



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

### **Thursday 4 July 2013**

Students from Kerikeri High School were thrilled and honoured to host a visit from the Prime Minister Rt Honourable John Key on Tuesday 18 June 2013. MP Mike Sabin had organised for the Prime Minister to visit his electorate.

The Prime Minister and MP Mike Sabin were shown around the new Science, Mathematics and Information Technology Building and the Culinary and Hospitality Building by Head Students Reuben Cane, Grace Bentley, Jesse Prendergast and Samantha Scahill, who has been selected as Northland's Youth MP. They saw a range of classes in action; Year 10 Mathematics, Year 12 Mathematics in the Learning Common, Year 12 Chemistry, Year 12 Physics, Year 7 Life Technology and Year 12 and Year 13 Culinary and Hospitality.

The 2013 Prefects were addressed about Leadership by the Prime Minister in the Training Restaurant of the Culinary and Hospitality Building and enjoyed the Prime Minister's invitation for questions asking him about his leadership role models, leadership challenges and rewards and the challenges he envisaged for young leaders over the next 10 years.

A Briefing Paper for the Prime Minister was prepared by the Board Chair and the Principal and is appended.

### **Students**

A wonderful evening to celebrate the achievements of our senior Maori students "Nga Rangatira O Matariki Celebration", took place on Thursday 13 June at the Whiti Ora Marae in Te Tii. Nearly twice as many students met the four cornerstones benchmark compared to last year and the benchmarks were high. The huge audience enjoyed some great music from past and present students and the Year Nine and Ten Kapa Haka group performed an item as well as the Waiata for the Principal's address. The audience also celebrated the hugely increased pass rates in NCEA Level One and Two for our Maori students.

The Guest Speaker, described in his introduction by the Principal as “ticking all of the four cornerstones boxes,” was Harry Muunu, a former student and alumni who is completing a Bachelor of Music at the University of Otago. The Principal’s Address is appended.

Jayde Ngata is the successful receipt of the On Campus Experience (OCE) Scholarship 2013. Lucy Shand competed in the New Zealand Lions Young Speechmaker Contest at the Tai Tokerau Education Centre in Whangarei and won the Regional Finals. Lucy and is now through to the National Finals.

The Lit Quiz students represented Kerikeri High School and Northland at the New Zealand Final in Wellington on Wednesday 12 June. The Team of Lauryn Jarman (captain), Ruby Murray, Lawrence Williams and Lexa Kathro came 6th in the Nationals.

The Smokefree Rockquest Heats were held on Sunday 16 June in Whangarei. Kerikeri High School was represented by one soloist, (Summer Ash), one duo, Abyss (Lili Molloy-Walt and Micah Van der Touw) and four bands; Project Orange (Reuben Topzand, Tom Ellingham, Dylan Stott), The Fallen (Brandon Sorenson, Ewan Gordon, Zedrick Ransfield, Peter Blakely and two additional members), Back2Back (Rawiri Webb, Manawa-Kaha Webb, Ryan Evans, Rachel Hall and Tamati Te Wai) and Myriad Creatures (William Blakely, Bryce Pattinson and two additional members). Summer, Back2Back and Myriad Creatures all got through to the Northland Finals. Thank you to Band Mentors Mr Troy Kingi and Mrs Cath McGlinchey.

The Kerikeri High School Geckos Team of Meg Tyler, Romy Riegler, Bradley DeKlerk and Alex Harris won the Northland Secondary Schools Mixed Teams Climbing. Romy Rielger is in the Northland Champion for female climbers and to Meg Tyler placed second.

The Year 12 YES Management students completed their Dragons’ Den presentations on Wednesday 19 June. The presentations were in the Business Enterprise and Social Sciences Meeting Room to a panel of four business people.

The Senior Hospitality Team for the National Culinary Fare Competitions in August has been selected and is busy training in the Kitchen and Front of House. Kyra Sherry, Tulsi Parbhu, Toni Shields, Jessica Clayton, Jesse Fullam, Pania Tasker, Teresa French and Lewis Noorwalla will represent Kerikeri High School as they look to go one better than 2012 when the team finished second in New Zealand.

The 2013 Ball Organisation is well underway with the leadership of Year Thirteen Dean Mrs Emma Wise and her team of students. The liaison with the PTA as always is valued. The Senior Leadership Team has been concerned, that in the past, without school sanction, the leftover food from the Kerikeri High School Ball has been taken to after the Ball functions.

The Senior Leadership Team have made the decision that going forward this will not be the case and no food will be taken to any after the Ball function as it is an event not organised, sanctioned or supported by the School.

School statistics are appended to this Principal's Report – Analysis of NCEA School Results and the National Standards data reported to the Ministry in March.

With National Standards schools are required to report whether their students are 'above,' 'at,' 'below' or 'well below' standards set in reading writing and mathematics, this year in a standardised format to make comparisons between schools easier. With no national moderation, such as New Zealand is so skilled at in NCEA, the data provided by schools is so variable that meaningful comparisons are impossible.

The Ministry of Education have a Progress and Consistency Tool (PACT) under development and in the meantime are forging ahead to make decisions on the basis of the unmoderated data, described by the Prime Minister as "ropey."

The Ministry of Education announcement about the release of this data is appended.

Every year we Survey the Year Seven students and use the self-review data to refine our induction process for our Year Six into Year Seven students. The results of the Survey are appended and who statistics of the successful and safe students in Year Seven.

NCEA has been found by the University of Auckland to be the best predictor of success at university. The article about research at the University of Victoria gives weight to this finding and reports that their research goes against critics of internal assessment who have described it as demotivating, better for girls and not as robust as exams. The article is appended.

## **Staff**

Ms Laura Choat has been appointed to the permanent position of Teacher of Mathematics to commence Term Three and Mrs Kate Miller has been appointed to the permanent position of Teacher of Business, Enterprise Economics and Social Studies to commence Term Three.

Deputy Principals Mrs Glenys Ross and Mrs Judy Cleaver are thanked for the extremely complicated re-timetabling necessitated by one Teacher going on maternity leave, two Teachers leaving for Beijing, one Teacher going on a year's leave and two Teachers returning from maternity leave.

We are presently advertising for a Guidance Counsellor following the resignation of Mrs Jen Edmonds who is returning to a position in Child Youth Mental Health.

## **Curriculum**

The Staff Forum on Wednesday this week will look at New Course Proposals for 2014, the staffing situation (papers on class numbers will be tabled) and the Annual Reporting and Appraisal cycle for Heads of Departments and the member of the Senior Leadership Team working with each of the Curriculum Leaders.

In regard to the staffing situation the academic results show a strong overall trend upwards thanks to the strong academic leadership in both curriculum and pastoral realms, balanced against the cost of the extra staffing.

## **Self Review and Innovation**

Kerikeri High School now has a new Sport Website which went live on Friday 28 June. The Website will feature upcoming sporting and event information as well as student results and photos. Parents are encouraged to sign up to receive notifications of new posts by email. This process is the same as that for Keri News and PTA News.

Mr Daniel Wise is thanked for leading the iVision and the ICT Kerikeri High School Positioning Paper is published to the Board for this meeting.

The first Relationships-Based Learning and Culture Counts Induction Visit to Kerikeri High School took place on Tuesday 25 June. Cognition Consultant, Dr Brian Hinch and British Columbia Superintendent Pat Pearce attended on the day. The visit consisted of a Powhiri, Morning Tea with the Senior Leadership Team and Lead Facilitator Russell McCabe. Mr McCabe gave a description of the overall programme at Kerikeri High School - the Hui at the beginning of the year, Classroom Observations and Feedbacks, Co-Construction Meetings, Staff PLD including Mid-Winter Hui, distributed and Principal Leadership. They saw a classroom observation in action and this was followed by a tour of the Modern Learning Environment at Kerikeri High School and an Apprentis Restaurant Luncheon before leaving for Auckland in the afternoon.

Mrs Emma Wise, Mrs Erica Collins and Mr Mike Clent are thanked for their leadership of our WAKA development and have a presentation for the Board this week.

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**Principal**