



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

**Thursday 27 March 2014**

It has been a smooth start to the 2014 academic year incorporating the Powhiri and formal orientation of 94 students new to Kerikeri High School in addition to the 205 new Year Seven students. The timetable built in November from the students' option choices was robust with adjustments at Year Twelve required an extra English class due to the impact of the changed requirements for University Entrance, an extra Outdoor Education class with 42 students wanting to take this subject and an additional Mathematics class creating capacity for incoming International students at mid-year.

### **Students**

The Peer Support programme is a foundation stone of Kerikeri High School from the step up in maturity and responsibility achieved in 30 hours at Year Thirteen Peer Support Leadership Camp at Waimate North as the Year Thirteens are trained to work with their incoming Year Seven students, right through to the outstanding camps on Urupukapuka Island. Between are the welcomes and orientation provided for Year Seven by Year Thirteen for their Day One and the tutorial activities sessions. The Programme delivers responsibility and leadership experience to the 109 Year 13 volunteers and role modelling and security to the 205 Year Sevens. The challenges to organising and running nine days of camps on the Island are not to be underestimated and Mr Mike Clent is especially thanked as well as Dean Mrs Ria Bright and "Camp Mother" Ms Eileen Andrews.

Some notable student achievements. At the Whangarei RSA on Saturday 8 March, Year 12 and 13 students from all over the Northland Region gathered for the final of the ANZ RSA Cyril Basset Speech Competition. The winner of the Northland Region was Caitlin Thomas from Kerikeri High School. The prize is \$1000 to Caitlan, \$1000 to her School and attendance at the final in Wellington on Friday 4 April along with 7 other regional finalists. The winner of this final will go to Gallipoli over Anzac week to present their speech and join thousands of others in commemorating the 99th anniversary of Gallipoli. The English Department have actively sought, promote and support these public speaking opportunities.

Imogen Hull has been selected to attend this year's Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum. Almost 200 applications were received and 50 delegates were selected.

The 2014 Kerikeri High School Prefects were announced at the formal Celebration Assemblies for students, families and staff on Thursday 20 February.

There are 201 students in Year 13, and 62 applicants put themselves "out there" and took the opportunity to apply for the position. 36 Prefects were appointed which enables each year level of the school from Year 7 to Year 12 to have 6 Prefects working with 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. Every applicant had the experience of developing a CV and a formal panel interview. We are looking forward to them still making their contribution to Kerikeri High School as our respected senior students.

The Prefects have attended an intensive two-day Leadership Training Seminar in Paihia. The students were prepared for their critical new role by Principal Mrs Elizabeth Forgie, Deputy Principal Mr Mike Clent and their Year 13 Dean Miss Erica Collins, and the Board Chairperson addressed the Team and presented their School badges. Following the Training the Head Students were selected.

The 2014 Kerikeri High School Prefects are –

Matthew Bindon, Ciaran Mahood, Chris Smith, Ned Dalbeth-Hudson, Alisdair Brooks, Nikolas Black, Campbell Shepherd, Max Taylor, Alex Bryning, Mickaela Moselen, Matt Raines, Cuan Van Zyl, Jason Leaming, Hadleigh Armstrong, Nicholas Fewtrell, Michael Hori, Michelle Gramse, Patrick Waller, Adam Simpson, Alexa Dodson, Elijah Angus, Harry Pearson, Sam Pickering, Amber Atkinson, Lara Jayne Baxter, Lucy Ellingham, Storm Knight, Saraya Lindsay, Aidan McManus, Georgia Putt, Jess Quilter, Lucy Shand, Cass Shreeve, Sarah Snowden, Hannah Weatherup and Jazmyn Welch.

Congratulations to our Head Students:

Ciaran Mahood (Head Boy), Lucy Ellingham (Head Girl), Patrick Waller (Deputy Head Boy) and Jess Quilter (Deputy Head Girl).

The Prefects have committed to the following engagements in Term One; Year Seven Peer Support Camps, Haka Practice every Tuesday and Thursday at interval, the visiting Thai Students Powhiri, the PTA AGM on Thursday 3 April at 7.00pm, the Parent Feedback Evening on Wednesday 9 April from 4.00 – 7.00pm, the second Parent Feedback Evening Monday 14 April from 4.00 – 7.00pm, Tuesday 15 April Tai Tokerau Festival in Wellsford and the Anzac Day Dawn Service and Morning Service on Friday 25 April.

The 2013 Kerikeri High School Raft Race, which was postponed at the end of last year due to the flood in the river, was held in Week Three in the Stone Store Basin. 20 Rafts, crewed by more than 100 Year Eight and Nine students paddled around the Basin in front of over 250 parents and Year Eight students. A wide range of rafts were designed and constructed by the students and a great time was had by all. This year the winning raft was 'Flower Power' which was crewed by Jack Honey, James Sheldon, Emma Sheldon, Kayla Donaldson and Kelly Hodkinson. We once again are extremely grateful for the wonderful support we receive from the Kerikeri Volunteer Fire Brigade, St Johns Kerikeri and the Bay of Islands Coastguard. Each of these organisations adds an element of safety and fun to this iconic Kerikeri High School event. The Year Ten Raft Race Committee organised by Deputy Principal Mr Mike Clent and new Year Elevens worked hard to make the event the success it was, including heaving the rafts in and out of the water. This is a significant early leadership opportunity.

The 2014 Raft Race in November will see the Fortieth Anniversary of this race which generations of Kerikeri High School students have enjoyed. It will be a spectacular day on the water for our Year Seven and Eight students and our new staff.

On Tuesday 11 March Mrs Maria Halliday and 10 students from the CHOICE programme last year reported to the Principal and Deputy Principal Mr Mike Clent. It was a really enjoyable meeting with the students and impressive progress had taken place in both performance and confidence.

As a result of the generosity of Maureen York, a long term resident of the Bay of Islands and Author of "Barbed Wire on the Beaches" Kerikeri High School Science students now have hands on experience of Geology. Collected for many years the rocks and shells donated to Kerikeri High School by Mrs York are sparking the interest of many students in Geology and Earth Systems.

The Art Department is very proud to have two Level Three folios touring as part of the NZQA Top Art exhibition in 2014. Approximately 12 folios are selected in each of the five Art fields from around the country, Anna Clarke's Painting folio and Corey Harris' Photography folio have both been selected, a nationally ranked achievement.

On Tuesday 11 March the Deans carried out Class Representative Training with their Class Representatives. The presentation has been appended for your information.

### **Staff Professional Development**

Mrs Gill Luke, Head of Guidance at Kerikeri High School presented a full staff professional development session on Tuesday 11 March titled "Best Practice with At-Risk Youth." The objectives for the session were to increase the staff's understanding of; suicidal behaviour in young people, young people's risk v protective factors, warning signs to look out for, self-harming behaviour in young people and the Kerikeri High School processes and Traumatic Incident Plan (TIRP).

The WAKA PB4L initiative is having an outstanding impact on the whole school. The 'We are Learners' morning Professional Development held on Thursday 13 March looked at Cyber-Citizenship giving staff an outline of the lesson they were expected to teach Monday 17<sup>th</sup> during Period 3 when the whole school stopped timetable for the WAKA lesson. This is exceptional work by the PB4L staff and students team and Mrs Emma Wise and Miss Erica Collins will be presenting at this Board Meeting.

## **Curriculum**

A major curriculum initiative is the Leaders of Learning meeting twice a term on Thursday after school, with the Pastoral Network of Deans, Deputy Principals, Guidance Counsellors and Principal meeting not every week but for the other three Thursdays to provide the space for the Curriculum Leaders.

The group has been kept to Leaders of Learning and the Senior Leadership to make it an effective driver of curriculum. At Positions of Responsibility Meetings included are all who hold PR including for example, Year Seven and Eight English, Pastoral PR and also Cross Curricula PR such as Library, making a PR Holders Meeting a group of about 40.

The inaugural meeting was on Tuesday 6 March and the Principal set the agenda with hearing about what is going well for each learning area, the "Big Rocks" for 2014, the updated Senior Leadership portfolios, the updated Strategic Plan and 2014 Annual Plan as discussed at the November Board of Trustees Meeting and adopted at the February Meeting to be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for 1 March.

The "Big Rocks" included our results and the outstanding work our Leaders of Learning have been doing including looking forward for more fine grained analysis in conjunction with the Senior Leader working with each curriculum area, the affirmation of specialization (as seen in the TIMSS and PIRLS studies with concern about Mathematics and Science in particular in primary schools) and the two year advantage we can capitalize on in a Year Seven to Thirteen school, acceleration within the cohort – CHOICE, Mathematics and Science staffing for this, tracking our students individually and by cohort, WAKA and the lift in expectations based on teaching what appropriate behaviour looks like and reward systems based on WAKA, Boys achievement – some academic highlights but still a lot of work to do especially with teacher pleasing behaviour and reward systems, Te Kotahitanga at the heart of our school with relationships based education and cultural respect and the ground breaking differentiated approach, Bring Your Own Technology and the project this year to develop a wifi campus and teaching and learning approaches to maximise it, and budget and property with another year of frugality possibly seeing the Culinary debt over by the end of the year and two big ticket items when the 5YA Modernisation funds become available in July with Gymnasium refurbishment and wifi.

Additionally the Board of Trustees will be conducting the five yearly general survey this year, with a survey designed to be tracked over time, and redeveloping the Charter and Strategic Plan.

There is good alignment between Department documents and the present Charter, Strategic Plan and Annual Plan dating back to the Education Review Office review of May 2011 and copies were provided for HODs of each of those documents.

A strong Agenda has been proposed for the Leaders of Learning group to work through, both from Heads of Department and Senior Leadership and is appended as are the Senior Leadership Portfolios.

The meeting concluded with Self Review testing What do we think is going well, What do we think isn't and Any Other Comments.

### **Self Review and Innovation**

A paper prepared by Te Kotahitanga Facilitator Mrs Roz Clent discussing an existing and ground breaking way forward with Te Kotahitanga is appended.

The year began strongly in the International Department. In addition to the 55 students from Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Brazil, Chile, China, Korea, Japan, Thailand and New Caledonia on Monday 13 more Thai students arrived, 11 for one month and two students arrived with the group and will be here for up to three years. The Thai Group and their Agent were welcomed with a Powhiri with the senior Kapa Haka students followed by morning tea in the International classroom.

In a communication initiative we have had great success with the Keri News sign up letter that was posted out to all families of the School early in the year and also emailed out to all staff. We now have a following of 729 people for Keri News.

The Principal and Deputy Principals' Mrs Judy Cleaver and Mr Julian Cosgrove as well as the Te Kotahitanga Team of Mr Russell McCabe, Mrs Roz Clent and Mrs Kim Rogers attended the Building on Success Hui in Kaikohe on Monday 24 February. This was the first meeting for selected schools regarding the programme's intent.

Two Superintendents from British Columbia were welcomed to Kerikeri High School with Cognition partners Mrs Mary Sinclair and Mr Brian Hincho with a Mihi Whakatu by the Year 9 and Year 10 Kapa Haka group on Monday 17 March. They spent the day in classroom observations alongside a Te Kotahitanga Facilitator, with the Senior Leadership and Facilitation Teams and attended Co Construction meetings after school.

The Principal met at the Ministry of Education Office in Whangarei with Mr Mike Glover, School Property Advisor, Education Infrastructure Service to progress the planning for the last year of 5YA Modernisation funding due in July. The Property Committee are planning for the Gymnasium Modernisation and the IT Strategy Group of the Principal, Deputy Principals Mr Daniel Wise, Mr Mike Clent, ICT Manager Mr Guy Ellingham's and with Property Manager Mr Richard Pilling have completed the SNUP (School Network Upgrade Project) assessment to activate the Ministry of Education's IT contractor audit of our IT network prior to the build of the WIFI network, which may include some cabling upgrade.

Mr Julian Cosgrove, Deputy Principal is thanked for the comprehensive report to the Board on Dyslexia.

We appreciate the work of our Finance Manager Mrs Susan Manning who has spent so many extra and frustrating hours coping with the new and recurring Novopay issues.

E A Forgie (Mrs)  
**Principal**