



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

**Thursday 31 May 2012**

The school is in the Examinations and Assessments Week and this is critical time for NCEA Internal Assessments and practice externals. The Year Ten Examinations are a benchmark for students as they progress towards NCEA and for the Year Nine students they are their very first Examinations. It is important to the academic culture of the school that the Examinations are effectively run and the Heads of Department, Deputy Principal Mrs Glenys Ross and all staff, especially the administration staff are thanked for their work for the students.

### **Students**

The Cross Country saw increased participation compared to last year and was run by year level for the first time rather than the age groups nominated by Northland Secondary Schools' Sports Association. The Year Level Cross Country winners are; Ruby Murray and Alexander Hull (Year 7), Courtney Armstrong and Mark Caley (Year 8), Shona Petropoulos and Adam Streamer (Year 9), Imogen Hull and Callum Robertson-Barnes (Year 10), Storm Knight and Harry Pearson (Year 11), Rachel Martin and Joe Palmer (Year 12), Emma McNeill and Rupert Mark (Year 13).

The 2012 Overall Senior Cross Country Champions are Rachel Martin and Joe Palmer.

Work Day was very successful again this year and the students and the wider community are thanked for our major fundraiser, the PTA again providing sterling help for the money counting for the first week. So far the total is \$23,200.

Kerikeri High School has again achieved outstanding results in the Russell McVeagh New Zealand Schools' Debating Championships. The 2012 Regional Tournament for Northland was held on 28 and 29 April 2012 at Kerikeri High School.

Kerikeri High School entered three teams, and had two teams in the Final on the day. The Northland Team that was chosen for the National Final in August includes; Jessie Prendergast, Samantha Scahill and one student from Whangarei Boys' High School. Max Irving-Lamb and Freya Forstner were both Highly Commended and Lucy Ellingham awarded Promising Speaker.

Over the weekend Mr Simon Hart and Mrs Michelle Hegarty took the Kerikeri High School Team of Culinary and Hospitality students to the Northland Secondary Schools' Competition. Kerikeri High School took Top Team and every student won a medal in their category.

This weekend we farewell the three Problem Solving Teams as they head to Indiana for the World Problem Solving Event to represent both Kerikeri High School and New Zealand. It is an outstanding achievement that Kerikeri High School students will be representing New Zealand as Winners in the Community Problem Solving Middle Division, the Global Issues Problem Solving Middle Division and the Global Issues Problem Solving Senior Division. Their Tutors who have shouldered an enormous responsibility with this international travel ahead of them are thanked for all they have done for the students; Mrs Rogers, Mrs Peters HeiHei, Mrs McGlinchy and Mrs Scahill.

### **Staff Professional Development**

On Thursday mornings before school Deputy Principal Mrs Glenys Ross has been taking sessions with a group of volunteers to trial the Electronic Attendance process. Mrs Bridget Crooks has scheduled a series of staff professional learning sessions for 15-20 minutes at lunch times called "Bytes" covering Laptop 101, Pinterest and Twitter for Teachers, Creating and Maintaining Blogs, Using Microsoft Outlook and Digital Citizenship.

The Principal and the Lead Facilitator for Te Kotahitanga, Mr Russell McCabe attended the Professional Development Wananga run by the University of Waikato Te Kotahitanga Team and attended by Phase Three (the first 12) and Phase Four Schools at Te Wananga o Aotearoa Mangakotukutuku Campus in Hamilton. There was a plenary of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools from Professor Russell Bishop and time scheduled on sessions across schools such as "Co Construction Meetings across the School" and "Engagement with Whanau Action Plans." Shared sessions with schools such as Massey High School were particularly valuable.

The Principal is elected to the Executive of the Secondary Principals' Association of New Zealand and her Notes from the last Executive Meeting and from the Leaders' Forum Qualifications Group where the Principal represents SPANZ are appended.

The Best Practice Workshops run by NZQA Moderators are being organized in Whangarei on the Standards Alignment Day planned for Northland on the first day of Term Three.

### **Innovations and Self Review**

There is the largest single intake of international students, 40 students, due to arrive in June and July. This is placing the International Centre under considerable pressure for space and lateral solutions are being sought.

A Television New Zealand Reporter and Cameraman spent a day in the school on Tuesday with a focus on the work and impact of the Together Everybody Enjoying our Reo Community Problem Solving Group. The programme will air on "Marae Investigates."

The iPED (ICT Pedagogies) Group will meet for the second time next week. The aims of this cross-curricular group are to explore and share ideas and skills around the use of ICT in the classroom, particularly in reference to the future of Ultra-Fast Broadband in the school. The IT Strategy Group has also been meeting. Currently this Group (Mr Daniel Wise, Mr Mike Clent, Mr Guy Ellingham and the Principal) is working on a Kerikeri High School Social Media policy and staff procedures in regard to the use of Web 2 tools, such as blog sites. The policy and procedures will go to the iPED group for consultation next week and then to the Board of Trustees. Alongside this, and also under development are new guidelines and procedures for requesting new IT related projects, a process for information technology innovations to be costed and assessed for pedagogical impact. These guidelines and procedures will also be considered by the iPED group next week, with a view to their launch at a staff PD session.

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