



Kerikeri High School Principal's Report

Thursday 28 November 2013

The Senior Elite Prizegiving on Thursday 7 November in the Gymnasium was a wonderful occasion where we celebrated the top achievements for our senior students, especially those leaving the school.

This year the Kerikeri High School Dux for 2013 was a joint award and the two recipients were Head Boy Reuben Cane and Deputy Head Boy Jesse Prendergast. The Award for Proxime Accessit at Kerikeri High School in 2013 was won by Deputy Head Girl Samantha Scahill.

The University of Auckland announced that Kerikeri High School was one of the top three Schools in New Zealand to be awarded University of Auckland Scholarships. Mrs Margaret Crannigan Allen, Manager, Scholarships and Graduation from the University of Auckland was present at the Senior Elite Prizegiving and had this to say; - "Thank you so much for the warm welcome and acknowledgement you gave to me and in a wider sense, the University of Auckland at Senior Prize giving. It is always a pleasure to see and celebrate the success of young people but your school is quite clearly doing something incredibly right to have achieved such a high number of keenly-fought scholarships. Although it was a long drive up, it felt worth it from the warm welcome when I arrived (with Eileen helping me to find a park and bringing me back to the right place) through to the comments and introductions on stage and the afternoon tea afterwards where staff, parents and students came up and thanked me. It was a really lovely day. I am hoping that whatever it is in the water in Kerikeri that makes your students so successful, was present in the cup of tea I had so that I can share some of your success."

The Prizegiving Team, especially Mrs Faye Robertson, Deputy Principals' Secretary and Mrs Judy Cleaver are thanked for managing such an important and complicated event. A complete Prize List and the Principal's Speech are appended.

Students

A final Celebration Assembly for the year was held on Tuesday 22 October for Years Ten to Thirteen. The 2013 Prefects were thanked for all they have done for the school, the Head Girl and Head Boy spoke, inspirationally, about our students' achievement and gave strong encouragement to do everything possible to achieve well in NCEA. The final Honours were presented for 2013. Kerikeri High School Honours are awarded to students for outstanding performance over time across the four cornerstones of Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Leadership.

The Prefects attended their final Leadership Training Seminar on Tuesday 29 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 with a huge turnout this year thanks Mrs Emma Wise, Head of Department who developed a stylish postcard showcasing Kerikeri High School student art and distributed it widely including to all families. Art work was exhibited by students across all year levels from Year 7 through to Year 13. Thank you to everybody who supported a successful show, especially to the Art Department and PTA.

The ASB Northland Secondary School Sports' Awards were held on the evening of Thursday 31 October. These Awards recognise the outstanding sporting achievements of students in recognised Secondary School sport, and the big event is held in the Kensington Stadium for all Northland Secondary Schools.

For the first time two groups from one school, Kerikeri High School, will be representing Northland at the National Young Enterprise Awards. Nick Fewtrell, Sophie Sutherland and Rachel Draper will all represent Northland at the National Finals in Wellington in December. At the Young Enterprise Regional Finals Nick Fewtrell won Regional Awards for Top Company of the Year, Excellence Award for Financial Management, Young Managing Director of the Year. Sophie Sutherland and Rachel Draper won Regional Excellence Award for Communications.

Alysha Terrizzi won \$1000 (one of 10 prizes nationally) in the Young New Zealanders Guide to Entrepreneurship launch competition at the Young Enterprise Trust Northland Regional Awards dinner.

University Scholarships awarded to date total \$351,100. The Scholarships are won against national competition by our students are as follows;

Reuben Cane (University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow), Jayde Ngata (University of Otago Maori and Pacific Island Entrance Scholarship), Grace Bentley, Brenna Ward, Olivia Cartwright and Sian Morgan (Massey University Vice Chancellor's High Achiever Scholarship Academic), Brenna Ward (Massey University Vice Chancellor's High Achiever Scholarship Arts),

Delaney McQuoid (UC Law Bursary), Jesse Prendergast, Cassy Osokin, Alastair Harris, Jackson Lee (University of Auckland Scholarship), Amandus Bookless (University of Auckland Chancellor's Awards for Top Maori and Pacific Scholars), Melanie Jones, Summer Ash, Tiana McKenzie-Herbert and Elisa Merchant (University of Auckland Jubilee Scholarship), Olivia Cartwright and Sian Morgan (College of Business Captains Club Leadership Award), Matilda Cane, Anna Clarke, Sam Scahill (Victoria Excellence Scholarships), Eliska Blattner-DeVries, Delaney McQuoid, (Victoria Achiever Scholarship for School Leavers) Pethy Tuisoso, Chloe Mason (Sir George Seymour Tourism Student of the Year 2013), Sam Scahill, Jesse Prendergast, Grace Bentley, Reuben Cane (ASB School Leaders), Jesse Prendergast (Transfield Worley Limited Professional Engineering Scholarship), Bradley de Klerk (Keystone New Zealand Property Education Trust 2014 Student Study Award), Bianca Bache (Northland Future Leaders School Leaders Scholarship 2014) and Olivia Cartwright (The Attitude Awards Trust Communications Scholarship).

Fifty Year 8 & 9 students who did particularly well with their Science Fair projects and who won prizes at the Regional Science Fair were selected to go on a Science Trip on Thursday 24 October on an Explore NZ boat out in the Bay of Islands. The Department of Conservation Ranger on the boat explained the different conservation work that DOC are doing on the islands and the students had the opportunity to visit Otehei Bay on Urapukapuka Island.

The Kerikeri High School Enrolment Evening took place on Thursday 24 October with interviews being held in the Library. A record number of new students and parents for 2014 attended interviews and tours of the School.

The NCEA External Examinations are proceeding smoothly.

The final day for the International Students was Friday 22 November. There was a Farewell Assembly, presentation of Certificates by the Principal, photographs for the International Facebook page and farewell lunch (New Zealand fish and chips) on the day. There are 33 leavers in total. All NCEAL Level Three candidates have achieved NCEA Level Three, a 100% pass rate.

Mrs Roz Clent has been busy compiling the 2013 School Magazine, an enormous task and a wonderful showcase for students, staff and parents as well as for the school. The School Magazine is an outstanding, rich record of 2013, excellent value for a high quality publication.

In the spirit of WAKA we have recently made a concerted effort to encourage and teach students about appropriate disposal of their litter. Following on from the successful 'litter sculpture' which appeared and grew on the Village Green, students were spoken to in assemblies by their peers about the importance of disposing of litter in our bins and reducing their waste. Students were then incentivized to clean up the school over a period of 2 weeks with the 'prize' of a free mufti day for the whole school if enough points were achieved over that period of time. Mr Richard Pilling, our Property Manager reviewed our site at the end of lunchtime each day, awarding points based on how free of litter the school was.

We were delighted that the students achieved the 800 points needed to earn a free mufti, and Mr Pilling reported that litter around the school was greatly reduced during this time. We will continue to encourage and make our expectations clear about rubbish, litter, and recycling waste in 2014.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks, firstly the Year 10 Show, 25-29 November, the Leavers Dinner on Friday 29 November, the Annual Raft Race on Wednesday 4 December, Year 8 and 10 Prizegivings are happening on Tuesday 10 December, Year 7 and 9 Prizegiving on Wednesday 11 December and the Final End of Year Assembly on Wednesday 11 December.

Staff

Mrs Glenys Ross is retiring at the end of the year after a extremely successful teaching career. She started teaching at Kerikeri High School in 1987, teaching Science, Biology and Maths. Prior to that she had taught at Freyberg High School in Palmerston North and lived for 5 years at the Outward Bound School in Anakiwa after having her two children.

At Kerikeri High School Mrs Ross went on to become a Dean in 1994 for two years, and then the Head of Science in 1995. Mrs Ross was also the Board of Trustees Staff Representative in 2000-2004, Time-tabler and the NZQA Principals Nominee from 2001. In 2008 Mrs Ross was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal.

Mrs Ross was also heavily involved in school and community netball, being the Teacher in Charge of Netball at school from 1989-2003, and at the same time volunteering for the Kerikeri Netball Centre. She was awarded the Hilary Walther Trophy in 1997 for her contribution to Netball in Northland.

In addition, Mrs Ross has contributed enormously to the field of Science and Technology on a regional and national level with her involvement in the Far North Science and Technology Fair and the National Science and Technology Fair (now called 'Realise the Dream'). Her roles included Chief Judge of the Regional Competition from 1994-1999, and of the National event from 2000-2004, having also served on the organising committees and selection panels. In 2004 Mrs Ross was awarded the Royal Society of New Zealand Science and Technology Bronze medal for her services to science education.

Mrs Ross is retiring to Napier where she is very much looking forward to being close to her family.

After a thorough process of advertising, application, referee checking and interview Mr Julian Cosgrove was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal to start at the beginning of 2014. Mr Cosgrove is presently Lead Facilitator at James Cook High School in Auckland and formally a Head of Social Studies.

The 2014 staffing and timetabling process is underway with Maternity Leave positions for Dean Senior Cycle and Dean Junior Cycle and teaching positions advertised.

On Tuesday 5 November the staff celebrated Melbourne Cup Day with Stawberries and Icecream at Interval, a tradition dating back to 1994. The Staff Photo took place that afternoon.

Staff Professional Development

The Principal attended the November SPANZ Executive Meeting on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November 2013.

The Principal and Deputy Principal Mr Daniel Wise, undertook an Auckland visit organised by New Era IT which included Pakuranga College, New Era Head Office, Baradene College and Botany Downs Secondary College to study Bring Your Own Device implementation.

Staff who attended Staff Professional Development and Professional Learning Seminars were; Mrs Judy Cleaver (Vocational Pathways), Mrs Eileen Andrews (Gateway 2013 Conference) and Mrs Maddy Haydock and Mrs Victoria Evans (Examination Marking). The Mathematics Department are also involved in marking and NZQA Best Practice Workshops.

Self Review and Innovation

The partnership with Cognition and Culture Counts plus Relationships Based Learning continues with meetings on 18 October and 3 December, the second day being a discursive strategies meeting.

The Principal attended the Te Kotahitanga and Building on Success Hui held in Hopu Hopu the day before the SPANZ Executive meeting. Dr Adrienne Alton Lee published the research that described the evidence of Te Kotahitanga success, challenging the professional development and learning landscape in New Zealand and a model for indigenous education world-wide. The WISE trophy was present and was presented.

A new style Year 13 Assembly was developed by Dean Mrs Emma Wise and was attended by parents who were all invited. There was a powerpoint presentation through the years from 2013 back to 2007. Every year 13 student was awarded a certificate.

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