



Kerikeri High School

Newsletter

2012/1

10th February 2012

Kia ora

We have made a great start to the year. It was wonderful to return to excellent NCEA results again. We were particularly thrilled with an unparalleled pass rate of 91.5% at Level Two (Sixth Form). Our Level One students' pass rate was 84% and at Year Thirteen, the Level Three pass rate was 73%. Especially pleasing was the lift in NCEA Endorsed with Merit, up by 10% at every year level, well above any national increases of 1-2%.

For our NCEA Level One students, their Literacy pass rate was 92.4%, well above the Decile 7 comparison of 86.6% and Numeracy pass rate 90.8%, again well above the Decile 7 comparison of 84%. Our Year 11 students last year achieved the largest number of Excellences in NCEA Level One we have ever had at our school.

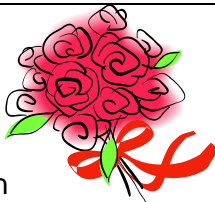
We have been looking forward to the students starting the 2012 year and have been working hard during January to be well prepared for them.

...AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO NEW STAFF FOR 2012

Mrs Magon	Mathematics
Ms Morris	Science
Mr Pietkiewicz	Economics / Management
Ms Rennes	Physical Education
Mr Whitaker	Science
Ms Osokin	Music / English

BOUQUETS

- The Waka Ama Club (Outrigger canoeing) "Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia" competed at the Waka Ama Nationals at Lake Karapiro in Cambridge. They won number of medals including Gold in the J16 W6 500m race making them National Champions!



PEER SUPPORT IN ACTION

On Tuesday the 31st of January and Wednesday the 1st of February, 105 of our Year 13 students took part in a Leadership Camp organised and run by Deputy Principal and Peer Support Leader Mr Mike Clent, Deputy Principal Mr Daniel Wise, Year 13 Dean Mrs Jane Jarman, Guidance Counsellors Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Jen Edmonds, Mrs Jenny Taylor and the Year 13 Form Teachers. The Leadership

Camp was a huge success with students able to complete training as Peer Support Leaders for our new Year 7 students. A very special thank you to the great parents who took care of the catering. Peer Support began on the first day with our Year 13 students supporting the Year 7 students in their transition to Kerikeri High School. Organisation is also well under way for the Year 7 Camps which will be held at Urupukapuka Island again this year.

MEET THE FORM TEACHER EVENING 6.30-7.30pm and NCEA INFORMATION EVENING 7.30-8.30pm FEBRUARY 15th

All parents and caregivers are invited to a Meet the Form Teacher Evening incorporating an NCEA Information Evening.

We will begin in the Auditorium with a Welcome from the Principal and the introduction to your child's Form Teacher, Dean and Deputy Principal. Then the year groups will move off and we will incorporate a quick tour of the school, an opportunity to see our new buildings. For parents of junior students, we will take you to the classrooms where your child has their classes. Parents of Year 10 and Senior Students may wish to attend the NCEA Information Session that will form a part of the evening. Everyone is welcome. Our PTA will provide a light supper.

SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

Students over 15 years of age wishing to go on a 10 day Spirit of New Zealand voyage please see Mrs Gordon to find out how to secure a berth. There are also places available on the R Tucker Thompson which operates locally. Please see Mrs Gordon if interested.

MUSIC TUITION

The Music Department is offering instrumental lessons in a wide range of instruments: including Guitar, Drums, Saxophone, Trumpet, Clarinet and Singing just to name a few. Instrumental Music Lesson Registration Forms will be available to students to collect from Reception and the Music Department from the 13th February. The Registration Form will include information about the lesson structure and how to hire or buy required instruments. The fee for these extra-curricular music lessons is \$20 per term. Some classes fill up very quickly, so this opportunity has to

be on a first come, first served basis and the fee paid.

WINTER CODE PRE SEASON FITNESS STARTS AGAIN

Pre-Season training and General Fitness sessions start on Wednesday 8th February in the Gym. Sessions are being held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7.00am to 7.45am, and are for any Year level.

Showers are available. Wear shoes. Bring breakfast if needed.

Any queries please see Mrs Gordon or Mr Jordon in the PE Office.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS KEY

Students cannot achieve their potential at school if their attendance is not good. To improve our monitoring of attendance, each day the Attendance Administrator is going to be making phone calls home to check on the whereabouts of randomly selected absent students. You could help us with our tracking of attendance by phoning Reception in the morning if your child is going to be absent for the day. Thank you.

OLD LAWMOWERS PLEASE

The Automotive Department would welcome any donations of old lawnmowers. They do not need to be working. Please contact Mr Russell McCabe on 4078916 if you are able to help.



SPORTS COACHES AND MANAGERS



The Sports Department are looking for willing Coaches and Managers for sports teams.

If you could help in any way, please contact the Sports Office and speak to

either **Mrs Marsh or Miss Liddington** or, alternatively, you could email sport@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

THE ECONOMIST MAGAZINE

If any parents subscribe to "The Economist" magazine and would be willing to donate older

copies to the Kerikeri High School Business and Economics Department please contact Mr Chris Bell here at the school.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Powhiri for all new students and staff**
Monday 13th February
- **Kerikeri High School Swimming Championships** Tuesday 14th February
- **Meet the Form Teacher Evening incorporating an NCEA Information Evening**
Wednesday 15th February 6.30 – 8.30pm. All welcome.
- **School Photos – Form Class and Individual Portraits** Monday 20th February
- **Class Representative applications close**
Monday 20th February
- **Music Workshop** Tuesday 21st February 2pm
- **Bruce Scott Cricket** Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February
- **Board of Trustees Meeting** 6pm Wednesday 22nd February
- **PTA Meeting** 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd February
- **Kerikeri High School Senior Athletics Championships** Thursday 23rd February
- **Year 7 Swimming Festival** Friday 24th February 9am – 11am
- **Year 8 Swimming Festival** Friday 24th February 11.15am – 1.15pm
- **Student Council School Social** Friday 24th February

You may want to keep the Information Page included with this Newsletter containing some of the information that you may need during 2012. The Helpful Information Page includes the names of the Deans, Deputy Principals and Guidance Counsellors. Remember that if you have any concerns or queries we will do our level best to help you.

We hope that your family will enjoy 2012 with Kerikeri High School and that you will join us as often as you can for school functions, trips and sporting events.

Warm Regards

Kia ora

E A. Forgie (Mrs) M.A. (Hons), Dip.Ed.Admin, Dip.Tchg.

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SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

• Visitors

All visitors to Kerikeri High School must report to Reception.

• The Deans' Centre

Kerikeri High School has a Deans' Centre to assist the students and their parents. Our Deans' Centre and Student Services Receptionist, Mrs Joanne Davis, or one of our Year Level Deans will always be there to assist students with town leave passes (with a note from home), lost property, care of student property, urgent telephone calls, school uniform and the whole host of things that students might need to help their day at school go more smoothly.

The attendance of students, including students who are late or out of class for some reason, is administered at the Deans' Centre and in the Attendance Office.

Exemptions for uniform are issued by the Deans at the beginning of school each day from the Deans' Centre.

This year our Deans are:

Year 7	Miss Kate Langman
Year 8	Miss Kate Crawford
Year 9	Mrs Katie Smith
Year 10	Miss Amanda Henry
Year 11	Mrs Erica Collins
Year 12	Mrs Emma Wise
Year 13	Mrs Jane Jarman

• Who else can help?

Your child's Form Teacher.

The Deputy Principal for your child's Year Level:

Years 7 & 11	Mr Mike Clent
Years 8 & 12	Mrs Judy Cleaver
Years 10 & 13	Mr Daniel Wise
Year 9	Mrs Glenys Ross

Deputy Principals' Secretary Mrs Faye Robertson

Guidance Counsellors:

Mrs Gill Luke
Mrs Jen Edmonds
Mr Stu Angus (Chaplain)

• Keeping in touch

We send Newsletters home on a regular basis with the youngest child in each family. These are numbered, so if you miss one, please ask us for a copy. Copies are delivered to the Kerikeri Public Library and are available on the school's web site – www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz

Student diaries are a critical link between home and school and they are full of interesting information about the school.

See the Flyer enclosed on how to access the website and subscribe to get news posts from Kerikeri High School and the PTA to your email address.

• Lunches

Students can buy their lunches from the Tuckshop where an extensive daily menu is offered. The Tuckshop is open before school, at intervals and at lunchtimes. There are special arrangements for lunches to be ordered and delivered for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students at the beginning of their lunchtime. Lunches should be ordered and paid for before school.

• 2012 Terms and Holidays

First Term:	Ends Thursday 5 th April
Second Term:	Starts Monday 23 rd April Ends Friday 29 th June
Third Term:	Starts Monday 16 th July Ends Friday 28 th September
Fourth Term:	Starts Monday 15 th October
Anzac Day	Wednesday 25 th April
Queens Birthday:	Monday 4 th June
Labour Day:	Monday 22 nd October

• School Bell Times

8.35	Warning bell
8.40	Period 1- Form Time
8.55	Period 1- Form Time ends
9.00	Period 2 Begins
9.55	Period 2 ends
10.00	Period 3 begins
10.55	Period 3 ends
10.55	Interval
11.15	Interval ends
11.20	Period 4 begins
12.15	Period 4 ends
12.20	Period 5 begins
1.15	LUNCH
1.30	Seated lunch ends for Years 7 - 10
2.00	Lunch ends
2.05	Period 6 begins
3.00	End of classes for students
3.00	Non Contact time for Teachers
3.20	End of Non Contact period

• Cycle Helmets

Cycle helmets are compulsory by law and students who cycle to and from school are expected to wear helmets.



• The School Contribution and Accounts

An account for every student has been posted home. This will include the School Contribution and also Subject Fees for some subjects where there is a "take-home" component to cover the cost of materials that are provided by the school. Year 7 and 8 students pay subject fees for Technology, Art and Life Technology.

We realise that there are many expenses at the beginning of the year with stationery, school uniforms and camps, and we will be pleased to arrange for accounts to be paid over a period of time. **Automatic Bank payments are encouraged.** Please contact Reception to ask for

the forms to start up a regular direct credit to Kerikeri High School that will cover your family's expenses in easy payments throughout the year.

The School Contribution is very important to the school. This contribution can be claimed as a donation for tax purposes. The School Contribution is used to pay the huge number of extra services and activities at this school for which we receive no Government funds.

- **Hurt or sick?**

A sick or injured student at school must report to the St John Centre or to Reception. In the best interests of the students' safety we will only release a student to go home unwell from school once a parent or caregiver has been contacted.

We need accurate records in the event of an emergency, so it is important that the school is informed of –

- ↗ **Change of address/circumstances**
- ↗ **Change of telephone numbers (work or home)**

- **Education Outside the Classroom**

We do run an extensive Education Outside the Classroom programme that includes everything from routine field work to after school sailing, camps, tramps and weekend sports events. Permission for routine and low risk activities is given on enrolment and we will contact parents for permission for each major or higher risk EOTC event before it occurs.

- **Sun Protection**

We encourage all students to wear hats and 15+ sunscreen when outdoors.



- **Parent Teacher Association**

The Parent Teacher Association meets monthly and all parents/caregivers are encouraged and welcome. The meetings are advertised in the School Newsletter.

- **Board of Trustees**

The Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees meets monthly in the Boardroom at 6pm. These meetings are open to the public and interested parents and caregivers are always welcome to attend. Please contact the Board Secretary Ms Loree Jellick for details.

- **Stationery and Uniform Shop**

Students may purchase their stationery requirements from the school's shop at very

competitive prices. The school uniform is only available from the school's shop.

Shop hours are –

8.15am – 12.00pm Monday & Friday

8.15am – 2pm Tuesday & Thursday

- **School Uniform**

At Kerikeri High School we place a lot of importance on high standards of presentation and we thank all of those students and their parents who have made a big effort with school uniform.

We ask that parents and caregivers support our high standards and also our stand against graffiti – on exercise books, folders and school bags. Thank you.

- **Kerikeri High School Bus Bay**

The Bus Bay at the front of Kerikeri High School only just accommodates the buses for the High School and Primary School. Even one single car parked there at bus times means that buses are left blocking Hone Heke Road.



Please keep clear as directed by the signs.

- **Don't forget to turn left**

Traffic congestion in Hone Heke Road is a major concern – please remember the “**LEFT TURN ONLY**” rule between the hours of 8.15-9am and 2.45 – 3.45pm.

This rule covers the area from Oripiro Road past the entrance to the Kerikeri High School Tennis Courts and Community Swimming Pool.

- **Smoke –Free Environs Act Reminder**

We have always adopted a “smoke-free” environment at Kerikeri High School ever since the 1970s and we would like to remind parents and community users of the school that our entire campus is smoke-free. We absolutely require your co-operation in this.

- **Physical Education Gear**

The Physical Education Department recommends to parents that your child's name or initials be marked clearly on all sports clothing. They also recommend that sports shoes are worn for outdoor activities.

We hope that this round-up of school information is helpful for you.

Best wishes for a great year at Kerikeri High School.

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