



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

**Thursday 5 June 2014**

The size of the achievement of the School being one of the four Finalists in the inaugural Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards in the Teaching and Learning Category is now becoming apparent. Staff, students and whanau put in a huge effort to ensure the School's story was thoroughly reflected for the Film Crew on Tuesday and again for the Judging on Thursday.

The School was well represented by many students and student hosts worked with the Film Crew and the Judges over both days, reflecting the philosophy in the School about power sharing.

History was also made with the naming of Head Girl Lucy Ellingham as Best Speaker at the Russell McVeagh New Zealand Schools' Debating Championships in Wellington. Lucy was also named in the New Zealand School's Debating Team to travel to Thailand next year. Lucy travelled back to Kerikeri on Monday evening and was, with the Prefects, fully involved in the Powhiri first thing, the filming of the Haka at interval and with Ciaran was interviewed about the impact of the changes in the School on European as well as Maori students.

The School is in academic mode now with the Academic Celebration Assemblies the week before last and Examinations and Assessment Week beginning today, these being the first Examinations for Year Nine students. Once again we thank Mrs Di Eastwood for her voluntary Study Skills Evenings.

### **Students**

The 2014 Academic and Sailing Celebration Assemblies were held on Tuesday 20 May to recognise and honour outstanding National achievements, outstanding National achievement in Sailing – New Zealand Champions and Excellence in our National Academic Qualification, the National Certificate in Educational Achievement.

The Kapa Haka Group were thanked for their spirited welcome to our National Achievers and the Head Students congratulated those being recognised in the Assembly on behalf of the students.

Thirty Nine students were recognised as NCEA Level One Endorsed with Excellence and Twenty Seven students were recognised as NCEA Level Two Endorsed with Excellence.

The students who were recognised were welcomed into the Assemblies by the Kapa Haka Roopu. To be awarded the most prestigious Honours Badge and Bar at Kerikeri High School our students have achieved 100% of the 80 credits required at Excellence Level in NCEA Level One and recognising the considerable academic step up 90% or 72 credits at Excellence Level in NCEA Level Two. The following record number of students were awarded Honours Academic; 14 at NCEA Level One and 11 at NCEA Level Two.

The Kerikeri High School Sailing Team were honoured for the extraordinary achievement of winning the Nationals five years in a row, making sailing history in New Zealand.

Ms Kerri Williams has had outstanding success in Languages 100 students studying Languages at Kerikeri High School took part in the Language Perfect World Championships online from May 19th till May 29th competing against over 300,000 students from 1149 schools around the world. They finished in the top 10% overall, with a top 2.6% finish in Spanish. Overall 45 students received certificates from credit for which they needed to earn 500 points through to Elite where they had to earn 10,000. Special mention to Michaela Hawkins who was the only student in the School to earn an Elite award placing her in the top 0.001% of the world.

Breakdown of awards won and number of points required are as follows; 1 Elite(10000), 4 Gold(3000), 6 Silver(2000), 11 Bronze(1000) and 23 Credit(500). In 2012 Kerikeri High School received 4 awards, and 29 in 2013.

The Keri Reading Programme has launched again under the guidance of Head of Moderate Needs, Mrs Maria Halliday and with the Deputy Principal with that portfolio Mrs Judy Cleaver. Deputy Principal for Year Seven and Thirteen Mr Mike Clent, Deputy Principal Mr Julian Cosgrove to experience the programme, Deans of Year Thirteen and Year Seven Ms Erica Collins and Mrs Ria Bright and the Principal were all involved in the exciting Launch Event. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year that the program has been running. 40 Year 13 students have volunteered 1 hour of their study time to work with 40 year 7 students that have been identified as below or well below average readers, an outstanding commitment by these Year 13 students. The program will run during Term 2 and Term 3 for 1 hour each week.

Work Day has been very successful with over \$21,000 raised. Deputy Principal with liaison for PTA Mrs Judy Cleaver and Mrs Jenny Taylor are thanked for the administration.

Winter Sports are well underway with considerable efforts involved from our Staff and loyal parents. In regard to the biggest winter codes, Mrs Ally Fletcher is working with Mrs Bettina Simpson to organize 28 Netball Teams, Mr Ryan Barker with the First Fifteen now playing in the Saturday First Fifteens Competition, Mr Chris Whittaker with the Boys' Football and Mr Russell McCabe with the Girls' Football. This is the tip of a very big iceberg of commitment of our staff to the students' four cornerstones.

Mau Rakau is an example of a programme that is hosted and managed by the School that enables Maori students to achieve success as Maori. The Tutor is former Prefect Harry Muunu who holds a Pou Toru (Level Three Grading). The students range from Year Seven to Year Twelve and the Teacher in Charge is Mr Taua Kemp.

## **Curriculum**

The Heads of Departments and the Senior Leaders with relationship with that learning area have the 2014 Appraisal cycle underway, based in the first meeting around the Department Annual Report and Analysis for 2014.

The Head of Department/Leaders of Learning Meeting on Thursday 22 May focussed on development and refinement of the reporting to parents process for 2015 and beyond.

Improvement to the course counselling process resulted in a new meeting held after school on Wednesday to allow each subject area to provide a succinct overview of their subject requirements and pathways for the Year level Deans as the course counselling process gets underway.

## **Self Review and Innovation**

The major Board of Trustees Survey closed on Friday and a draft of the trends has already been compiled. Two Surveys and two of the unique verification codes for each parent (completely anonymous) were sent to each of the School's 1200 homes, making over 2000 copies. 232 Surveys were completed by parents and caregivers.

The Survey was adapted for the Staff of Kerikeri High School and 150 unique verification codes were generated to enable the Staff to complete the Survey on line. 77 responses were received.

Mr Daniel Wise, Deputy Principal and Ms Loree Jellick, Principal's Personal Assistant and Secretary to the Board of Trustees are especially thanked for all of the work that went into this major consultation by the Board of Trustees.

Kerikeri High School has effectively used staff and student development groups effectively, from Class Representatives with their Prefects and Deans, to the Ball Committee, to the PB4L Team. Now there is a new exciting staff student team in the school – the IT Ninjas. The Daily Notices called for a group of Year 11 and 12 students to become part of an IT Tech Team, the share ideas and expertise, help people out with IT problems and work

together to help our School implement new technologies for teaching and learning. Students were invited to pick up an application form from Reception and register before the end of last term. Mr Daniel Wise Deputy Principal with IT Portfolio and Mrs Bridget Crooks, IPed Facilitator, are the driving forces behind this initiative.

Mrs Julie Harrison has been selected by the Royal Society of New Zealand to accompany five top science students to the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Science Camp. The annual camp is held in a different country each year and this year is hosted by Singapore. Julie has been fully funded to attend by the Maurice Wilkins Centre, a New Zealand Centre for Research Excellence. "Great Science Teachers are crucial to New Zealand's future and we are delighted to be able to support Julie's professional development with this opportunity," says Rod Dunbar, Director of the Maurice Wilkins Centre.

Julie has played a leading role in the organisation of the Far North Regional Science and Technology Fair for a number of years and has been the Chief Judge several times. Julie is also a Judge for the National event, "Realize The Dream," a huge accolade.

The Mentor Training Event for the Tuakana to gain skills to work with their Teina was held at Aroha Island on 22 May. The programme benefitted from the research Lead Facilitator Mr Russell McCabe undertook on his Sabbatical and whanau were invited to the day and the meal at the end of the day.

The School again stopped for a 15 minute age appropriate WAKA lesson at 10am on 14 May, with the Teachers who would be teaching each year level at that time attending targeted professional development before school on the previous Thursday morning. After the focus in Term One being on Cyber Safety this lesson was on Manners and what good manners look like at Kerikeri High School in our WAKA context. Once again the resources were high quality and the student-made video delivered a great message with great humour.

Mr Ian Taylor of Taylormade Productions, one of the two Judges for the Prime Minister's Awards made a presentation to the School of the WAKA Presentation made by Taylormade for the people of San Francisco. Mr Taylor was taken with the School's strong WAKA ethos and his digital presentation is a wonderful addition to the School's WAKA symbolism and ethos.

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**Principal**