



Kerikeri High School Principal's Report

Thursday 22 November 2012

The Senior Elite Prizegiving on Thursday 8 November in the Gymnasium was a wonderful occasion where we celebrated the top achievements for our senior students, especially those leaving the school.

The Kerikeri High School Dux for 2012 is Freya Forstner; Freya is a Top Scholar, and was awarded Top Scholar in 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008. In every year at Kerikeri High School Freya has received a Merit Excellence Award and has been awarded Honours for Academic for NCEA Level One, exceeding the benchmark of 80 Credits at Excellence level with 109 Excellence Credits and awarded Honours Academic for NCEA Level Two, exceeding the benchmark of the 72 required Excellence Credits with 101 Excellence Credits. Freya was also awarded Cultural Honours in Debating, recognizing selection for the Northland Debating Team to travel to Wellington and debate in the Nationals. Freya is the Russell McVeagh Schools' Debating Championships 2012 Highly Commended Speaker. In the Leadership and Service cornerstone Freya has been a Class Representative, involved in World Vision and Daffodil Day, is a Coach, a Peer Support Leader, a Keri Reading Tutor, was an outstanding Chairperson of the Ball Committee, and is a Prefect. Freya is one of only 100 recipients nationally of the University of Auckland Scholarship.

The Award of Proxime Accessit was a joint award at Kerikeri High School in 2012. The Winners were Max Irving Lamb and Head Girl Emma McNeill.

The Prizegiving Team, especially Mrs Faye Robertson, Deputy Principals' Secretary and Mrs Judy Cleaver are thanked for managing such an important and complicated event.

Students

The Prefects attended their final Leadership Training Seminar on Tuesday 30 October to complete evaluations to assist next year's Prefect training and to prepare for their last expectations.

The annual Kerikeri High School Art Exhibition was a great success. Art work was exhibited by students across all year levels from Year 7 through to Year 13.

Thank you to everybody who supported yet another successful show, especially to Mr Roger Chignall, our Art Department and our PTA.

The ASB Northland Secondary School Sports' Awards were held on the evening of Thursday 8 November. A total of 23 Northland Secondary Schools were represented. These Awards recognise the outstanding sporting achievements of students in recognised Secondary School sport. The 2012 Kerikeri High School Finalists were; Riley Phillips-Harris (Taekwon Do), Maddie Banks (Equestrian), Tegan Newman (Equestrian), Ruby Taylor (Equestrian), Kingi Herewini (Waka Ama), Imogen Hull (Athletics), Haydn Jurisich (Swimming), Blake Hodges (Boxing), Joe Palmer (Surfing), Dean Price (Power Lifting), Oceane Maihi (Netball), Rachel Martin (Mountain Biking and All Rounder), Daniel Gaulofa (Swimming and AWD), Ella McKinlay (Badminton), Bradley de Klerk (Badminton), James Ayr (Sailing), Shae Donahoe (Sailing), and for Team of the Year, the Kerikeri High School Sailing Team.

The following students were the Overall Winners in their sporting code; Rachel Martin, Madeline Banks, Tegan Newman, Oceane Maihi, James Ayr, Haydn Jurisich, Daniel Gaulofa, Kingi Herewini, Blake Hodges and Riley Phillips-Harris. Riley also won the prestigious Overall Award for Sporting Excellence.

Kaylee Harris and Hannah Choat competed at the National Final of the New Zealand Beef and Lamb Secondary Schools Burger Competition at MIT in Auckland and Hannah Choat was second in New Zealand.

The NCEA External Examinations are proceeding smoothly. At the LFQG Meeting in Wellington where the Principal represents SPANZ (Secondary Principal's Association of New Zealand) the Principal requested that Examinations begin no earlier and that consideration be given to not beginning with a big Level One Examination, this year English, while the external supervisors get their procedures up and running.

On Friday evening the Kerikeri High School Problem Solving Group, TE REO (Together Everybody Really Enjoying Our Reo) took the Secondary Schools' Award at the prestigious New Zealand Maori Language Awards. They were also awarded a special Overall Commendation recognising their placing in the International Problem Solving event and taking Te Reo Maori to the world.

The Northland Debating Finals were held at Kerikeri High School on Tuesday 20 November. The Northland Russell McVeagh Competition winners were Jesse Prendergast, Sam Scahill and Kassy Osokin. The Intermediate Division winners were Meg Murray, Laura Lee and Laurie Chaplin. The Junior Division winners were Aimee Leaming, Lucy Rasmusen, Helena Avery, Yurim Ha and Anina Coley. The 2012 Speakers of the Year were Freya Forstner (Senior), Meg Murray (Intermediate) and Aimee Leaming (Junior). Mrs Di Eastwood is thanked for her leadership of Debating in Northland. Without her, Debating would have languished and our students would have missed out on many critical four cornerstone opportunities.

The final day for the International Students is Friday 23 November. There will be a Farewell Assembly, presentation of Certificates and farewell lunch (New Zealand fish and chips) on the day. There are 19 leavers in total, 4 of which have already left, the

leavers are returning to the following countries; Brazil, France, Italy, Germany, Thailand, Japan, Korea and Chile.

Mrs Roz Clent has been busy compiling 2012 School Magazine, an enormous task and a wonderful showcase for our students, staff and parents as well as for the school. The Kerikeri High School Magazine is an absolutely high-quality record of the year, packed full of photos and information about the huge range of things that our students have been involved in.

To date University Scholarships won against national competition by our students are as follows; AUT (1) \$10,000, Otago (1) \$5,000, Auckland (1) \$50,000, Auckland (2) \$6,000, Victoria (9) \$5,000, AUT (1) \$15,000 and Waikato (1) \$5,000.

Professional Development

The Principal attended the November SPANZ Executive Meeting including meetings with the Minister of Education Hon Hekia Parata, Secretary of Education Lesley Longstone, CEO of the Education Review Office Graham Stoop and Deputy CEO of NZQA Richard Thornton, and the one day meeting of the Leaders' Forum Qualifications Group. As a result of the meeting in the Ministers office the SPANZ Executive, on the Monday morning following, were emailed their own school's 2011 Benchmark Data. Thank you to Mrs Glenys Ross for producing graphs showing the school's outstanding progress over time.

In 2012 the school has only used one of the mandated Standards Alignment Days and the Paid Union Meeting in Term Four made scheduling one more this term problematic. There are two more Standards Alignment Days mandated in 2013. The days have been scheduled in the 2013 calendar for 28 March (Thursday before Good Friday), 31 May (Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend) and 23 August (Friday before Mid-Term Break) and will be well advertised at the start of the year so parents and caregivers can make arrangements.

Innovations and Self Review

The Northland Secondary School Sports' Association Board had its last meeting for the 2012 school year on Tuesday 13 November. The Board extended an invitation to Mr Mike Clent for the 2013 year as the Senior Management representative. Mr Clent has accepted and is really looking forward to being involved. The NSSSA Board meet once a term, the meetings are approximately a week before the Principals.

Further to the Sport Review a position for a full time Sport Co-ordinator for 2013 will be shortly advertised. The Sport Assistant role for 2013 will now be 20 hours per week in Term One and 15 hours per week from Term Two onwards. In addition as a result of the Review the Sport Department will be relocating to where the Physical Education Office presently situated in order to make it more accessible to students.

The Property Committee met briefly in association with the final meeting of the Project Control Group for the Culinary and Hospitality Building, the project coming in on time and with very few variations. Property issues for the Christmas break are; creating an International classroom in the Activities Room for 20 Scholarship Brazilian students from Pernambuco, refurbishing the Gymnasium toilets and changing areas, moving the Sports Office into the Physical Education Department Office, moving the Physical Education Office and creating a staff resource space in Physical Education Laboratory, moving a Te Reo Maori classroom to the International classroom adjacent to Te Kotahitanga and creating a resource space for the Maori Department, and Liason with Top Energy over the trees and power lines at the front of the school.

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Principal