



Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands

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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 working at full stretch at Kerikeri High School and Term Two is "full on" with a very busy calendar including Assessment Week, internal assessments, Mathex and first Examinations for our Year Nines in our Academic cornerstone, all of the winter sports underway in our sporting cornerstone, lots happening such as Drama Assessment Performances, Ngā Manu Korero (Maori Regional Speech Competitions) and Rock Quest in our cultural cornerstone and in Leadership and Service our Prefects have undertaken a second Leadership Training event, our School Council are deliberating over the most effective ways to invest the Work Day funds in our School and the Keri Reading Tutors are leading at the Whānau Evening for parents and whānau, Keri Readers and Tutors on Thursday night.

NGĀ RANGATIRA Ō MATARIKI CELEBRATION

We observed the Māori New Year in the nicest way with our annual Ngā Rangatira Ō Matariki Celebration Evening on Thursday 15 June here at Kerikeri High School. It was a hugely successful evening where Māori student achievement across the Four Cornerstones of a balanced education was recognised and celebrated.

The event was planned and coordinated in collaboration with whānau, and recognises Māori student success in a Māori context. The Powhiri hosted by Ngati Rehia and Kerikeri High School was followed by supper.

There was a huge turnout of whānau and family, Kuia and Kaumatua and we all enjoyed the Kapa Haka and two musical performances as well as the famous guest speaker, a former student of Kerikeri High School, Troy Kingi.

106 senior students qualified for the high benchmark to have a Certificate awarded for their achievements across the four cornerstones from June to June in accordance with the Māori calendar.

In the Principal's Address the difference we have made as a School and Community to Māori student achievement, to the benefit of all in our wider community, was described not just in the major increase in pass rates for our Māori school leavers from 83% to 93% in NCEA Level One (2012 to 2016) and from 69% to 81% at Level Two but more importantly, in the doubling of the numbers of Māori students getting their critical qualifications from 30 to

68 Māori students in NCEA Level One and from 25 to 59 Māori students in NCEA Level Two.

The "takeaway" provided to all on the Evening summarising how Kerikeri High School is making a difference is part of this Newsletter.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Kaleb Stevens**, Year 10 who has been selected as part of a National Tennis Squad that will be traveling to Queensland, Australia at the end of June. He will be joining the 20 strong New Zealand squad and will be playing at two prestigious tournaments, the Rod Laver Queensland Junior Age Championships and the Churchie Junior Championship. Kaleb will also participate in a two day pre-tournament Training Camp at the Rod Laver Centre in Brisbane.

Congratulations to **Gabi Hislop**, Year 8 for her selection for the Northern Football Federation Under 13 Team to travel to Sydney in the upcoming school holidays. Gabi is the first girl from the Far North to be selected for this team.

Congratulations to our top Academic Excellence achievers and those students who were awarded Honours in the Academic and Leadership Cornerstones at our Celebration Assembly on Tuesday 16 May;

NCEA Level One: **Kaya Tobin, Lucia Avery, Izzy Crossland, Nicola Dearnley, Yuti Jain, Lauryn Jarman, Bryna McCondach, Annette Pilapil, Emma Sheldon, Rebecca Thomas and Mila Urlich.**

NCEA Level Two: **Laila Abada, Alice Autet, Arni Bailie-Bellew, Sarah Barnard, Tiana Edwards, Stella Green, Lauren Harrell, Libby Inwood, Nyena Weeds, Sophie Morrison, Julia Moyle, Eve Robson-Clark, Jamie Struthers, Jerry Tang, Casey Weatherup, Jack Williams and Guy Yarrall.**

On Tuesday 13 June 39 Kerikeri High School students travelled to Barge Park, Whangarei to participate in the Northern Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to the highest achieving students as follows:

4th Year 7 and 8 Girls **Gabrielle Smythe**

3rd Year 7 and 8 Boys **Hunter Scott**

5th Year 9 Girls **Emilia Finer**

9th Year 9 Boys **Nimish Singh**

4th Junior Girls U16 **Hannah Watson**

1st Junior Boys U16 **Benjamin Lascuna**

4th Senior Girls U16 **Kate Moyle**

2nd Senior Boys U19 **Jared Thomson**

Congratulations to **Frankie Dair, Jack Bunce** and **Maeve White** from our very successful Kerikeri High School Teams' Racing Sailing Team who have been selected to represent New Zealand at the Under 21 Teams Racing World Championships in Italy in August.

We are thinking of past students **Blair Tuke** and **Andy Maloney** as they contest the America's Cup in Bermuda and we have sent them messages of support, especially after the capsizing in the contender series.

Congratulations to the following Business Management students who have been selected to attend the Northland Mid-Year Young Enterprise Finals in Whangarei: **Alex Edwards**, Dragon's Den Finals, **Bella Boyd**, Business Plans Finals, **Shannen Frear**, **Billie Klinac** and **Kristin Mellar**, Dragons Den Finals, Business Plan Finals and Business Card Finals.

Congratulations to **Alex Edwards** on her selection to attend the Enterprise in Action weekend hosted by the Young Enterprise Trust in Auckland.

Good luck to the two Kerikeri High School Bands who will be competing in the Regional Finals for Rockquest in Whangarei. The First Band (Theoretically Impossible) **Felix Danilo, Jack French, Breanna Marsh** and **Myer Robb** and the second band (Denial) **Ty Davis, Cameron Dudley, Simon Halliday** and **Michael Mitchell**.

Congratulations to the following Kerikeri High School Netball Teams for their successful wins on the weekend, each team winning each of their respective grades at the completion of the first round of the season, Kerikeri High School Premier, Kerikeri High School Premier Development, Kerikeri High School 9A, Kerikeri High School Senior B and Kerikeri High School 10C.

Congratulations to Deputy Head Girl **Tiana Edwards** who has been selected for this year's Global Summit to be held at Massey University's Auckland Campus in Albany on Tuesday 27 June.

YEAR 8 NOHO MARAE

This week a number of our Year 8 classes are experiencing their Noho Marae programme at the Kohewhata Marae. This gives all of Year 8 students the opportunity to experience Pōwhiri, present their own pepeha and learn more about what it means to be a bicultural New Zealander.

KERI READING EVENING

Keri Reading is a very successful and long standing reading programme in our school which sees volunteer Year 13 students sign up and train to be reading buddies to Year 7 students who could benefit from extra 'reading mileage.' This year we have 41 Keri Readers. On Thursday night Mrs Maria Halliday is hosting an evening with Year 7 Keri Readers, their Year 13 Reading Tutors, families and whānau to share the "Pause, Prompt, Praise" method of supporting reading progress. It is a great opportunity to get to know each other and share reading success stories.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGE PROPOSAL

At our May Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board considered a proposal for a change in classification for Year Nine and Ten students to be included at the Bay of Islands International Academy. The Board resolved to oppose this proposal and provided a Submission for the Ministry of Education. The major concerns raised by our Board of Trustees are summarised here and the full Submission is available through the hyperlink below.

- The zoning wedge this reclassification would drive between the historic partnership between the Ngati Rehia and Kerikeri High School.
- The positive impact we have made together to the outcomes for Maori students at Kerikeri High School as has been documented by the Education Review Office and forms part of their judgement for Kerikeri High School to be on a second Year 4-5 Review Cycle, as well as being independently documented by the Judges for the Prime Minister's Education Excellence Award.
- The potential for the school bus network to be majorly disrupted. The Ministry of Education apply the principle that buses run to the school closest to the student and for Year Nine and Ten students bus transport is not provided if they are within 4.8 kilometres of the school. If that school were Bay of Islands International Academy bus entitlement for Year Nine and Ten students would cease within 4.8 kilometres of that school.
- Kerikeri High School offers a huge range of extra and co-curricula opportunities our students. Students could be excluded from Northland Secondary Schools' Sports events for example if their school was too small to field a team and their

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parents could not afford to transport their students past the school zoned for classes at their level.

The full Submission can be found here;
<http://bit.ly/2sXKzin>

MASS POWHIRI, MORI RAPANA

Our Kerikeri High School Kapa Haka students **Savanah Peters-Hei Hei, Jasmin Winikerei, Kahurangi Yakas, Mia Kolo, Lilli Kolo and Maybel Koro** were part of the historic Mass Powhiri for the Bulldogs and Lions at Waitangi. Not only did they get the opportunity to work alongside other schools from Te Taitokerau, but also alongside adult performers from some of the top groups in Aotearoa.

MATHEX

The annual Kerikeri High School Mathex Competition took place last Tuesday evening. It was wonderful to see the Gymnasium packed with teams all excited and energised to solve their Mathematics questions as fast as possible. Thank you to the Mathematics Department for organising such a huge event. The Year 7,8,9 and 10 winners and the students who will be representing Kerikeri High School at the Northland Mathex Competition in Whangarei on Friday 30th June are as follows, two Teams can be entered at Year 7 and 8 but only one Team at Year 9 and 10;

Year 7: **Jade Sceats, Cameron Willis, Finn Stephson, Joe Howells, Levi Booth, Oliverly Boyd, Jaluka Clarke, Charley Cates .**

Year 8: **Emma Lloyd, Ruby Robinson, Ameya Russell, Bevan McKenzie, Lydia Bailie-Bellew, Imogen Crooks, Charlotte Taylor, Hannah Collins.**

Year 9: **Gillian Toala, Nimish Singh, James Dawes, Georgia Doherty.**

Year 10: **Sophie Wilkinson, Chloe Halliday, Zara Thomas, Amelia Stephen.**

TRANSITION TO TERTIARY WHANAU EVENING

Mrs Eileen Crawford (our Careers Advisor, Gateway and Star Coordinator) will be running a **Transition to Tertiary Whanau Evening** for Year 13 students and their Parents and Caregivers. Mrs Crawford will go through applying for University, Polytech and Private Training Establishments, applying for Accommodation, Student Allowances, Student Loans and Scholarships. Our evening will be held in the

Kerikeri High School Library on Thursday 29 June at 6.30pm. Please email Mrs Crawford on ecrawford@kerikerihigh.ac.nz to let us know you are coming. Please do, the evening will be full of vital information and you are welcome even if your student is not Year 13 yet.

HOSPITALITY SUCCESS

A team of ten Senior Hospitality students have been selected to represent Kerikeri High School at the annual My Kitchen Rules Competition at the Hilton Hotel in Auckland on July 4th. The Team are busy fundraising and training hard, as they look to defend the title that Kerikeri High School has held for the last two years. The Team will be staying free of charge at the 5 star hotel whilst they compete, and in previous years, students have been offered employment opportunities with the Hilton as a result of their efforts.

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BALL

The Senior School Ball is happening on Saturday 29 July. The PTA will be preparing supper for the evening and rely on generous donations to make the amazing Ball supper possible. Any homemade food, such as sweet slices, brownies, etc would be greatly appreciated. The PTA do a fantastic job putting all the food together on the night and any offers of cake stands or platters for presenting food would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off to Reception on Friday 28 July or to the Library on the afternoon of Saturday 29 July between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. They are also grateful for any volunteers willing to help out with food preparation and plating late afternoon and cleaning up on the Saturday night till late. If you are willing and would like to help out, please contact Shelley Ellicott, shelleyellicott@vodafone.co.nz thank you to all our parents and caregivers for supporting this wonderful event.

YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

Year 10 Visual Art students currently have an Exhibition on show in the Auditorium foyer. The Exhibition contains an individual framed work by each student which celebrates the tradition of Matariki. The Exhibition is open during school hours, please sign in at Reception if you wish to view the work.

KEEP OURSELVES SAFE

We are delighted to see growing number of students riding their bikes to school.

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For safety, it is important to make sure all of our students who are riding a bike to school are wearing their helmets.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

A reminder that 2016 School Magazines are still for sale at Reception for \$10 each. These are a wonderful reflection of the year. This is excellent value for such a high quality publication.

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.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

As we enter the winter months, a reminder to parents of year 7 to 10 about Physical Education gear. The correct PE uniform is blue shorts and a white or blue top. If these get wet or dirty and are in the wash, alternative clothes can be worn, as long as the student brings a note from home explaining this. If your child is unable to participate due to injury or illness, a note with an explanation is helpful for their physical Education teacher.

BUS BAY REMINDER

A reminder to please not park or drive into the Bus Bay between 8.20am and 8.50am in the mornings and 2.30pm and 3.30pm in the afternoons. Cars in the Bus Bay can cause significant safety issues and create congestion at busy times on Hone Heke Road.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These are not Kerikeri High School run activities

Kerikeri Dental Centre FREE basic dental treatment for 9-18 year olds visit lumino.co.nz/freeteen for more information 09 407 8338, lumino.co.nz/Kerikeri

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whānau. We offer a free national Helpline for parents and caregivers providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting concern. The helpline is open from 9am to 11pm Monday to Sunday www.parenthelp.org.nz 0800 568 856

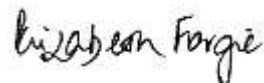
WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **23 June** Year 12 and 13 Young Enterprise (YES) Regional Finals
- **28 June** Junior Music Performance

- **29 June** Transition to Tertiary 6.30pm Library
- **4-5 July** Year 12 Drama Performance
- **7 July** Last Day of Term Two
- **7 July** Mid Year Written Reports issued
- **24 July** 1st Day Term Three
- **27 July** Australian Mathematics Competition
- **1 August** Parent Feedback Evening (first of two)

Heio ano. Thank you for all your support.

Kia ora



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