



Kerikeri High School

Newsletter

2014/4

14 May 2014

Kia ora

We are now in our first week of Term Two of the 2014 academic year and we were really pleased to welcome all of our students back after the break.

Thank you to all of the staff, parents and senior students who have made so many wonderful opportunities happen for our students so far this year. And congratulations to all the busy students who are pushing themselves to do their absolute best across the four cornerstones.

You will find enclosed our important School Survey, more details further through in the Newsletter.

We were very proud of our School's representation at the Dawn and Mid-Morning Services for Anzac Day and of the calibre of our School's Kapa Haka performances at the Tai Tokerau Festival in Wellsford as well as the two performances at school to enable the whole school to enjoy the talent and hard work of the large group.

And we are thrilled to have made sailing history by being the first School ever to win the Secondary Schools Teams' Racing Nationals five times in a row.

This term unusually is only nine weeks and we are already working towards Assessment Week in Weeks 5 and 6 with Examinations and Internal Assessments for Seniors and Examinations for Year Nine and Ten.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Aimie Lawson** and **Paige Jones** who won the Northland Regional Young Farmer of the Year TeenAg award. They will travel to Christchurch in July to represent the region at the National Finals.

Congratulations to the two School teams who competed in the Northland event of the Kids' Lit Quiz. Of the 28 school teams our two teams came Second Equal. The teams had to work collaboratively to answer 100 questions prepared by the Quizmaster, Wayne Mills, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Education at Auckland University and for both teams to get the same very good result is great.

May 7th saw the launch of the Northland Educare Sports Talent Hub, where 13 athletes have been identified between the ages of 15-18 across various sporting codes in Northland (rugby and netball not included as they have their own programmes in place). The group will be provided with education and support to help them go on to be high performance athletes on the national and international stage. Kerikeri High School has four students in this prestigious group: **Samantha Polovnikoff** (Hockey), **Imogen Hull** (Athletics), **Daniel Gaulofa** (Swimming) and **Harry Pearson** (Multisports).

Daniel Gaulofa was additionally selected for the Pathway to the Podium national programme.

Amy Douglas in Year 10 was a competitor in the 2013/2014 Ocean Swim Series King of the Bays Ocean Race from Milford to Takapuna on the 12th April. Amy's race time was 55.28 minutes.

TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL

The 2014 Tai Tokerau Festival was held in Wellsford on Tuesday 15 April. Our two strong performances were supported by a very spirited haka from our 2014 Prefects. On the last day of Term One Te Roopu Kapa Haka performed their Festival programme twice to enable the whole school to see their performance, to the same outstanding support.

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL SAILORS TAKE TITLE FOR FIFTH YEAR RUNNING

Kerikeri High School made history in the sporting arena becoming the first school to ever win the National Schools Team Racing Championship five years in a row.

The Kerikeri High School Open Team; Connor Bartlett, Jack Bunce, Frank Dair, Shae Donahoe, Laurie Chaplin, Matthew Bindon, Alex Bryning and Chris Smith will now go on to represent Kerikeri High School and New Zealand at the Inter-dominion Secondary Schools Teams Racing Sailing event up against the best teams in Australia to be held in Algies Bay later this year.

For the second year Kerikeri High School fielded a Girls' Sailing Team and they dramatically improved their standings. A big thank you to our dedicated parents, the Teacher In Charge Mrs Florence Smith and Coaches Mr Reuben Corbett and Mr Derry Godbert.

ANZAC DAY

The Kerikeri High School Prefects, the Choir and the Band accompanied by Mrs Elizabeth Forgie, Principal, Miss Erica Collins, Dean of Year 13 and Miss Kathryn Thompson, Head of Music showed their support at Anzac Day by attending the 5.45am Dawn Service and the 9.45am Morning Service on Friday 25 April at the Kerikeri RSA.

The group were commended on being a credit to Kerikeri High School and thanked for their speeches and contribution on the day. Caitlin Thomas played the trumpet at both Services and delivered her Northland Regional winning RSA Cyril Basset speech.

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL PARENT AND STAFF SURVEY

We are posting the 2014 Survey to you. You will find enclosed two copies, however we strongly encourage you please to fill it out online as this hugely assists with collation. You have a unique validation code to ensure that only one survey is completed per person. The survey is completely anonymous. Thank you.

DATABASE CHECK

To ensure the accuracy of our student information, a database check has been included with this Newsletter. Please carefully review this information and return any amendments to the school. It is essential that we have accurate contact details for you. Thank you.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

We celebrate our top academic achievers and welcome "home" the New Zealand Teams Racing Trophy next Tuesday. We have record numbers of top academic achievers – students who have achieved NCEA Level One and NCEA Level Two Endorsed with Excellence, requiring 50 or more credits at Excellence Level.

We also celebrate those students who have achieved Honours Academic, the Kerikeri High School benchmark being even higher. At NCEA Level One to be awarded Honours Academic a student must have achieved the equivalent of their whole NCEA Level One 100% at Excellence Level, 80 Credits. At NCEA Level Two the benchmark is 90% recognising the considerable academic step up, 72 Credits. There are record numbers of Honours Academic recipients who will be welcomed in to the Celebration Assemblies by our Kapa Haka groups with the New Zealand title winning sailors.

DRAMA NEWS

The Kerikeri High School Drama Department presented two outstanding shows "Awatea" (by Bruce Mason) on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th May and "The Pohutukawa Tree" (by Bruce Mason) on Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th May. Congratulations to all on such powerful and professional shows.

MUSIC

The Kerikeri High School Music Department presented a "Music Matchbox Concert" (a little spark to ignite the year) on Wednesday 2 April. The Concert featured our Junior Concert Band, Jazz Combo and many senior

music students undertaking performance assessments. Well done to all.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These are not Kerikeri High School run activities

AFTA HRS Youth Centre Tuesdays and Fridays at the Domain Pavilion from 3pm to 7pm. It is a free, safe place to hang out. Adult supervision at all times. Pool tables, table tennis and many other game options. Guitar and music. Bring a group or come on your own. Milo and biscuits available after school. Ages are 12 - 18 years of age. Contact 022 305 9633 or email kerikeriyouth@gmail.com check out AFTA HRS Facebook page.

AFTA HRS - Poetry Evening come along and unleash your inner poet. Original work and recitals of great poets. Tea, coffee, milo and biscuits provided. 1st Tuesday of the month. 5pm start at the AFTA HRS Youth Centre at the Domain Pavilion. 1st Tuesday of the month. 5pm start at the Domain Pavilion. Contact Leo direct on 4017396 or email kerikeriyouth@gmail.com check out AFTA HRS Facebook page.

Dive Zone Bay of Islands Marine Academy (16 day course) for students 16 years + become a PADI rescue diver and get NZQA credits, Level 2 credits 2, Level 3 Credits 27 and Level 4 Credits 12. The National Certificate in Diving (foundation) is an NZQA approved program that means you get credit for the study you do on the dive courses. Queries ph 09 407 9986 or email info@divezoneboi.co.nz

The Music Place, Hobson Avenue Professional tuition across the genres in Guitar, Bass, Ukulele, Vocals, Piano, Cello and Drums to students of all ages, through from learning your instrument to performance. Grade exams and music theory also offered. For one to one, group tuition or band mentoring in a professional, encouraging and fun environment, contact Claire on 021 883 616 or 09 407 1506. Enquire about our sponsored lessons.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **15 May** Eton Press Mathematics Competition
- **15 May** Year 13 Universities Visit
- **17 May** Year 9 Debating
- **20 May** Academic Celebration Assemblies 12.20pm and 2.10pm
- **23 May** Work Day Mufti
- **26 May** Study Skills in the Library 7.30 – 9.00pm

School Closed Monday 2 June Queen's Birthday

- **5 June** Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
- **10 June** Year 9 Debating Tournament
- **11 June** Regional Nga Manu Korero Maori Speech Competition in Kaitiā

Best wishes for an eventful and hard-working Term Two. We have a lot to look forward to.

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