



Kerikeri High School Principal's Report

Thursday 3 May 2012

It was an exciting end to Term One with the large contingent of students heading to the Pre-Season Tournament at Western Heights in Rotorua, the Tai Tokerau Festival and the performances for the school on the last day of the Term and in the Easter break, our Sailing Team making it three in a row winning the national Sailing Teams' Racing regatta at Algies Bay.

Students

In the week after the last Board of Trustees Meeting the 2012 Prefects were the guest speakers for the Kerikeri High School Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting. They were given the difficult task of talking about their own achievements that would have been a consideration in their Prefect selection. They spoke to a group of nearly 100 parents, staff and some students and made history when at the end of their speeches they did the Haka they have been practising for the Tai Tokerau Festival in support of the Kapa Haka group. No other Prefect speakers have ever had a standing ovation from that audience.

Kerikeri High School students for the second year have excelled at the NZ Secondary Schools Waka Ama Nationals regatta in Rotorua with everyone making it into the Semi-Finals. The most highly achieving student being Jesse Rihari who competed in the J16 W1 (single) 250 m event and came first in the Championship final.

A large contingent of students across a number of sporting codes travelled to the Western Heights Pre Season Tournament.

- **Boys First XI Football;** The Boys Football had a fantastic tournament winning their pool convincingly on the first day and placing 4th overall. Most valuable player went to Uilleam Lawson and Fair play went to Sam Scahill. Thank you to coach Chris Whitaker and Manager Daniel Hailstone.
- **Open A Netball;** Our 'Open A' team preformed beyond expectation at the tournament. They won 5 out of the 7 games and finished 2nd in their pool. Most Valuable Player went to Oceane Maihi and the Fair Play award went to Nadia Sievers. Well done to Taylor Stone, a year 12 student, her service to netball was much appreciated. Thank you to Dot Dromgool team coach and Erica Collins the team manager.

- **First XV Rugby;** The 1st XV left the Western Heights High School Invitational tournament as Division 2 Champions. The most valuable and consistent player of the tournament went to Byron Repia, the fair play award went to Alastair Harris for always displaying the values of the team and competing in the spirit of fair play.
- **Motocross;** Jack Clarke, Dalton Nathan, Antony Hall, Jacob Browne, Jack Pilbrow and Lee Gear were the Kerikeri High School students who participated in Motocross at this event. Thank you to Cheryl and Brent Hall for all their help with the organisation for this event.
- **Girls First XI Football;** The Girls Football placed 3rd overall. Coach, Tomek Piekiewicz was very proud of their results. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Roberts, Megan Bentley and Mary McKinlay for their support. The most valuable player went to Devany Roberts, Rona Lawson received the Fair Play Award and Carla Marsh was the top goal scorer.
- **Boys First XI Hockey;** Our Boys Hockey placed 3rd out of the four teams competing. These boys never stopped playing hard and coming out on to the turf with a great attitude. Thank you to Bettina Simpson for travelling down as the coach/manager and to Nigel Cane and Pete Trimble for their contribution to the team.

The Prefects were again irreplaceable working to make the appointments for the two Parent Feedback Report Evenings. The system, suggested by the PTA parents, enables parents to string appointments together for more than one child, on the evening, and the Prefects are kept very busy especially at the beginning giving each parent individual timetables then and there.

It was a short and very intensive term for the Kapa Haka group, Te Roopu Kapa Haka o te Kerikeri, to develop their programme and polish it to perfection before the Festival, held at the Kura, Te Rangi Aniwaniwa. They were supported by our Prefects and Deputy Principal Mr Daniel Wise, Dean Mrs Jane Jarman and Acting Principal Mr Mike Clent.

Their performances on the last day of term for the school were described as even better than the performance at Te Rangi Aniwaniwa and the school was very impressed by the Prefects' Haka.

Kerikeri High School students organized and supported by Ms Su Neave achieved highly at the Northern Crossing from Omapere to Stone Store Basin on 21 April. Kerikeri High School Students were; Jackson Lee running 9 kms, Bradley De Klerk riding 48 kms, Callum Robertson-Barnes riding 38 kms, Rachel Martin running 8 kms. Placings were 1st in Teams of Four Overall Competition and 1st in Teams of Four Competition Schools entry. Other Kerikeri High School competitors were; Sue Pilling running 9kms, Richard Pilling riding 48kms, Steve Clark riding 38kms, Stewart Fraser running 8kms, they placed 3rd in Teams of Four Overall Competition. Also Bernd Bambus running 9kms then 8kms and Gary Watson riding 86kms.

In the first week of term the Prefects, 33 of them, represented Kerikeri High School at the Anzac Day Morning Service. Head Girl Emma McNeil and Head Boy Justin Rogers laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Work Day on Monday is the major school fundraiser and over the years students have contributed portable shade structures, the school marquee, all of the seating in the auditorium, covered ways, school vans and the filtered water system. The garage for the vans with money raised last year is almost ready to be started in the bottom car park.

Academic Celebration Assemblies are scheduled for Tuesday of the second week of term. These will acknowledge all of the students who achieved NCEA Endorsed with Excellence and additionally those students who qualified for Honours Academic in NCEA. Also honoured will be the students who topped the ICAS Competition and our Problem Solvers – Senior, Intermediate and Junior, who won their divisions as teams and an individual and qualified for the Worlds in the United States next month. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the National win of the Sailing Team, although Honours for Sport and Cultural will be at the next Honours Celebration Assembly.

The school will be divided in two for the two Assemblies in the gymnasium – Years 7,8 and 9 with Year 13 (as the Year Sevens officially affiliate with the Year Thirteen's and will be inspired by their NCEA achievements) and in the second assembly Years 10, 11 and 12, so that the Year 10 and Year 11 students can be inspired by the success of the Year 12 students in NCEA Level One.

Staff

There is some staff relief cover required at present for health reasons and some re timetabling later this term as maternity leave positions are managed for Ms Dana Boisen and Mrs Alison Fletcher. The part time position held by Mrs Val Mack has been appointed to Miss Jessica Gibbs. The position of Receptionist previously held by Mrs Amanda Bingham has been appointed to Mrs Lynn Raines and of part time Photocopy and Reception Back Up to Mrs Jane Molloy-Walt.

Staff Professional Development

The Principal's Report on the SPANZ Conference is tabled. The Principal convened this Conference in Wellington. The President's Report appended. This report was for the 25th Anniversary of the Association. The Association which was formed in response to the new challenges for secondary Principalship as a result of Tomorrow's Schools and his address forms a very insightful description of the work of SPANZ and the value of SPANZ to the Principal and to our school.

On Work Day the guest speaker was Mrs Margaret Ross. Mrs Margaret Ross works for <http://www.helpbehaviour.co.nz/> and has a background of over 30 years in education. She has taught and held management positions in schools in Inner London, Nigeria and New Zealand. She trained in inner London with a group of Educational Psychologists in the 70s. Her specialties are relationship building, motivation, behaviour management and their practical application in a school or work environment. She runs courses for teachers, parents, health professionals and corporate organisations looking for professional development which is practical, effective, easy to translate into the work place, and above all fun.

After Mrs Ross' Keynote Address to the staff and Morning Tea there was Curriculum Department time (critical as the second of the Curriculum Days was not able to be scheduled last year due to the difficulties presented by the term dates in World Cup

year) and the Pastoral Team of Guidance, Deans and Senior Leadership Team spent the rest of the day on professional development with Mrs Margaret Ross on motivational interviewing – a non-confrontational strategy for positive behaviour change.

Two more Curriculum Development Days on the Achievement Standards Alignment were provided by the Minister of Education for secondary schools for 2013. Northland schools, co-ordinated by the Northland Secondary Schools' Principals' Association are attempting to establish Best Practice Workshops held by NZQA Moderators for all subjects and the day set down in Whangarei is day one of Term Three.

Innovations

The Positive Behaviour for Learning Team have met with the Senior Leadership Team to report progress. They began the process in the school by asking groups, the Board of Trustees being one of them, to describe what the ideal student and the ideal teacher was like. The other groups were the PTA, the Whanau group, the staff and the class representatives.

From that information the Team have synthesized all of the ideas from all of the groups and just as we have four cornerstones in our school, they have discovered that we have four key values in our school which we base our behaviour and expectations on – Be a Learner, Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be Proud.

Our Professional Learning Group investigating ways to continue to raise Boys Achievement is kick-starting itself again this term, with the group meeting to establish a collective vision about what boys learning and place in our school might look like. Participants will also be provided with a sample of professional reading to stimulate their thoughts on this complex topic.

They have also been given 'licence' to trial some relationship and or teaching and learning and or structural initiatives in their classrooms which they can evaluate and report back to the group about.

Appended is the Terms of Reference and the Principals' Positioning Paper for a new group in the school, iPED, being the ICT Pedagogy Group. This is an exciting development and the group will be Chaired by Deputy Principal Mr Daniel Wise and has been chosen after Expressions of Interest were sought, to have a broad cross section of participants across the curriculum areas.

The International Department have taken a professional development weekend and done a Strategic Planning exercise on the Saturday. The Director of International, Mr Grant Berry's positioning address at the beginning of the process is appended.

The Principal and Deputy Principal Mrs Judy Cleaver attended the Orientation Sessions for this term's new students, five from Columbia, two from Thailand and one from Japan. The usual starting points for international students are January and the big intake in late June.

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