



Kerikeri High School Principal's Report

Monday 25 February 2013

Kerikeri High School has just achieved our “Best Ever” NCEA results. These are the best ever for Kerikeri High School benchmarked over time and also the best ever when compared to National and Decile 7.

We are thrilled. Congratulations to our hard working and determined students and staff.

- NCEA Level One, Pass Rate, an outstanding 89.5%
- 32.2% with Merit Endorsement
- 15.8% with Excellence Endorsement

Students are really aiming for their Best 80 Credits.

You cannot achieve NCEA Level One without Literacy and Numeracy credits. These pass rates were also outstanding:

- Literacy 96.4%
- Numeracy 95.4%

We were also delighted with our NCEA Level Two pass rates and Endorsements. Despite the academic step up in Level Two our Year Twelve students improved on their Level One pass rate and their NCEA Level Two pass rate was 86.7%. Our Year 12 students produced our Best Ever NCEA Level Two Endorsements.

- NCEA Level Two, Pass Rate an outstanding 86.7%
- Level Two Endorsed with Merit 32%
- Endorsed with Excellence 18%

Level Three is a challenging qualification. Again our students and staff produced our Best Ever Level Three pass rate of 81.4%, with 25% of the students getting Level Three Endorsed with Merit and 9.3% with Excellence.

Our University Entrance pass rate also the Best Ever at 76.6%. NCEA is the most accurate predictor for university success according to information released at the end of last year by the University of Auckland.

At the very top end of academic extension our students achieved 10 Scholarships, reflecting our academic ethos and the range of subjects available at Kerikeri High School.

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| • Justin Rogers | Outstanding Scholarship-Drama |
| • Freya Forstner | Scholarship-Biology |
| • Maxwell Irving Lamb | Scholarship-Painting |
| • Maxwell Irving Lamb | Scholarship-Photography |
| • Sam Tagart Cottis | Scholarship-English |
| • Halina Myers | Scholarship-English |
| • Annalise Bergman | Scholarship-Photography |
| • Kieran Brown | Scholarship-English |
| • Anastazja Harding | Scholarship-English |
| • Anastazja Harding | Scholarship-History |
| • Anton Norman | Scholarship-Drama |

The NCEA results are still provisional and may still increase once students' reconsiderations and compassionate considerations are processed. Students are motivated to request a reconsideration by being within a few credits of Excellence Endorsement and Honours, showing the motivation provided by Endorsement and Kerikeri High School Academic Honours.

Another highlight of the beginning of the year has been Positive Behaviour for Learning. WAKA is the acronym for our Values and the digital presentation developed by Justin Rogers has been enthusiastically and very quickly adopted.

We are Learners	Whaia te Matauranga
Act with Respect	Manaaki te tangata
Keep Yourself Safe	Tiaki tangata
Always proud	Kia manawanui

Additionally the Positive Behaviour for Learning Team of staff and students have developed a Student Handbook and this has also been enthusiastically received.

The Principal's "State of the Nation" address on the first day for staff and the first 2013 Newsletter are appended.

Students

The Te Reo Problem Solving Team consisting of Breeze Durham, Caleb Wilson, Rawiri Webb, Savanah Peters-Hei Hei, Tamiana Iorangi and Jasmin Winikerei recently received the very prestigious "2012 Maori Youth of the Year" Award run by TV One "Marae Investigates".

They were up against many finalists for this award and were presented with their taonga at Waitangi by TV One personality Scotty Morrison. This national accolade comes hard on the heels of the New Zealand Maori Language Awards at the end of last year when they won the Secondary Section and an Outstanding Commendation for taking Te Reo Maori internationally so successfully at the World Problem Solving Conference.

The roll stands today at 1419. 175 at Year Seven, 191 at Year Eight, 237 at Year Nine, 215 at Year Ten, 220 at Year Eleven, 190 at Year Twelve and 191 at Year Thirteen. The large cohorts at the senior levels impact favourably on the Operational Grant funding. In addition there are 72 international students, making a total school roll of 1,491.

The Year Thirteen Leadership Camp at the Waimate North Showgrounds was excellent. 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 Wednesday evening.

Mr Mike Clent has overall responsibility for the leadership of Peer Support and we also thank the Dean, Mrs Emma Wise, Deputy Principal, Mrs Glenys Ross, Mrs Jenny Taylor, the Year Thirteen Form Teachers and Guidance Counsellors Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Jen Edmonds and the willing parents who helped with the kitchen.

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 the badges and certificates were presented by the President of the Rotary Club of Kerikeri, Rotary being community supporters of the Programme.

Every year level on their return has 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. The message about Your Best 80 Credits is well understood and every year level enjoyed the WAKA digital presentation.

The Powhiri for new students and staff was held on Monday 11 February, new Automotive Teacher Mr Joe Broughton speaking on behalf of the manuhiri.

On the first morning for Karakia, the Roopu Tautoko welcomed new students to the Roopu Tautoko and also the students from Whakatipuranga, the bilingual class at Kerikeri Primary School in our meeting house Te Pou O Manako. They were accompanied by the Principal Mr Paul Lindsay who spoke on their behalf, Whaia Mrs Baker and Mrs Muunu and new Deputy Principal Mrs Kerry Maxwell.

It was a moving moment when the new Kerikeri High School students crossed over from their primary school side of the house.

The International Students and new International Staff Powhiri is being held separately this year as a result of the large number of students, the 52 students being joined by the 20 students from the Brazilian Scholarship Programme and arriving later than the rest of the international students. The induction for the international students has been very different and improved this year with presentations and sessions on the Te Kotahitanga model of teaching and learning at Kerikeri High School

The 2013 Kerikeri High School Prefects were introduced at two Celebration Assemblies for students, parents and staff on Wednesday 20 February 2013.

In introducing the Prefects to the audience Principal Mrs Elizabeth Forgie acknowledged the Kapa Haka Group for their strong welcome to the Prefects and the strong acknowledgement of their achievement.

“There are 217 students in our Year 13, of that group there were 85 very high calibre applicants who put themselves out there and took the opportunity to apply for the position. 35 Prefects were appointed which enables each year level of the school from Year 7 to Year 12 to have 5 to 6 Prefects working with them. The Prefects really wanted the year level they will be working with and negotiated hard to get them.

It is wonderful that so many applicants aspire to leadership and the bar has become higher. Some very good applicants have missed out, but that is the way of a job application process. We are looking forward to them still making their contribution to Kerikeri High School as our respected senior students.

Our Prefects work hard for our school and they are a force for good, role models that we can look up to. Being a Prefect is a lot more than wearing the badge and the blazer – it is about Leadership with Service. They will speak at the PTA and at the Prospective Parents’ Evening. They will represent us at the Tai Tokerau Festival and at Anzac Day. They will also manage the appointments for four Parent Evenings, and while Prefects are not part of the discipline structure in our school, they will be a force for good.”

The Prefects had just attended an intensive two-day Leadership Training Seminar in Paihia. The students were prepared for their busy new role by the Principal, Deputy Principal Mrs Glenys Ross and their Year 13 Dean Mrs Emma Wise.

The ‘Meet the Form Teacher Evening’ was held Wednesday 20 February followed by the NZQA presentation from 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m. There was a very big audience of about 200 parents, students and family members and about 40 filled the Library for the NCEA Information Evening.

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The format of the evening was a welcome from the Principal, using the opportunity to describe our academic results, including that the University of Auckland has published at the end of last year that NCEA is the best predictor of first year success at University. The Principal then described the multiple methods of communication between home and school, Keri News, PTA News, Student Handbook, Newsletter, that the Newsletter and the Daily Notices are on our website ... “just Google us”. After the Deputy Principals and Deans were introduced, the Deans introduced their Form Teachers and the digital presentation of WAKA was enjoyed by everyone in the Auditorium before the families headed off with their Deans and Form Teachers.

The Principal took the opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees and name each of them so they were personally thanked.

Staff Professional Development

The year again began officially for the staff on Wednesday 30 January with the State of the Nation address, although many staff, especially Heads of Department had been in for some considerable time, and the Pastoral Network had a day planning on Tuesday.

History was made when Cohort Ten were welcomed on to Whiti Ora Marae. It was made again when they welcomed the rest of the staff on Friday. The whakawhanaungatanga was very different and culminated with staff on a continuum from Cohort One to Cohort Ten. The Principal then led Cohort One out to face Cohort Ten, each two staff members facing each other to talk about the difference Te Kotahitanga had made to them. Most appropriately the Principal was partnered with Ms Lauren Mulcahy, a former student of Kerikeri High School beginning her permanent position in 2013.

Another new feature was students teaching the teachers. The professional development for the day were two rotations of Mau Rakau, Waka Ama, Kapa Haka, Flax Weaving, Making Maori Bread, and Korero o te Marae. The staff enthusiastically and generously threw themselves into these new learning opportunities and many of the effective teacher profile features were evident – the lessons were fun, challenging and engaging.

The two sessions were followed by a roast lunch in the marae dining hall (whare kai) and the cutting of the Tenth Anniversary Te Kotahitanga cake by the Principal, followed by a waiata.

Mrs Bridget Crooks who has hours funded by the IT Budget has started a series of interactive lunch time sessions for staff. The ICT Bytes Timetable for Term One are; the Kerikeri High School SMS, Laptop 101, Smartphones, iPads and iPods and Tablets, Creating and Maintaining Blogs, Online PLNs, Best of Web 2.0, Staying Connected and Google Plus.

On Thursday 21 February the Principal attended the first of the year's Secondary Qualifications Advisory Meetings (formerly the LFQG). The Senior Leadership Team has already appreciated the up to the minute information about NCEA that came out of this meeting.

Self Review and Innovation

The International Department has been completely restructured and rehoused in preparation for a huge step up in numbers, from about 45 at a time to 72. This will increase during March when the Thai group come for a three week immersion. Once again the Far North District Council has funded two Scholarships to promote the link with the sister city in China. Being one of the schools in New Zealand to host 20 of the Brazilian Scholarship students is a huge achievement and Mr Grant Berry, our International Director, is thanked for his effort and initiative.

Already the school has hosted two members of the Cognition funding partnership for Relationship Based Learning, first at Whiti Ora Marae for the Powhiri and beginning of the Hui Whakarewa for Cohort One and secondly a film crew of two were in the school for a day, talking with staff and seeing students in their lessons. They are very impressed with our staff and students. This funding will directly support the continued implementation of our Te Kotahitanga programme. The NCEA results show the steady difference that the programme and most especially the staff have made to the students of Kerikeri High School, what is good for Maori being good for all, especially boys.

Mr Mike Clent, who has been invited to join the regional management group that runs Northland Secondary School Sport in his Senior Leadership capacity, initiated a Sport Forum which took place on the evening on Tuesday 19 February. The Forum informed the parents, coaches and staff about the school processes involved in sport at Kerikeri High School and provided a forum for questions, suggestions and answers.

The pilot programme with the Head of Moderate Needs was implemented last year to address students well behind their cohort and to accelerate their progress within the cohort and has been a success. "Choice" stands for Creating Triumphant Outcomes in Childrens' Education. Mrs Maria Halliday has made a real difference for these students and in their confidence to cope with learning and the pilot is extended into this year.

During the break the Property Team led by Property Manager Mr Richard Pilling accomplished herculean extra tasks – moved the Te Reo Maori classroom and created a resource room out of part of an adjoining Te Kotahitanga office, developed a new Te Kotahitanga meeting space out of that area, refitted English 10 (formerly the Activities Room) to create a new modernized home for the international students, refurbished the Boys' Gymnasium toilets, moved the Physical Education Department resource and office area into the awkwardly shaped (for teaching) PE Lab and set up the new furniture for them, moved the Sports Office into their former space making it central in the Gymnasium foyer for students to find, installed security cameras around the new Culinary and Hospitality building and recarpeted the Whare Te Pou O Manako and painted the ceiling. This was all done within 2013 budgets.

The first Curriculum Leaders' Hui was held on Monday 4 February in recognition of the extremely important and successful roles that Curriculum Leaders take in our School.

E A Forgie (Mrs)
Principal