

Kerikeri High School Newsletter 3 – 1st April 2021

Dear Families and Whānau, Staff and Students,

Our last Newsletter was the day of the Tsunami alerts. Since then New Zealand has won the Americas Cup and we were very proud to have three past Kerikeri High School students on Te Rehutai – Blair Tuke, Andy Maloney and Marius Van Der Pol.

Lots of Four Cornerstones Opportunities

It is great that our students are making the most of all the opportunities and later in your letter we will be acknowledging some of their great achievements.

Please download the App if you haven't already or check on the Website for the Daily Notices for everything there is on offer. The wealth of opportunities provide a wonderful way for our students to make more friends and connect with staff and senior students who are tutors and role models in a different way.

This week on our Calendar there is Year 13 Scuba, Girls in Infrastructure, Northland Secondary Schools' (NSSSA) Senior Boys and Senior Girls Volleyball, an Aquathon in Year 12 Physical Education, First Aid courses, a visit from the Otago University Liaison, the Kids Lit Quiz, Year Seven and Eight Spelling Bee, NSSSA Tennis, the Music Mentor Visit, NSSSA Equestrian, and we have 176 students taking Music Tuition in a variety of instruments as well as a large number of students training for the Kapa Haka Regionals and Tai Tokerau Festival.

The Daily Notices are Important

Every day in the Daily Notices we highlight our WAKA way of being at Kerikeri High School. These messages are reinforced in Form Time with the class and Form Teacher so that our students absolutely understand what

our expected ways of behaving are at Kerikeri High School and what that behaviour looks like in our School. Today's message was WAKA Keep Ourselves Safe - Tiaki tangata:

WAKA Keep Ourselves Safe - Tiaki tangata Our school Bus Bay is very busy before and after school as buses arrive and depart, and large numbers of students getting off and on buses. For everyone's safety it is important that we all keep ourselves safe in this area. This includes: • Lining up in single file and waiting for your bus number to be called

- Walking to your bus in single file, and loading one at a time
- Not playing with balls in the Bus Bay area
- 'Giving Way' to Primary School students and parents who are walking across our Bus Bay
- Pushing bikes and scooters through this busy area rather than riding them
- Walking in the Bus Bay instead of running, especially when buses are moving
- Only crossing Hone Heke Road on the Pedestrian Crossing, and following the instructions of the Road Patrollers

Keep Ourselves Safe – Tiaki Tangata

We work hard every day to keep our school safe and we are extremely vigilant.

With a large school family or whānau sometimes students make poor decisions and when things go wrong we are quick to react and deal with situations. We respect the privacy of students and their families which stops us sharing with you the many steps we take when students have consequences for their mistakes. The behaviour that causes us all concern in schools include bullying, drugs and alcohol, bad language, truanting, fighting and more recently vaping. In the classroom we expect our students to value their learning and do their best and not distract others from their learning. Please be assured that we are active, both with prevention and with consequences.

Last week our Board of Trustees excluded a student who brought marijuana to school and sold it to another student. This week another student has been excluded for abuse of students and staff, and defiance despite numerous school interventions to address this behaviour. And we have three female students appearing before our Board of Trustees Disciplinary Committee as a result of assault. These situations are always difficult for our Board as they balance the best interests of a young person with the safety of the rest of the school. We want to reassure parents and whānau that the Senior Leadership Team, all of Staff, and our Board of Trustees work hard to keep our school safe and calm, and we will continue to do so, always with the best interests of our students at the centre of what we do.

Consequences in our school for misconduct can range from Suspension and Stand Down, to being supervised during Interval and Lunchtime, to school service, family meetings, restorative meetings and apologies. Always we strive to deal with all in our school family with respect.

Our students know their WAKA values and are quick to tell us when something is not right. Similarly we hugely value our warm relationships with our parent community and we are always available for you if you have any concerns or queries.

Who to go to if you are concerned

At Reception or Te Puna Waiora we can put you in touch with whoever you want to talk to.
Here are our contact numbers: Reception: 09 407 8916
Te Puna Wairoa 09 407 0150

Our Student Wellbeing Team includes:

Form Teachers
Year Level Deans
Deputy Principals
Associate Principal
Principal
Guidance Counsellors

Can you please check with your young person that they can name a trusted person they will go to at school should they feel upset, concerned, anxious or worried about something; sometimes that safe person will be class teacher, a Counsellor or their Form Teacher, Year Level Dean or Deputy Principal. We want every one of our young people to know there is someone who will be alongside them to help.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Nimish Singh** who has gained an Elite Award in the Education Perfect World Language Championships. This is the third time Nimish has placed in the top 0.2% of competitors in the world, and the third year in a row that he was the top student from over 151 000 competitors – a fantastic achievement.

Other Kerikeri High School students competing and recognised in this World Language Championship included:

Nimish Singh	Elite
Emma Betts	Gold
Gemma Griffiths	Gold
Sasha Marchant	Gold
Shannon Miringaorangi	Gold
Michelle Horsfall	Silver
Matilda Townsend	Silver
Casey Roberts	Bronze
Braeden Leung	Bronze
Zoe Ackers	Bronze
Phoebe Williams	Bronze
Qeitia Hoani	Credit
Izzy Robinson	Credit

Hayley Bloch-Jorgensen Credit

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority Top Art Exhibition is travelling New Zealand again this year and we are delighted that former Kerikeri High School student **Kathryn Sale** (2020) will have her NCEA Level 3 Painting portfolio displayed in the exhibition this year.

Congratulations to:

Year 13 student **Max Donaldson** who has been selected through the Young Enterprise Scheme, from students across New Zealand, to participate in the New Zealand Trade and Enterprise Global Kaitiakitanga Project. This sustainability-focussed programme provides high quality business mentoring and international collaboration for young New Zealand innovators who are shaping the future for a better world.

Year 12 student **Gabi Hislop** who has been selected for the New Zealand Maori Women's Team, Aotearoa Ngā Wahine Whanapoikiri team. She has also been invited to trial for the New Zealand Football Talent Centre with the New Zealand Under 17 coaches.

Year 11 student **Joe Howells** and Year 12 student **Nic Powell** who have been selected for the Northland Debating Team, and to Year 13 student **Stella Blackwood** who was selected as a reserve.

Year 10 student **Lucas Bayer** who placed 1st in the Under 19 Boys and Year 8 student **Kaia Derbyshire** who placed 2nd in the Under 19 Girls at the Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association Triathlon; Kaia Derbyshire then placed 4th at New Zealand Secondary Sports Association triathlon championship.

Year 12 student **Tiree Robinson** who has been selected to be part of the Cycling NZ school focus group.

Year 11 student **Matthew Rakena** who placed 3rd in the J19 plate final at the National Secondary School Waka Ama Championships.

And to the J19W6 team which placed 1st in the 500m plate final (team Year 13 student **Rehutai Armstrong Kingi**, Year 11 student **Matthew Rakena**, Year 11 student **Tamure Webb**, Year 12 student Troy Leef, Year 11 student **Josh Young**, and Year 13 student **Jamaine Young**).

Year 9 student **Devon Ray** who placed 3rd in the North island Secondary School Mountain Biking Enduro Under 16, and Year 13 student **Lily Wilson** who place 2nd in the Under 19 Enduro and 1st in the Under 19 Down Hill.

An important Message from the Northland District Health Board:

Brush Teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day.

Avoid sharing toothbrushes because this spreads bacteria that can cause tooth decay. If you need a dental appointment for you child call 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Have a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable Easter Break everyone.