



Tēna koutou katoa e te whanau,  
Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou o te tau hou.  
Nau mai haere mai ki tā tātou kura, Te Kura Tuarua o te Kerikeri.

We are delighted to be back into our busy hard working academic programme and an especially warm welcome to all of our new students, families and whānau.

### WELCOME TO NEW STAFF FOR 2016

A very warm welcome to Mrs Sian Durbin, Mr Brodie Nel, Miss Amanda Riney, Mr Tristan Wharton, Miss Jess Lowe and welcome back to Mrs Rene Loggie.

### ACADEMIC RESULTS

Our preliminary NCEA results are wonderful and all credit to our hard working staff and students. Analysing the roll based results (all the students in the year level) and participation based (those students entered for enough credits to achieve the qualification) results together, our results are best our Best Ever at Year 11 and Year 12:

NCEA Level One 89% up from 83%  
NCEA Level Two 91% up from 86.5%  
NCEA Level Three 80% up from 79%

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Alex Edwards**, Year 11 has recently won the following at the recent New Zealand National Spearfishing Championships; NZ Under 16 Spearfishing Champion, NZ Junior Women's Spearfishing Champion, NZ Junior Underwater Photography Champion, NZ Junior Spearfishing Champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the New Zealand Women's Championship. Alex has also been selected in the New Zealand Open Spearfishing Team for the Inter Pacific Competition to be held in March 2016.

Three Science students were selected from over 80 applicants throughout New Zealand to participate in the inaugural Powering the Potential event run by the Royal Society of New Zealand and held in Wellington in December. The students; **Shani Eisenmann**, **Isabella Francis** and **Grayson Javins** worked with leading scientists on real world problems to develop possible solutions.

**Isabella Francis** has been accepted into the Science Scholars Programme run at Auckland University.

Congratulations to **Mano Herewini** who competed in the 2016 Waka Ama Championships, and achieved four Gold and one Bronze. Mano has qualified for the Waka Ama Team to compete in the World Championships to be held in Australia in May this year.

### FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

The University Scholarships awarded to Kerikeri High School students in the second half of last year were intensely competitive with many more applicants than

Scholarships available. Scholarships were won by Kerikeri High School students against national competition, and to date total over \$439,000.

Of particular note was the Quota Scholarship, the only one in New Zealand, two University of Auckland Scholarships worth \$50,000 and the University of Auckland Top Maori and Pacific Scholarship worth \$35,000.

### MEET THE FORM TEACHER EVENING

Please come. We meet in the Auditorium on **Tuesday 23 February at 6.30pm** and you will be introduced to our entire Pastoral Team – Form Teachers, Deans, Deputy Principal, our Guidance Team and Principal. There is time with your Form Teacher and also at **7.30pm** an **NCEA Information Evening**. We will incorporate an opportunity to see around the School. 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, we encourage you to attend the NZQA Information Session in the Library at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Our PTA will provide a light supper.

### WAKA

A reminder we would like everyone in our School community to uphold our values as we journey together in our Waka to success.

<b>We are learners</b>	Whaia te Matauranga
<b>Act with respect</b>	Manaaki te tangata
<b>Keep ourselves safe</b>	Tiaki tangata
<b>Always proud</b>	Kia manawanui

Our WAKA initiative grew out of the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme. It has certainly been positive at Kerikeri High School and is evident in our students' positive and appropriate behaviour. Our ERO Report noted that this is a dynamic and successful school that features high levels of collaboration between students, whānau, teachers and leaders.

### PEER SUPPORT IN ACTION

One of the great advantages of our Year 7 to 13 School is the interaction between the oldest, mature and caring students and the youngest newest students to the school. We talk about "eyes up" to the senior role models and believe this is one of the keys to the very high retention rate we have at Kerikeri High School right through to the end of Year 13.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January, our Year 13 students took part in a two day Leadership Camp organised and run by Deputy Principal and Peer Support Leader Mr Mike Client, Year 13 Dean Mrs Kate Miller, Guidance Counsellor Mrs Gill Luke as well as Mrs Eileen Andrews and the Year 13 Form Teachers.

The Leadership Camp was a huge success with students training to be warm, knowledgeable Peer Support Leaders for our new Year 7 students. A very special thank you to the parents who helped out.

Peer Support at School began on the second day with our Year 13 students supporting the Year 7 students in their transition to Kerikeri High School in an enthusiastic and caring way. The organisation is also well under way for the Year 7 Camps which will be held at Urupukapuka Island again this year.

### GOOD COMMUNICATION

We really value good relationships at Kerikeri High School and good communication is the key. Download the App, Sign up for Keri News, provide us with an Email Address – if your Newsletter arrives in the post we don't have your email address. Please phone Reception on 407 8916 or send an email to [enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz) so we can get you on the list for faster communication. Please refer to "Keeping In Touch" on the Helpful Information About Our School handout included with this Newsletter.

### STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Student Handbook is based on our WAKA values and it is designed with and especially for our students. It is packed full of useful information about the School – all you need to know such as bell times, student support and services, our Honours system, NCEA and What to do if...(frequently asked questions). The Handbook incorporates a diary. All Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will be issued a Handbook and it will be used continually and consistently across all of their classes. The Student Handbook is \$12.50 available from the school Stationery Shop.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance is absolutely critical to good school performance. Kerikeri High School works hard with our students, parents and community to achieve high levels of attendance. When a student is going to be absent please contact the School as soon as possible to let us know. The School may contact you to double check at times as we make our best efforts to keep all our students safe and engaged in their education.

### SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

If you are interested in a voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand or R Tucker Thompson, please contact Mrs Gordon in the Sports Department.

### ASB BANK SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP OFFER

The Sponsorship Voucher has been a huge success. ASB have increased the voucher from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 from the 1st of February until 30 April 2016. ASB has donated \$19,000.00 to schools in Northland since 1 July 2015. Each time a member of the school community (i.e. school staff, parents, extended family, grandparents, friends) successfully take out a new home loan of \$150,000 or more with ASB, and they present the

sponsorship voucher nominating your school, to the bank staff, ASB will donate \$1000.00 to your school. The voucher can be downloaded from the ASB Bank Website.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

*These are not Kerikeri High School run activities*

**Kerikeri Badminton Club** Club Nights Tuesday, 7.30pm to 10.00pm at Baysports Stadium, Waipapa. Enquiries to Graham 027 440 7541.

**Kerikeri Rugby Club Muster** 14-18 year olds at the Kerikeri Rugby Club grounds Sat 13 February 9.00am any enquiries to Sharon 021 921 066.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **12 February** Class Representative Applications Close
- **15-16 February** Prefect Leadership Training
- **17-18 February** School Photos
- **23 February** Meet the Form Teacher/NZQA Evening
- **2-4 March** Year 7 Camp 1
- **9-11 March** Year 7 Camp 2
- **16-18 March** Year 7 Camp 3
- **25 March** Good Friday (School Closed)
- **28 March** Easter Monday (School Closed)
- **29 March** Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
- **5 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4.00-7.00pm
- **6-7 April** Year 12 Production
- **11 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
- **12-14 April** Tai Tokerau Festival
- **13 April** Music Performance Evening
- **15 April** Last day of Term One

We have had a busy start as always, and the School is settled, energetic and in good heart. We have been looking forward to the students starting the 2016 year and have been working hard during January to be well prepared for them.

We enclose "Helpful Information About Our School" and "School Bus Information." These contain information that you may find helpful during 2016.

We hope that your family will really enjoy 2016 with Kerikeri High School and that you will join us as often as you can for School Report Nights, Concerts, Drama Performances, trips and sporting events. Our School roll is up reflecting a lift in our local economy and families moving in to the district.

Thank you for all the efforts you have taken at home to get your young person set up for the year with their enrolment paperwork and for all students, to be organised with their learning materials and their uniform.

We are looking forward to another great year.  
Heio ano.

**Kia ora**



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

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<b>Administration:</b>	Jolanda, Lyn, Sue, Susan, Lorraine, Loree, Faye, Joanne
<b>Guidance Counsellors:</b>	Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Maria Salinas
<b>Careers:</b>	Miss Eileen Andrews
<b>Board of Trustees Chairperson:</b>	Mr Rick Palmer
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