



## **Kerikeri High School Principal's Report**

**Wednesday 22 February 2012**

We are very pleased, and in many cases, thrilled with our NCEA results. Some really huge efforts went in to get some of our students through, and through so well. Some highlights are –

- In Year 11 ten students qualified for Honours Academic (meaning the whole 80 Credits at Excellence level) compared to three last year
- Our very high 2010 Level 2 pass rate of 83.1% was trumped and it was 91.5% in 2011
- And in Level 2 our Maori students lifted their pass rate from 78.6 to 85.7. Before we embarked on Te Kotahitanga that pass rate was 28.6%.

The 2012 academic year began for the students on Tuesday 31 January with the Year Thirteen Students Peer Support Leadership Camp.

A lot of work was put in well before to ensure a smooth start for the staff and students. The formal start for the whole staff was on Tuesday 31 January at 9.00a.m. with the Principal's "State of the Nation" Welcome Address (appended).

Our next, and hopefully, for a period of time, last construction zone well underway. The new Life Technology building commenced just prior to Christmas.

### **Students**

The Year Seven Problem Solving students met with Glenis Phillip-Barbara, CEO of The Maori Language Commission, at the Maori Language Awards held November last year in Rotorua. Ms Phillip-Barbara has offered to give the students Te Reo resources to take to the swap meet they will be attending at the Internationals.

The Waka Ama Club (Outrigger canoeing) "Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia" competed at the Waka Ama Nationals at Lake Karapiro in Cambridge. They won a number of medals including Gold in the J16 W6 500m race making them National Champions.

The roll stands today at approximately 1470 including 35 Fee Paying International students. This is made up at this stage of 177 at Year 7 (7 classes), 209 at Year 8 (8 classes), 219 at Year 9 (9 classes), 231 at Year 10 (9 classes), 209 at Year 11, 237 at Year 12 and 188 at Year 13.

The Year Thirteen Leadership Camp at the Waimate North Showgrounds was again very successful. The Camp was based on Peer Support training in the programme of support and activities that the approximately 100 Year Thirteen students will implement with the new Year Seven students. A formal address from the Principal about getting the most out of the final year of school for Year Thirteen students took place on the Tuesday evening.

Mr Mike Clent has assumed overall responsibility for the leadership of Peer Support and we also thank the Dean, Mrs Jane Jarman, Deputy Principal, Mr Daniel Wise, Mrs Jenny Taylor, the Year Thirteen Form Teachers and Guidance Counsellors Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Jen Edmonds.

Every year level has had a formal address from the Principal outlining their special challenges for the year, describing the excellent NCEA results, and encouraging the students to make the most of all that has been put in place for their positive return.

On the afternoon of their first day at Kerikeri High School the Year Seven students came together in a formal assembly with the Year Thirteen Peer Support students and their badges and certificates were presented by the President of the Rotary Club of Kerikeri, Rotary being community supporters of the Programme.

The international students have been arriving from all over the world. Their formal Principal's Welcome took place on Wednesday 1 February and they have had a programme of Orientation that included their Kiwi Buddies. This programme has proven its worth in the caring and positive integration of our new overseas students.

The Powhiri for Whakatipuranga was held Friday 10 February and the Powhiri for new Students and Staff was held on Monday 13 February for over 250 new students and staff members.

Prefect Applications closed on Thursday 9 February and there were 66 applicants. Prefects were introduced to Kerikeri High School in 1995 to serve the school and act as role models to lift the bar of behaviour and aspiration for younger students. The selection process is by application with a Job Description and Person Specification.

The application process ensures that students want the responsibility and work load of being a Prefect and that students have a real life experience of job application. It takes place at the beginning of the year to ensure that students are totally focussed on their external NCEA examinations at the end of the previous year.

Many students develop the confidence and maturity after the end of Year Twelve to apply for the position, especially after the Year 13 Leadership Camp.

Prefects are selected on four criteria – their CV and the range of activities and responsibilities demonstrated in it, their track record at school especially in Year Twelve, a panel interview this year with the Principal, Deputy Principal of Year Thirteen Mr Daniel Wise and the Dean of Year Thirteen Mrs Jarman, and the results of the surveys as to who would be effective school leavers by all Year Thirteen students and of all teaching staff.

The Leadership Training Seminar for the 36 Prefects selected took place off site and overnight on the 20 and 21 February and following that the Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies were chosen.

The Celebration Assemblies to introduce the Prefects to the school are scheduled for Wednesday 22 February before the first Year Seven Camp goes to Urupukapuka with their Peer Support Leaders on Wednesday 29 February.

The 'Meet the Form Teacher Evening' was held Wednesday 15 February followed by the NZQA presentation from 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m. There was an excellent turn out of approximately 200.

Looking back, Term Four ended with Year 6 Transition Interviews with Riverview and Kerikeri Primary Schools, the Graduates Dinner when Records of Achievement were presented, the Christmas Show, the Raft Race and Junior Prizegivings.

## **Staff**

Staff appointed to new responsibilities are Maria Halliday as Head of Moderate Needs for 2012 and Daniel Hailstone to Head of Physics.

Many Departments met and worked on their programmes for the students in the final two weeks of January. Heads of Department and Deans are especially thanked.

The Principal attended the Bledisloe Reception to commemorate the 172<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Self Review and Innovation**

2012 is going to be the year when broadband comes to the door, we are hoping June. Thanks to Mr Guy Ellingham, the Network backbone work is completed.

It has been a huge to re-cable Com 2 and Com 3 to Cat 6 Standards. 60 lease PC's are being installed and this phase-out of thin clients was something the Head of Departments requested at the Information Technology Summit Meeting a year ago – now we have two Learning Commons and Com 4 in addition.

Another student initiative this year is for Moderate Needs. For 2012, as a pilot, Maria Halliday is Head of Department Moderate Needs and we are working on catching up those students who are identified early as below their cohort.

We are making a steady difference with Boys' Achievement and this work will continue.

The draft Annual Plan and Appendix is appended along with the Charter.

Michael Prendergast has won an outstanding Scholar Award. The information about this prestigious National Award is appended.

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