



# Kerikeri High School

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Kia ora Parents, Whānau, Students and Staff

Term Two is now well underway and it feels like we have shifted up a few gears, with a lot of curricular and extra-curricular activities underway again. This is exciting, and our busy School calendar is starting to return to a schedule we are more accustomed to. That said, we remain vigilant about Covid, knowing we are not out of the woods yet.

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## 2022 School Prefects

On Tuesday last week we were able to gather and introduce our 2022 School Prefects to the School. They were welcomed into the Gymnasium by Te Pou o Manakō Kapa Haka and our students warmly acknowledged them as they each came forward to be presented with their Prefect badges by the Principal, Elizabeth Forgie.



The 2022 Kerikeri High School Prefects with the Year 13 Dean Sue Judd and the Principal Elizabeth Forgie



Deputy Head Boy Matthew Clent, Head Girl Avalon Strang, Principal Elizabeth Forgie, Head Boy Nic Powell, Deputy Head Girl Pippiana Voakes

### **Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday 18 May**

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued, and respected, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion or cultural background.

This week at Kerikeri High School we are asking all our students and staff, and our wider school community to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Our ongoing strong stand against disrespectful and bullying behaviour is being led by our School Prefects through this week. They are leading a host of activities including a Pink Shirt bake sale on Wednesday, running a free Pink Shirt mufti day on Wednesday 18 May along with a competition for the best 'pink' dressed students, and visiting Year Level Assemblies and classes to talk about Acting with Respect, one of our well-understood WAKA values.

We encourage everyone in our School to wear something pink to support this important message. We also remind everyone that if you see or experience disrespectful, bullying behaviour to speak up and tell a safe adult. We are here to help and will treat such approaches in confidence as best we can to address the situation and continue to keep our School safe for everyone.

### **Work Day - Thursday 19 May**

Kerikeri High School Parent Teacher Association Work Day will be held on Thursday 19 May 2022. This is our School's major full school fundraiser. Our students have raised money for projects and many extras not covered by Government Funding. For example, in previous years, Work Day funds have been spent on the provision of filtered water drinking fountains, covered walkways, a new school van, extra seating for the Auditorium for school assemblies, portable marquees, a garage for the school vans and landscaping and seating at the Hospitality building and the purchase of two COWs (Computers on Wheels) to facilitate learning in classrooms.

The decision about what to spend Work Day funds on is made by the students through the Student Council.

We ask that you please support this important event by encouraging your child or children to find suitable employment for Thursday 19 May. Students who do attend School on Thursday 19 May will be supervised by our Relief Teachers. Kerikeri High School Teaching Staff will use this valued time as a Professional Development Day.

### **Tai Tokerau NCEA Change Day - Friday 20 May**

This is one of a series of national days mandated by the Ministry of Education to prepare Teachers and Schools for the coming changes to NCEA. This is a Teacher Only Day and school will not open for instruction.

### **Student Achievements**

Congratulations to **Jacob Fewtrell** (Year 13) who has been selected for the Young Enterprise Extreme Experiences 'Entrepreneurs in Action' 2022. Jacob is one of 60 students from around New Zealand selected. He will travel to Wellington in June to attend the three-day event which focuses on developing creative thinking to solve problems.

Congratulations to **Ella Parker** (Year 12) who was one of 12 students selected nationally for the Young Enterprise Extreme Experiences 'Entrepreneurship in Latin America' trip taking place in July. This is an all-expenses paid weeklong trip based in Auckland that aims to develop young New Zealand entrepreneurs' knowledge and awareness of Latin America and introduce them to the opportunities and challenges of doing business in Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Colombia.

Congratulations to **Isla Kee** (Year 9), **Freddy Jarman** (Year 10), **Devon Buxton** (Year 11) and **Mitchel Thomson-Reid** (Year 11) who have advanced through to the second round of the Otago Junior Mathematics Competition.

Congratulations to **Joe Howells** (Year 12) who won the Northland round of the Race Unity Speech Competition. He now progresses to the National Semi-Final, to be held in Auckland.

Congratulations to **Izzy Robinson** (Year 11) who placed first in the Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association Senior Girls Squash Championships.

Congratulations to **Sky Gundry** (Year 13) who placed first equal in the Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association Surfing Finals, and to **Oska Robinson** who placed First in the Under 16 Boys Surfing Finals.

Congratulations to **Lincoln Talbot** (Year 10) who came 2nd in the Northland Secondary Schools Sports Association Junior Points Round at the Clay Target Competition.

### **Sports Department**

A huge thanks to our hardworking Sports Department who have hit the ground running at the start of this term. Basketball, Football, and Hockey are all well underway now, and we are thrilled to be fielding 21 Kerikeri High School Netball teams each Saturday at the Netball Centre. Thanks also to all our parent and student coaches, and to our student umpires who help make our School Netball thrive.

And a request from our Sports Department, if your child has an injury or becomes sick due to covid (or anything else) and cannot participate in their School sport, can you please pass a message on to the Sports Department so they can make the necessary arrangements and replacements so our teams are not disadvantaged or left short.

### **Keri Reading**

Our Keri Reading programme is unique to Kerikeri High School and is in its 21st year here. This year 24 Year 13 Tutors will work for an hour a week with their Year 7 Readers in Terms Two and Three. Maria Halliday, our Special Educational Needs Co Ordinator or SENCO leads this work and the Year 13 students have trained at lunchtimes in the Pause, Prompt, Praise method of teaching. This has been and continues to be a very positive programme which supports students needing more reading mileage and enables the students to access the curriculum across all subject areas.

### **What's Going on in Careers?**

Our School is fortunate to have an outstanding and experienced Careers Advisor; Eileen Crawford does a great job for our students, running over 120 Gateway placements, assisting students with First Aid Certificates and getting their Learner Drivers Licence, and guiding our students through the complex process of selecting their University or Polytec of choice, and assisting them with all of the course applications, accommodation and scholarship applications that come with that.

## **Careers Roadshow - Wednesday 25 May**

The Careers Roadshow is a day when we have a wide variety of providers visit our school. Our Year 9-13 students spend approximately 30 minutes being able to engage in conversation and activities with those of interest. For 2022 we are hosting Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO), Careerforce, Competenz, Customs NZ, Cut Above Academy, Elite School of Beauty and Spa, New Zealand School of Tourism, Dive Zone Bay of Islands, Elections, EXCEL School of Performing Arts, Horticulture New Zealand, International Travel College (ITC), Massey University, Media Design School, New Zealand Defence Force, NorthTec, Northland DHB, Orongo Bay Holiday Park, Queenstown Resort College, Te Wananga o Aotearoa, Unitec, University of Auckland, University of Auckland – Tai Tokerau Campus, Waikato University, Whangarei Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc, Wintec, Yoobee.

## **Transition to Tertiary Evening - Tuesday 28 June, 6.30pm**

Our Careers Department will be running a Transition to Tertiary Whānau Evening for Year 13 students and their parents, whānau and caregivers in our School Auditorium. Eileen Crawford will discuss applying for University, Polytech and Private Training Establishments, applying for Accommodation, Student Allowances, Student Loans and Scholarships. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and whānau to find out more about what is involved when your child is making the transition from Secondary School to Tertiary study. Later in the year she will run an evening for Year 9-12 students and their parents and whānau.

## **Our Student-led SAVE Group**

Our SAVE environmental group continues to be busy. Recently they have visited the Wairoa Stream as part of an 'Upstream Battle' to audit rubbish along our waterways. They were delighted to find very little rubbish. Well done Kerikeri!

They have also planted 85 native trees, alongside volunteers from 'Friends of the Wairoa Stream'.

## **Kerikeri High School Parent Teacher Association**

Our School is exceptionally well served by our very friendly and enthusiastic PTA. Joining our PTA is a great way to make a positive contribution to your child's School. Below is a short message from our PTA Chairperson, Shelly Ellicott:

*Hi. Are you interested in joining our small, friendly group of parents and caregivers who make up the Kerikeri High School PTA? We are a small fun group, who get an informative insight into our fantastic school community and are always welcoming new members. My name is Shelley Ellicott and I am the Chairperson of our PTA. We meet approximately once a month (it has been much less lately because of Covid) on a Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in the School Staffroom. Our meetings are very casual and usually short being about 30 minutes to an hour long, but I think most importantly to point out, is that we do **no** fundraising. Our activities throughout the year consist of counting the Workday money, catering the School Ball and several other smaller events, and polishing the Prizegiving trophies.*

*Our AGM is coming up on Wednesday the 1st of June and I would personally like to invite you along, we would love to see you on the 1<sup>st</sup>.*

## **School Nurse**

We are excited that Northland Health's Northland Youth Health Service can now be accessed by our students here at School. Ruby Culley is Specialty Clinical Nurse – Youth and is available at the Wellbeing Centre on Tuesdays. She can provide free healthcare services to all attending students. These include physical, sexual, mental, and social health assessments. Ruby's role is all about improving the health and

wellbeing of students in schools. She is looking forward to working with the students and families of Kerikeri High School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact her on 021 573 974; [Ruby.cullen@northlanddhb.org.nz](mailto:Ruby.cullen@northlanddhb.org.nz).

## ICAS

Large numbers of our students participate in the annual ICAS competitions in English, Mathematics, Science, and the Spelling Bee. ICAS registrations for 2022 close on 1 August and we have attached information and more details to this News Letter.

## Here to Help

As always, we are here to help. If you have a concern or problem, please feel free to contact us at School and we will do everything we can to be of assistance.

Ngā mihi nui, Warm regards



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Principal



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Associate Principal