



Kerikeri High School Principal's Report

Thursday 16 October 2014

Kerikeri High School has taken a National and an International title since the last Board of Trustees Meeting. The Senior Hospitality Team took "Top New Zealand School" and the Sailing Team won the InterDominion Trophy, top school and New Zealand top country.

In addition the successes at the Far North Science and Technology Fair culminated in five students being nominated for "Realize the Dream".

Students

The Senior Hospitality Team were awarded the 'Top New Zealand School' award for 2014. This was in recognition of the 8 Silver and 2 Gold Medals that the Team won over the last two days of competition with Pania Tasker and Stuart Leslie winning the School's first ever Gold Medals in Restaurant Service at a National level, placed First and Second in this category in the Final. The Team that represented Kerikeri High School was Pania Tasker, Stuart Leslie, Teresa French, Jesse Fullam, Erin Clotworthy, Lewis Noorwalla, Jayde Guscot and Jennifer Obren.

As a celebration of their outstanding achievements, the Senior Competition Team held two degustation-style "Winner's Dinners" showcasing several of their award-winning dishes in our Training Restaurant on the evening of Tuesday and Wednesday 9 and 10 September.

Lucy Ellingham and Meg Murray competed in the Impromptu Debating Competition in Auckland. Lucy was named 2nd on the Best Speaker list and as a Team they came second in the entire competition. Lucy has also been ranked 14th on the first 50 speakers at the World Debating Championship.

This year Kerikeri High School students raised \$2,778.50 for The Cancer Society's 2014 Daffodil Day Appeal. The School was decorated for the day, we supported Daffodil Day in the township with our Jazz Band and had a special mufti day and stalls at school. This was led by Mrs Libby Irving.

Kerikeri High School had outstanding success at the Far North Science and Technology event with a “clean sweep” of the big prizes. Kerikeri High School Prizewinners took 20 Bronze, 10 Silver, 11 Gold and 16 Special Awards. Premier Awards were presented to; Jason Leaming (Vermiculture in Dairy Effluent Ponds), Alex Edwards (What is in your River), Zara Booth (Spice of Life) and Helen Wasey (The Secrets of Happy Harmony).

Five students, Nik Black, Georgia Putt, Lucy Ellingham, Jason Leaming and Alex Edwards have all been nominated for the national event ‘Realize The Dream.’

Micah Van der Touw has also made history at Kerikeri High School. After winning the Far North Musicianship Award at Rockquest in June, Micah put together an application video and detailed his future plans for submission to the Rockquest Organisation. Micah has been awarded the National Prize for Musicianship, a Scholarship for study at MAINZ in 2015.

Alejandra Narvez has placed 2nd at Scholarship Level in the STANZA National Spanish Speech Competition.

It is that time of year again when comprehensive confidential references are provided by the Principal for Scholarship applicants. The scholarships range from the Universities of Auckland, Massey, Waikato, Victoria and Otago to Russell McVeagh and AMP and amounts from \$3,000 to \$50,000 are intensely competitive with many more applicants than Scholarships available. So far, we have been successful with the University of Otago; Ciaran Mahood – Leaders of Tomorrow \$5,000, Alex Bryning – Callis Trust Performance Scholarship \$5,000 and Hannah Weatherup – Otago University Alumni Appeal \$5,000.

The Kerikeri High School Music Department’s Senior Music Concert titled “My Best” was held on Wednesday 20 August in the school auditorium and was again a showcase of outstanding talent.

The Kerikeri High School Year 11 Drama Performance of Angie Farrow’s “The River” was held on 14-15 August, Bertolt Brecht’s famous play “Mother Courage and her Children” performed by Year 12 and Year 13 students was held on 11 September and the Year 7 and 8 Drama Production titled “The Blue Airplane” is on at 7.30pm in the Auditorium on the 16th 17th and 18th October.

On Monday 11th August the School Speech Finals were held for Year 7 to 13. The day marked the end of an intense School-wide time of writing, practising and performing speeches in the English Department. The winners were: Year 7 Emilie Jones, Year 8 Max Hart, Year 9 Isabella Joe, Year 10 Arni Bailie Bellow, Year 11 Reuben Topzand, Senior Speech Prize, Grayson Javins, Y13 Speech, Iraina Gibbons, Senior Impromptu Aimee Leaming, Junior Impromptu Acima Mabidikama and The Jock Hodgson Memorial Prize, Max Hart.

The English Department have been the force behind developing many more opportunities for students in public speaking beyond the School event.

At the Bay of Islands Intermediate Speech Competition hosted by Kerikeri High School the winners of the Year Seven to Ten sections had an opportunity to contest against the best in Northland. Year Twelve students were guided to compare the event. The Principal of one of the Schools represented emailed to say "I must congratulate your staff and students on the superb organisation and running of last night's speech competition at Kerikeri High School, I attended along with my Year 9 daughter, every aspect of the event appeared to run very smoothly. Your senior students were perfect hosts."

The 2014 Market Day was a huge success and most of the students had a very successful day. Head of Department Mr Chris Bell reported that "We were thrilled with the lift in the quality of the products generally and the growing awareness of students for delivering a sound value proposition to their customers. One of our key goals is to provide young people with an opportunity to experience generating their own financial outcomes, and seeing this as a viable alternative to becoming an employee. More students are expressing a sense of empowerment from this experience, which is rewarding. Many groups sold out early and in the end the market closed earlier than expected due to the number of empty stalls."

Nominations for the election of one Student Representative to the Board of Trustees closed at noon on 11 September. We received 3 valid nominations and the election will run in the next week. The Student Election process has been developed to mirror the Parent and Staff process with written statements for every voter on each candidate to be read before the voting process.

The Kerikeri High School Sailing Team, consisting of Laurie Chaplin, Matt Bindon, Chris Smith, Alex Bryning, Jack Bunce, Connor Bartlett, Frankie Dair and Shae Donahoe won the InterDominion Regatta, Top School of the six best schools in Australia and New Zealand, convincingly beating schools such as Auckland Grammar and Mahurangi.

The Prospective Parents' Evening was held on Wednesday 24 September. The Evening gave the families a chance to hear from our Prefects and the Deputy Principal for Year Seven with responsibility for the transition process, Mr Mike Clent. There was an audience of approximately one hundred parents and young people.

'The Great Kerikeri High School Cleanup' took place on Wednesday 27 August during Period 5. This cleanup was a WAKA initiative; student litter was identified by the students as an issue around the school and so a WAKA lesson was developed which included an excellent student produced Video made by RAG (Recycling Action Group) under the guidance of Ms Kelly Bowers and Ms Kate Moss. The video introduced staff and students to some new WAKA language, and encouraged us all to be "Proud Joes" by making sure our rubbish goes into the rubbish bins. Each class was then allocated a specific area of the school to clean up during the first 15 minutes of the lesson; rubber gloves and bags were given to students and the whole school took part. Students were enthusiastic participants and the cleanup was a great success, with the grounds being restored to a 'ground zero' state.

The Property Manager Mr Pilling reported that over 4 cubic meters of litter was collected during this initiative. RAG are following up and reinforcing this work through 'catching' "Proud Joes" doing the right thing with their rubbish and putting it in the bins by awarding them \$5.00 Tuckshop vouchers sponsored by the Deputy Principals.

The Student Librarians are a huge asset, for example, dressing up as book characters on the last day of the Read to Succeed Reading Challenge. The Library Blog is also very successful and E Books can now be checked out of the Library.

The Principals' Notes from the SchoolsTechOz Conference are tabled (see Innovations)

Mrs Bridget Crooks presented the following Term Three ICT Bytes sessions; "Backing up your data and saving to the Cloud," "One Drive," "Using Your Smartphone and your student's phones in the classroom" and "Online Tools to make you a Design Master".

Mrs Julie Harrison was selected as the Educator from New Zealand to attend with the small group of New Zealand students the Eighth Asian Science Camp with Nogbel Laureates and Eminent Scientists in Singapore. This is worthy recognition of Mrs Harrison's work at regional and national level including as Judge at "Realize the Dream."

As part of the School's digital learning initiative the Principal, Deputy Principal Mr Daniel Wise and IPed Facilitator Mrs Bridget Crooks attended the SchoolsTech Oz Conference at Fribank Grammar School in Melbourne over Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11-13 September.

Mrs Bridget Crooks has won the prestigious Microsoft Innovative Educator position, one of only eight in New Zealand.

Mr Daniel Wise has been selected by NZQA to join the Working Party in Wellington into NCEA Workload. One meeting has been held so far.

Mrs Anne Gardner has been selected by 6 NZQA for the Mathematics and Statistics NCEA Review and has attended the first meeting of this important group.

As part of the partnership with Cognition the Principal met with the Director of State Schools in the Northern Territory at Alice Springs on Monday 18 August. Kerikeri High School and Whiti Ora Marae hosted a group of 30 plus Educators from the private schooling sector Northern Territory during the first two days of the school break, as well as two of the Directors of the Cognition Culture Counts programme. The group were overwhelmed by the warm welcome and the depth of confident culture they were made part of, as well as the Te Kotahitanga style of teaching and learning. We really appreciate all at the Marae including Kaumatua Mr Hohaia and our staff, Mrs Blossom Silich and Mrs Tania Peters Hei Hei as well as the Senior Leadership Team representatives and the Te Kotahitanga team. On Tuesday they had a guided

tour of the school, a powerpoint presentation from the Principal and a long question and answer session.

The building of the timetable for 2015 has started with the entry and analysis of students' option choices.

The Leaders of Learning Meeting on 28 August covered input to design of Longitudinal Tracking System, building next year's course structure for the students including provision of all the student option choice data for 2015, self review of mid year Assessment Week and suggested innovation for 2015 of a Start Up Leaders of Learning Meeting before the Hui Whakarewa, much like the Deans' Network Pastoral Meeting.

The Mid Winter Te Kotahitanga Hui took place on 26 August with four professional learning sessions "Goal Setting and Effective Feedback," "Waiata," "Ako and Power Sharing in the classroom" and "Know your Maori Learner" followed by finger food and drinks to celebrate the great success of our programme to raise Maori student achievement catered for their funds by the Sailing Team.

Self Review and Innovation

The Schools' Network Upgrade Programme and associated "back end" changes for the school have been enormous over the school break and all of the detailed research and planning proved it's worth in the smooth process and quality of the installation. Mr Daniel Wise who acted as Project Manager and Mr Richard Pilling our Property Manager are especially thanked as well as Mr Guy Ellingham for working tirelessly during a traditional break time.

Part of the process required expediting the 5YA changed programme for the final year and Mr Richard Pilling is thanked for the work that ensured the electrical upgrading required was able to be incorporated into the 5YA programme.

Novopay has been a major workload issue especially for our Finance Manager Mrs Susan Manning. The Schools' payroll service moves to a Government-owned company next week.

The Building on Success programme requires some detail added to the Annual Plan to ensure the goals co-constructed with the Team from the University of Auckland with the Senior Leadership and Te Kotahitanga Team are accurately reflected. The Ministry of Education has approved the Kia Eke Panuku: Building on Success Budget for 2014/15 through to 2016/17 and with appropriate targeting should ensure some financial support for our School Te Kotahitanga programme and proposals.

The 2015 Kerikeri High School Out of Zone Enrolment applications closed on Friday 12 September. 91 applications were received, the year level breakdown for accepted students is; Year 7 (39), Year 8 (3), Year 9 (8), Year 10 (0), Year 11 (8), Year 12 (1), Year 13 (5)

The Education Review Office have confirmed that the school's 4-5 year review will take place in Term One, 2015.

Mr Mike Clent, Deputy Principal for Year 7 took a supply of our Prospectus and Enrolment Forms to contributing Kerikeri Primary School and Riverview Primary School. He was accompanied by students in Year Seven who attended those contributing schools so they could tell the prospective Year Seven students about Kerikeri High School and answer their questions.

On Monday 8 September a Team of two from the national Education Review Office met with the Senior Leadership Team, the Board Chairperson Mr Rick Palmer, senior Maori students, our Head Boy and Head Girl, the Te Kotahitanga Team, Head of English Mrs Maddy Haydock, Head of Guidance Mrs Gill Luke and Head of Art Mrs Emma Wise as well as the PB4L Team as part of an investigation into self review in the School. Principal Adviser, Dr Ro Parsons had this to say "We have really rich information to write about how you use self review, your unrelenting focus on raising the achievement of Maori students and the wider impact of this in your school. We will be in touch when we have a draft to share with you, please pass on a special thanks to all those we met."

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