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There are two and half weeks of the 2014 school year left. It's been a great year with so many high points and wonderful achievements. The last few weeks of school are no different; we are extremely busy concluding teaching programmes, organising our EOTC activities, Raft Race, Year 6 transitions, Year 13 Graduates Dinner, our wonderful Junior Prizegivings and of course planning for 2015. We really value this time with our junior students and thank our teachers for all the revision sessions they have organised for our seniors.

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

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 wonderful achievements as a School and 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 and our valued 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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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.

Congratulations to **Adam Simpson**, **Matt Storm** and **Levi Clark** who made the Northland Men's Rugby Sevens Team and will play the Auckland Men's Rugby Sevens Team in this weekend's Tournament.

SCHOLARSHIPS WON TO DATE

The University Scholarships awarded to Kerikeri High School students were won against national competition and to date total over \$200,000.

Well done to the successful applicants; **Lucy Ellingham** (University of Auckland Scholarship), **Nikolas Black** (University of Auckland Scholarship), **Hine-a-Rangi Jones** (University of Auckland Chancellor's Award for Top Maori and Pacific), **Hannah Weatherup** (University of Auckland Jubilee Award) and (University of Otago Alumni Appeal Scholarship), **Nicholas Deas** (University of Auckland Jubilee Award), **Elijah Angus** (University of Auckland Jubilee Award), **Alysha Terrizzi** (Massey University Captain's Club), **Jason Leaming** (Massey University Vice Chancellor's High Achiever Scholarship Academic), **Alexander Bryning** (University of Otago Callis Trust Performance Scholarship), **Ciaran Mahood** (University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship), **Lucy Shand** (Victoria Excellence Scholarship), **Georgia McNeill** (Victoria Excellence Scholarship), **Jack Adcock** (Victoria Excellence Scholarship), **Kiriarangi Rameka** (University of Waikato Northland Future Leaders' Scholarship), **Harry Pearson** (University of Waikato Vice Chancellor's Academic Excellence School Leaver Scholarship), **Kieran Flood** (2015 MESNZ Bill Buckley Engineering Scholarship) and **Micah Van Der Touw** (National Prize for Musicianship – MAINZ)

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL RAFT RACE

The 2014 Raft Race to be held on Thursday 27 November and was the **40th Anniversary** of this iconic race which generations of Kerikeri High School students have enjoyed. It was 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 raced around the Basin in front of their peers, their parents and Kerikeri High School staff, many of who were in kayaks and supervising.

ERROR IN CHRONICLE STORY

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.

ART EXHIBITION

The annual Kerikeri High School Art Exhibition was a great success with a huge turnout again this year. Thanks to Mrs Emma Wise, Head of the Art Department who developed a stylish postcard showcasing Kerikeri High School student art and

distributed it widely. Art work was exhibited by students across all year levels from Year 7 through to Year 13. The work exhibited by our students was exceptional. Thank you to everybody who supported a successful show, especially to the Art Department and PTA.

EOTC

Year 9 and 10 EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) activities take place on Wednesday 3rd December and Year 7 and 8 EOTC activities will be held on Thursday 4th December. Please urgently return permission slips and payment to Reception. All students from Years 7 to 10 are expected to attend. If you have any queries please contact your child's Dean.

CONTRIBUTING SCHOOL VISITS

Both of our two major contributing Primary Schools, Kerikeri Primary School and Riverview Primary School have visited us in the last week with their Year 6 students as part of the thorough transition process we are organise together with them. The Year 6's were introduced to their Year Level Dean for 2015, Miss Laura Choat, and were given a guided tour of the school by Year 7 students. As always there is lots of anticipation, excitement and a few nerves. We are really looking forward to meeting all of our new Year 7 students in February.

ENCOURAGING SUMMER READING

The School Library wishes to encourage students to read over the summer holidays to help raise their levels of academic achievement. It is well documented that some students who do not read over the summer experience a learning loss, but this is less pronounced or absent in students who have access to books.

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 is that they have no overdue books, and that they will be returning to Kerikeri High School in 2015. Please encourage your child/children to participate in Summer Reading to maintain momentum or improve their literacy levels.

ASB SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP VOUCHER

Each time a member of the school community (i.e. school staff or parents) successfully takes out a new home loan of \$150,000 or more with ASB, and they present the voucher, ASB will donate \$1000.00 cash to their school of choice. Below is the link for the voucher, this needs to be printed, and brought into your ASB branch www.asb.co.nz/pdf/Supporting-success-in-your-school-voucher.pdf

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

We have pleasure in inviting all parents and caregivers of our junior students to attend the Prizegiving Ceremonies being held in the final week at which WAKA Awards for Excellence in Attitude, Academic Excellence and other Special Awards will be presented.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **26-28 November** Year 10/6 Show
- **27 November** Raft Race 12.00pm
- **27 November** Board Meeting 5.30pm
- **2 December** Year 13 Graduation Dinner
- **2 December** NZQA Examinations End
- **3 December** EOTC Year 9 and 10
- **4 December** EOTC Year 7 and 8

• **9 December** Prizegiving Year 8 at 10.00am

• **9 December** Prizegiving Year 10 at 12.00noon

• **10 December** Prizegiving Year 7 at 10.00am

• **10 December** Prizegiving Year 9 at 12.00noon

• **10 December** Final Assembly at 2.00pm

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks, firstly the Year 10 Show, the Annual Raft Race, the Graduates Dinner and the Junior Prizegivings and the final end of year assembly as we complete the 2014 school year with our junior students.

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