



Kerikeri High School Principal's Report

Thursday 27 November 2014

Our Senior Prizegiving held on Thursday 6 November was a day to celebrate. We celebrated individual achievements that were hard won and well earned, it was a day to acknowledge our School achievements, a day to give thanks and to wish our senior students all the best as they headed off for NCEA Externals. Most especially our thoughts were with the Class of 2008, all of our Year Thirteens soon to be heading off to the next stage of their lives.

With inspiring speeches from our Head Boy and Head Girl, attendance by our Board of Trustees, Mayor Mr John Carter, invited guests and whanau and over \$200,000 in Scholarships and Prizes awarded to our senior students, it was a very memorable day.

Kerikeri High School's Head Girl, Lucy Ellingham, is the 2014 Kerikeri High School Dux and Nik Black was awarded the Proxime Accessit for 2014.

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.

On Wednesday 19 November the Bay Chronicle contacted Kerikeri High School to apologise for an error in their story in Thursday's edition. The story titled "Progress on new High School Principal" is in fact about the appointment of a new Principal at Kerikeri Primary School. The Bay Chronicle have apologised and advised us that they will be running a correction in next week's edition.

Students

A huge congratulations to Charlotte Gamble, Jeany Kim and Scarlett Murray who attended the Future Problem Solving National Finals in Auckland as part of the CLEAR Community Problem Solving Team. The Team placed second in the National Competition and have been invited to compete in the Future Problem Solving International Conference and Finals in the USA in 2015. All of the students in the Team will be attending Kerikeri High School next year.

At our final Honours Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 28 October a record number of students achieved the high benchmark for Honours in Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Leadership with Service. Congratulations to the Honours students recognised at our Celebration Assembly:

Academic: Erin Clotworthy (Culinary), Alex Edwards (Realise The Dream), Lucy Ellingham (ICAS, Realise The Dream), Teresa French (Culinary), Jesse Fullam (Culinary), Jayde Guscott (Culinary), Michaela Hawkins (Languages), Jason Leaming (Realise The Dream), Stuart Leslie (Culinary), Lewis Noorwalla (Culinary) Jennifer Obren (Culinary), Georgia Putt (Realise The Dream), Pania Tasker (Culinary).

Cultural: Lucy Ellingham (Debating), Grayson Javins (Public Speaking), Aimee Leaming (Debating), Meg Murray (Debating), Micah Van Der Touw (Music).

Leadership: Lucy Ellingham (Head Girl), Ciaran Mahood (Head Boy), Jessica Quilter (Deputy Head Girl), Patrick Waller (Deputy Head Boy).

Sport: Connor Bartlett (Sailing), Cendrine Becker (Equestrian), Matthew Bindon (Sailing), Alexander Bryning (Sailing), Jack Bunce (Sailing), Fenella Carter (Equestrian), Laurie Chaplin (Sailing), Kyle Chen (Boxing), Levi Clark (Rugby), Frank Dair (Sailing) Shae Donahoe (Sailing), Daniel Gaulofa (Swimming), Taylor Gill (Golf), Alexander Goldsack (Special Olympics), Amber Goulding (Equestrian) Michelle Gramse (Taekwon Do) Jevon Harrison (Rugby), Sheldon Harsant (Rugby), Rachel Harvie (Special Olympics), Adam Horsfall (Special Olympics), Imogen Hull (Athletics) Grayson Javins (Hockey), Aimee Leaming (Gymnastics), Jason Leaming (Gymnastics), Bailey Maihi (Rugby) Connor McCondach (Rugby) Grace Morrison (Netball), Mickaela Moselen (Football), Jarom Park (Basketball), Harry Pearson (Triathlon & Aquathlon), Samantha Polovnikoff (Hockey), Aaron Ranara (Cricket), Emma Richards (Football), Alannah Rihari (Crossfit), Joy Robinson (Equestrian), Adam Simpson (Rugby), Christopher Smith (Sailing) and Patrick Waller (Football).

We also celebrated the national win by our Culinary and Hospitality Team, Top New Zealand School and the international win by our Sailing Team, Top School of the best six in Australia and New Zealand at the Inter Dominion Regatta.

Only 16 projects have been selected for the national Science and Technology event 'Realize the Dream.' Four, or a quarter of the projects selected for the whole country, are from Kerikeri High School. For the first time the Principal and Head of Science Mrs Jackie Roberston will join Mrs Julie Harrison, national Chief Judge at the Prizegiving at Government House in Wellington.

A huge congratulations to all of our Finalists at the ASB Northland Secondary Schools' Sports Awards. An especially big congratulations to our code winners; Kyle Chen (Boxing), Alannah Rihari (Crossfit) and (ASB Sporting Excellence Award), Imogen Hull (People's Choice), Claudia Riddle (Equestrian), Bradley Greenwood (Martial Arts), Alexander Hull (Athletics), Taylor Gill (Golf), Samantha Polovnikoff (Hockey), Jodeci Campbell (Rugby), Rachel Harvie (Special Olympics), Harry Pearson (Triathlon) and the Kerikeri High School Sailing Team for (Team of the Year).

The Prefects attended their final Leadership Training Seminar on Tuesday 21 October and in the final Seminar had public speaking impromptu practice for farewells and completed both individual and Year Level Evaluations to assist next year's Prefects, as well as prepared 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 2014 Market Day was also a huge success. The Enterprise and Business Department were thrilled with the quality of the products and the growing awareness of students for delivering a sound value proposition to their customers. Many groups sold out early and in the end the market closed earlier than expected due to the number of empty stalls.

University Scholarships awarded to date total over \$200,000. These scholarships are intensely competitive with many more applicants than Scholarships available. The University Scholarships awarded to Kerikeri High School students were won against still national competition.

Caleb Wilson has been successful in applying for a University of Otago Nga Mahi-a-Ringa Putaiao Scholarship. This Scholarship offers a week long hands-on Science programme at the University of Otago for a nationally selected group of Maori students.

Our very thorough transition process for Year 6 students enrolling into Kerikeri High School for 2015 is well under way. Mr Mike Clent visited Kerikeri Primary School and Riverview Primary School in the last week of August to speak to the Year 6's about our School and to deliver Enrolment Packs. He took several Year Seven students who had previously attended the respective Primary School and they spoke about their experience moving to our school and how they have found it. Both visits were supported by the Junior Kapa Haka group and Mrs Peters-Heihei.

This was followed by our Enrolment Evening where each enrolling student and their family met with either a Dean or Deputy Principal for an individual interview. Selected Year Seven and Year Twelve students were then available to take families on a guided tour of the school. 150 interviews were held that evening.

Last week Mr Clent, Ms Laura Choat, Dean of Year Seven in 2015, and Mrs Gill Luke Head of Guidance, have visited both of our major contributing Primary Schools to meet with the Year 6 Teachers to hear about their students. This information gives us a valuable insight into the students who are coming and helps us with class placements. An innovation this year has been an additional meeting with Year 6 teachers and members of our English Department to share information about programmes of work and assessment.

Mr Clent will be visiting Bay of Islands International Academy at the end of this week to talk to students transitioning to our school next year into Years Seven and Nine. The change in numbers from what was Te Tii Primary School to Bay of Islands International Academy makes this feasible.

The NCEA External Examinations are proceeding smoothly and we thank Deputy Principal Mr Daniel Wise, NZQA Principal's Nominee for all this organisation.

The 2014 Raft Race to be held on Thursday 27 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 7 and 8 students. The wide array of rafts, designed, constructed and crewed by more than 100 students will race around the Basin in front of their peers, their parents and Kerikeri High School staff. The race will be started by Mr Derry Godbert who started the first race 40 years ago in 1974. Mr Neil Sorenson, former Deputy Principal will be there with Derry and has attended every one. The Sorenson Cup for the Winner is in his honour as a great energetic driver behind this iconic event for many years.

Our Year 13 Final Assembly was held on Tuesday 4 November at 12.15pm in the Kerikeri High School Auditorium. Parents and caregivers were welcome to attend and Dean Miss Erica Collins collated a moving event and powerpoint presentation for her year group.

The final day for the International Students was Friday 21 November. There was a Farewell Assembly, presentation of Certificates by Deputy Principal Mrs Judy Cleaver, photographs for the International Facebook page and farewell lunch (New Zealand fish and chips). There are 35 leavers in total 41 students are already enrolled for 2014.

Mrs Roz Clent has been busy compiling the 2014 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 2014, excellent value for a high quality publication.

The Year 6/10 show "The Dream Team" started with a matinee on Wednesday and evening performances on Thursday and Friday. The Year 10 students have written the scripts, choreographed and chosen their music and costumes and take responsibility for their technical elements such as lighting and sound. This is part of the warm transition with the Year 10 students and next year's Year 7 students establishing strong relationships. The whole of Year 6 at Kerikeri High School is involved. This is the 8th year of the Show.

The Kerikeri High School Learning Enrichment Centre staff and students recently organised a camping experience. The students attended the Special Olympics in Whangarei and spent the day at the Zoo. They stayed at the Waipu Wanderers Backpackers and all worked well together as a team and had an enjoyable time.

Their inclusive programme continues with their EOTC Beach Day followed by a Christmas Lunch and farewell to three of our long standing Learning Enrichment Centre Graduates.

Staff

The 2015 staffing and timetabling process is underway with the following fixed term and maternity leave positions of responsibility and teaching positions advertised;

1. Dean Senior Cycle Fixed Term 2015, 2. Head of Social Studies (2MU, 1MMA Maternity Leave), 3. Position of Responsibility Geography and Tourism (1MU, 1MMA Maternity Leave), 4. Position of Responsibility Biology (1MU, 1MMA Maternity Leave)

Social Studies (two positions one Fixed Term one Maternity Leave), Physical Education (Fixed Term 2015), Food Studies Culinary and Hospitality (Maternity Leave), Science state senior specialisation (Maternity Leave), Guidance Counsellor (Maternity Leave), English from Term 2 2015 (Maternity Leave).

Teachers of senior classes are using their release time to provide extra support for students in the lead up to the NCEA Exams and across the school revision classes are being offered, and we thank Mrs Maddy Haydock for coordinating the whole timetable. Staff are also taking advantage of this flexi time to complete their Appraisal cycles. The revision schedule has been appended.

Mrs Emma Wise and Ms Erica Collins will be making WAKA Videos with volunteer Year 12 and Year 10 students this week.

Curriculum

The Heads of Department met with Senior Leadership to review classes in Year 7-10 and option classes from Year 9-13, on 12 November prior to building the 2015 timetable.

The second Leaders of Learning Meeting for the term took place on Thursday 27 November.

Self Review and Innovation

The Kerikeri High School Library has an initiative to encourage students to read over the summer holidays to help raise their levels of academic achievement based on the research that hearing progress can go backwards over the long summer break. To aid the students, the School Library is running a Summer Reading promotion where students are encouraged to borrow up to 25 books each. Students will keep the books over summer and they will be due back the first week of school next year. The only criteria for students to be eligible to borrow books for Summer Reading is that they have no overdue books, and that they will be returning to Kerikeri High School in 2015.

The Principal and the Board Chair attended the ERO Briefing Meetings on 6 and 7 November in Taipa and Whangarei, Deputy Principal Mr Clent was able to join the Whangarei meeting.

The Principal also attended the SPANZ Executive Meeting on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 November 2014, including meetings with the Minister, Secretary for Education and Heads of the Teacher Council.

There was a Staff Forum on Tuesday 25 November. Deputy Principals Mr Daniel Wise and Mr Julian Cosgrove went through the key points in the results of the Staff, Parent and Student Board Surveys. The staff in random groups then discussed and compiled charts on What's Hot What's Not. What would you want Kerikeri High School to achieve educationally and in property and infrastructure.

An innovation this year has been Shakesfest, a cross curricular project between the English, Drama and Music Departments. 209 Year 8 students have been working on different Shakespeare plays for the last few weeks preparing for a presentation of their adaptations of the plays.

The Turner Centre Plaza was the venue for a day of Shakespeare themed fun with rap workshops, Elizabethan dancing, improvisations and noodle sword fighting. Great fun was had by all with fantastic performances at the end of the day.

Following the IES Paper written by the Principal and presented at the last Board Meeting an Expression of Interest has been registered and a meeting booked by a Senior Appraiser of the Ministry with the Board Chair and Principal.

Two past students have been compiling the permission forms for filming for the Prime Minister's Awards which included hundreds of students, whanau and parents. Permission forms were required no matter how identifiable the subject. Former Prefect Jordan Westerland and Deputy Head Girl Kara Lee Whiu were also employed to run a cultural experience in the whare for the Pernambuco international students.

On Tuesday 18 November the Principal and Deputy Principals Mrs Judy Cleaver and Mr Julian Cosgrove met with Camilla Highfield from the programme Building on Success, followed by two co-construction meetings with the Te Kotahitanga and Senior Leadership Team.

Departments are taking advantage of the time to undertake Self Review with their students, the English Department for example using Survey Monkey to survey all seniors about their experience in the Externals, how prepared they felt, what was of most assistance for preparation (revision classes were overwhelmingly identified) and course choices.

The Kerikeri High School Network Upgrade is progressing well, with CableNet well on track to meet its install deadline of the beginning of December. We have been lucky to be able to negotiate a network cut-over and final commissioning of the new network to occur during the first week of the school holidays. While there will be no network available for some time during this week, the holiday cut-over will ensure reduced disruption and give the install team time to make sure that there are as few issues as possible. We have been impressed with the standard of work to date and are looking forward to the activation of the Wi-Fi network in early December.

The IT team have been busy rolling out Office 365 across the school and a big thanks goes to Mr Guy Ellingham, Mr Stewart Fraser, Mrs Bridget Crooks and Mr Daniel Wise for their work on this. Office 365 gives all staff members a Kerikeri High School email account with flexible web access, cloud storage and access to Office online, enabling easy sharing of and collaboration on documents, and anytime, anywhere access to documents, mail for instance.

2015 will see student accounts being created, as well as development work on online collaborative workspaces for students and teachers. Mrs Bridget Crooks has been running professional development sessions for staff, and Mr Daniel Wise organised for us to be able to host Mr John Phelps, a Microsoft Expert Teacher recently for a day of professional development.

Mr John Phelps is an expert who travels the country leading Workshops at schools. He tutors an Office 365 in the classroom, including online and offline editing of Office Documents, Office 2013 in the classroom, new features and possibilities for curriculum integration and BYOD learning considerations and 21st Century Learning Design. There were lunchtime and after school workshops.

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