



Kerikeri High School Principal's Report

Thursday 9 May 2013

The Kerikeri High School NCEA results have now been confirmed showing the progress since the school became involved in the Te Kotahitanga programme.

The Results Analysis show why the Board and staff are so proud of the results. The Board Chair and Principal have collaborated on a Press Release "Kerikeri High School Results Speak For Themselves." A key statistic is that before Te Kotahitanga was in place in the school 30% of Maori school leavers left without NCEA Level Two or better, in 2011 this had risen to 70% and the draft provisional data from the Ministry of Education for 2012 is 73.6%.

It was an eventful Term One with a very full calendar of activities, in addition to the busy academic programme. These include; Leadership Camps, Tai Tokerau Festival, Powhiri, Volleyball, Cricket, Swimming Championships, Athletics Championships, Tennis, YES E-Day, Biology and Art trips, Swim Fests, Senior Touch Rugby, Rippa Rugby, Tuakana Wananga, Special Olympics Swimming, U15 Boys' Sevens, Year Seven Camps, Harken and Upper North Island Regattas, Surfing, Mountain Biking, Debating, Waka Ama, Eagles Golf, Lit Quiz Regionals and the Western Heights Tournament.

Students

The PTA Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 10 April 2013 at 7.00pm in the Library followed by "Meet the Prefects". The 2013 Prefects made their first public speeches after the short AGM.

Two Parent Feedback Evenings were held in the final two weeks of the term, the 2013 Prefects administering the organisation along with the Senior Leadership Team and Te Kotahitanga Lead Facilitator Mr Russell McCabe. Over 10,000 students descended on Rotorua from the 11th to the 14th of April to participate in the Western Heights High School Sports Tournament. The tournament has been running for twenty years and this year's event was the very last.

Among those participating was a 100 strong team of sports students from Kerikeri High School who took part in rugby, netball, football (boys and girls), hockey (boys and girls), motocross and mountain biking. Our best results were Football boys coming 4th and Rugby winning second division and managing to keep the oppositions scoreless in all four games.

The Sports Department would like to thank the Board, the staff, coaches, students and their families for supporting such a memorable event.

This year's Tai Tokerau Festival was held at Taipa Area School. Our very polished and strong performance was supported by a very spirited haka from our 2013 Prefects, junior Kapa Haka students and past students attending. On the last day of term Te Roopu Kapa Haka performed their Festival programme twice to enable the whole school to see their performance, to the same outstanding support.

The Kerikeri High School Prefects and the Choir accompanied by Mrs Glenys Ross, Deputy Principal, Mrs Emma Wise, Dean of Year 13 and Miss Kathryn Thompson, Head of Music showed their support at Anzac Day by attending the 6.00am Dawn Service and the 10.00am Morning Service on Thursday 25 April at the Kerikeri RSA. The group were commended on being a credit to Kerikeri High School and thanked for their speeches and contribution on the day.

The Kerikeri High School Sailing Team has for the fourth year in a row won the New Zealand Secondary School's Teams Racing Nationals, held in Taupo during the school holidays. The Team is Harris Bindon (Captain), Matt Bindon, Nik Black, Alex Bryning, Shae Donahoe, Alex Harris, Brons Gerrish and Chris Smith. The Kerikeri High School Sailing Team will now go on to represent Kerikeri High School and New Zealand at the Inter-dominion Secondary Schools Teams Racing Sailing event to be held in Brisbane in October this year.

For the first time, Kerikeri High School was also represented by a girls team, made up of Clara Autet (Captain), Toni Shields, Lucy Shand, Holly King, Alice Autet, Amber Hookway, Phillipine Stallins and Te Arani Lawrence. The girls sailed well over the regatta, making great improvements.

Teacher In Charge Mrs Carol Clemment, Manager Mrs Christine Donahue, "Camp Mum" Mrs Florence Smith and Deputy Principal with responsibility for Sailing Mr Daniel Wise are all thanked.

Fifteen Year 12 and 13 students attended a Rural Studies course for a week in the holidays managed by Mrs Maria Halliday and Mrs Eileen Andrews.

Grayson Jarvis was selected to attend the 10th annual Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum that took place in Christchurch from 28 April - 2 May, 2013.

Each year, 50 young environmental leaders (Year 11 - 13 students) are selected to represent their regions at the five day Forum, which aims to address topical environmental issues facing New Zealand, and to help delegates develop strategies to address them. The Forum is hands on, student driven and is designed to inspire and build the capability of young environmental leaders.

Self Review and Innovation

On Tuesday 7 May 2013 the Principal presented to the Probus group at the Kerikeri RSA delivering a one hour powerpoint presentation "What's Happening at Kerikeri High School" and answering questions from the floor.

Mr Grant Berry International Director has returned from a successful tour to China.

Our work on continuing to raise boys academic achievement continues. We currently have a Professional Learning Group of staff who are involved in Teaching as Inquiry projects in their classrooms. This involves identifying pedagogy and strategies which may lead to improved academic performance and engaging in a cyclical process of implementing, reflecting, and amending (a form of Action Research). This group met three times in Term One and has two further meetings scheduled for Term Two. Two members of the group presented to a full Staff Forum this week; Mr Russell McCabe gave a presentation on 'Boy Friendly Classrooms' and Miss Melissa Johansson gave a presentation of the range of strategies she uses in her classroom, and the strategies used widely in the English Department, which make a positive difference for boys academic achievement. Both of these excellent presentations were very well received. Mike Clent followed up with a call for more expressions of interest from teachers who want to be involved in the Professional Learning Group.

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