

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER, JULY 2022

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. We'd like to welcome everyone back to Term 3 and share the following updates.

Our last Board meeting was held on Wednesday 29th June, and since that time we have been working hard on a number of important matters. This included another interim meeting in the holidays.

Principal Retirement

At our June meeting, Mrs Forgie presented the Board with a letter advising of her retirement after years of dedicated service to our school, community and nationally. Mrs Forgie also met with all staff and contacted a number of community members to personally deliver her news.

You may have read the Northern Advocate article which acknowledged her 34 years of service to Kerikeri High School and 29 years as Principal.

Our message today is about how our process for the selection of our new Principal will happen. Applications for the position close on Friday 5th August, and interest so far has been extremely positive, which is a great sign.

As you would expect and want, we are looking for an exceptional leader and would value an indication as to the attributes you would like as well. Please feel free to forward your thoughts via email to board@kerikerihigh.ac.nz.

After a thorough recruitment process using the skills, experience and diversity of our entire board, we would expect to be in a position to announce the successful candidate in mid-August to our school and community.

We will provide more details as we move forward. Mrs Forgie's last official day will be on January 27th when the 2023 school year commences. For now, the Board want to acknowledge her complete dedication, professionalism and exemplary leadership.

Board Survey

Earlier this year we sought community input and the survey closed in May. We acknowledge the time and efforts taken by those who responded – there were a total of 30 responses received, which represent less than 1% of the total school population of 3,452. For your information, the table below gives some analysis.

Analysis of survey responses	Total number	% of total	Total school	% of total	Population response
Parent	25	83%	1,769	51%	1.4%
Staff	2	7%	143	4%	1.4%
Student	3	10%	1,540	45%	0.2%
Total responses	30		3,452		0.9%

The exceptionally small number of responses to Board Survey clearly indicates there are no burning issues with the school in our community. During their mid-year leadership training last month, the prefects were asked the same open-ended questions and contributed some great ideas.

School Policies

Late last year we reported that by mid-year 2022, all Kerikeri High School policies would be available on the school website to read or download, as the school contracted with SchoolDocs¹ in 2021. It has taken longer than we had hoped, but this should be finalised by the end of August.

Board Elections

The elections are scheduled for September and we are in the process of preparing things now. The Ministry had extended elections to allow for electronic voting and it is only in the holidays that we finally heard a contract had been granted to an organization to carry this out. Our Returning Officer is Susan Manning.



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member



Kerikeri High School
Returning Officer
Susan Manning
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SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS

Hei konā mai and goodbye for now.

Sue Richards (Parent Trustee; Board Chair)
Chris McLellan (Parent Trustee; Deputy Board Chair)
Roger Ludbrook (Parent Trustee)
Emma Wise (Staff Trustee)
Jacob Fewtrell (Student Representative)

Elizabeth Forgie (School Principal)
Mariao Hohaia (Parent Trustee)
Wendy Butler (Parent Trustee)
Haylee Rhodes (Parent Trustee)
Wai Muunu (Ngāti Rēhia representative)

¹ www.schooldocs.co.nz/About-Us