, Riverview Primary School and Kerikeri Primary School. The Prospective Parent Evening and subsequently the Enrolment Evening were opportunities to introduce students and their families to the wide range of activities and events offered by the school, as well as a chance to meet individually with new students and their parents and gather information to assist each child's transition. Deputy Principal Mr Mike Clent has also visited both schools to deliver enrolment packs and speak about the transition to Kerikeri High School, what the school has to offer and to answer what turned out to be a very wide range of questions about our school. This year Mr Clent took some past students, now in Year Seven, with him to their former schools.

On Tuesday 15 November we hosted the Kerikeri Primary School Transition Visit followed by Riverview Primary School Year Six's on Wednesday 16 November and they were given a guided tour of the school by Year Seven students. Deputy Principal Mr Mike Clent, our new Year Seven Dean Ms Kate Langman, Guidance Counsellor Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Maria Halliday met with Year Six Teachers and Deputy Principals from both Kerikeri Primary School and Riverview to discuss individual Year Six students. We now look forward to their first day on Tuesday February 7th.

The Year 7 and 8 Junior Athletic Championships took place on Tuesday 22 November. Year Level Champions are: Year 7 Girls – Olivia Frear, Runner Up Jasmin Winikerei; Year 7 Boys – Caleb Hetaraka, Runner Up Nikau Graham; Year 8 Girls – Darby Moyle and Brittany Glanfield (Joint Champions); Year 8 Boys – Waimana Riedlinger-Kapa, Runner Up Cruise Mitchell; Special mention also of the Record Breakers: Bradley Greenwood – Year 7 Boys' 400m, Matthew Storm – Year 8 Boys' 400m and Waimana Riedlinger-Kapa – Year 8 Boys' Shotput.

Kerikeri High School students received wonderful results in the International Competitions and Assessments – (ICAS) Mathematics: *High Distinction* Han Ju Kim, Matthew Killpack; *Distinction* Jesse Prendergast, Lucy Ellingham, Elijah James Angus, Yu Rim Ha, Jerry Tang; *Credit* Michael Prendergast, Katia Osokin, Jackson Lee, Melanie Jones, Alastair Harris, Reuben Cane, Julia Aroha Weber, Michelle Gramse, Robert Deas, Sean Richards, Nathan Neale, Adam Lee, Imogen Hull, Finn Forstner, Lucy Rasmusen, Tom Ellingham, Flynn Watson-Edwards, Shay Lomas, Stella Green, Java Grant, Boyd Dixon. National Bank Junior Mathematics Competition - *Merit* Jesse Prendergast. Australian Mathematics Competition - *High Distinction* Michael Prendergast; *Distinction* Yu Rim Ha, Matthew Killpack, Jesse Prendergast, Jackson Lee, Lucy Ellingham, Han Ju Kim; *Credit* Nathan Neale, Imogen Hull, Kyle Smythe, Cassy Osokin, Bradley De Klerk, Ann Kim, Megan Tyler, Alastair Harris, Alisdair Brooks, Emma McNeill.

Two Kerikeri High School students have achieved outstanding results in the annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Education Awards, placing first amongst their age groups in New Zealand. Isabella Francis placed first in Writing nationally for Year 9 and Jackson Lee placed first for English in Year 11. The medals will be presented on Saturday 10th December at the University of Auckland Business School in a ceremony attended by Head of English Mrs Maddy Haydock who will comment, "It was a very proud day for us at Kerikeri High School.

To achieve a top placing is a huge honour for one student, to do so with two is extremely rare and a testament to the hard work of our teachers and talent of our students.”

The annual Kerikeri High School Raft Race was held on Monday 28 November. It went very smoothly. Mr Mike Clent is thanked, also for providing the Year Ten Raft Race Committee students with a leadership opportunity.

Year 7 and 8 Education Outside the Classroom took place on Tuesday 29 November with the following options – Kayaking, Dinghy Sailing, Golf, Whangarei Adventure Forest, Charter Boat Fishing, Horse Riding, Scrapbooking, Coastal Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Paihia Paintball, Photography and Photoshop workshop, Pinhole Photography, Beach Day/Snorkelling, Mac Attack, Action World, Wharf Fishing, Bone Carving, Lazer Strike, Waka Ama, Clay Model Making and Art Day, Trash to Art, Explore Urupukapuka Island, Jewellery Making, Play/Musical in a Day, Airbrushing and Stencil Art, Snow Planet and Big Boat Sailing on the Lion NZ. Miss Kate Crawford is thanked for the enormous amount of extra work involved in this programme.

Education Outside the Classroom for Years 9 & 10 took place on Thursday 1 December and their options were Beach Day, Photography, Laser Strike, Action World and Sports Day.

The Junior Prizegivings took place this week with Year 8 and 10 on Tuesday 6th December and Year 7 and 9 on Wednesday 7th December.

Staff

The curriculum is fully staffed for 2012 with the exception of 12 hours of Physical Education which is advertised, along with Day Relief Teachers, Music Tutors and Sailing Academy Tutor.

Self Review and Innovations

As at 1 November this year there were 31 new subscriptions to both the Kerikeri High School News site and the PTA News site. The signup process at the Year 6 Orientation Evening was very successful. There are now 106 people subscribed to the Kerikeri High School News site and 142 subscribed to the Kerikeri High School PTA News site, not including staff and parents directly associated with the school.

The Property Manager and the Principal met with the Ministry of Education Property Network Manager, Mr Mike Glover, on the 14th November to finalise the PMIS areas to ensure this would not be a problem when the Life Technology/Hospitality building area was lodged.

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