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Kia ora koutou

We are now halfway through Term 3 and as always school life is busy.

We are still coping with the winter illnesses and more Covid absences and thank you for making sure the School knows. Remember that you can use the school app or you can email or phone to notify the School of student absences. It's really important that we have this information from you.

We are hopeful that with spring approaching and an end to the recent challenging weather events that we will avoid rostering home in this second wintery term.

We continue with What We Can Do, and our staff are thanked for keeping going all the activities that we can, and many of our students have a lot going on across the Four Cornerstones.

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Teacher Only Day Monday 29 August

A reminder that Monday 29 August is a Tai Tokerau wide Secondary Teacher Only Day. Secondary School teachers from all over Tai Tokerau (427 of them!) are being hosted here at Kerikeri High School as part of the nation-wide NCEA Change process. A number of Learning Area Leads from around New Zealand will be taking sessions for teachers in their various curriculum areas. This is a big day for us, and important mahi for schools to be collaborating and working on.

We will not be open for instruction as a result and will not be in a position to supervise students on that day.

Board of Trustees Elections 2022

Nominations have now closed for those wishing to stand for the Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees. We are delighted to have such a strong field of candidates standing and willing to contribute to our school. There are 19 candidates to select from for the six Parent Trustee positions. We encourage you all to cast your vote and have your say in the team that will be our Trustees for our School over the next three years.

Our election is being run electronically, although we will be sending voting papers to those who do not have an email address listed with us. We will email and post voting papers, Candidate Statements and voting instructions on Friday 26 August. Voting closes at 4.00pm on Friday 23 September.

Option Selections for 2023

Students in Years 8 through to Year 12 are currently in the process of selecting their option subjects for next year. While this may seem early to be completing this process, it is important that we do this now as we begin to plan for staffing and timetabling the school for 2023. Form Teachers, Year Level Deans and our Careers Advisor, Eileen Crawford, are available to help. Subject teachers are also an excellent port of call if you would like to know more about what is involved in a subject or where it might lead. Our Curriculum Guides for the Junior and Senior School are available on our website:

Junior Curriculum Guide http://www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz/info/kkhs_curric_guide_2023_jun.pdf

Senior Curriculum Guide http://www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz/info/kkhs_curric_guide_2023_sen.pdf

Senior School Ball

Our Senior School Ball was a tremendous success and our students enjoyed a fantastic occasion. Our special thanks go to our Year 13 Dean Sue Judd for the outstanding organisation behind the night, and to her very hard working and innovative student Ball Committee. Mrs Judd and these students gave up most of their school holiday to set up the Auditorium, Library and our Drama Rooms.

We also make an enormous thank you to our hard working PTA, and all of the other parents and staff who assisted with the outstanding catering.



The theme for the evening was the Roaring Twenties.

Several local businesses also made a significant and generous contribution which helped make our Ball so wonderful, and we are especially grateful to Fiona at The Merchants, Tiffiney at Hospice, Tents and Events, Baker Boys Nursery, Carpets on Cobham and Roz at Kurbside Rodd for their help and assistance.

Ball photos will be available shortly for viewing and we will share details of this when ordering opens.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to our Year 12 and 13 Business Management students who participated in the Young Enterprise Regional Trade Fair at the Old Packhouse Market in Kerikeri. All the students involved had a fantastic morning selling products and promoting their businesses. **Sky Gundry** (Year 13) with Sky's Surf School was judged the Best Stall on the day, with **Thomas Fewtrell** (Year 13) and **Ella Parker** (Year 12) with Sail Inc coming third. The 'People's Choice' award went to **Jacob Fewtrell**, (Year 13) with Insight.



Congratulations to **Izzy Robinson** (Year 11), **Phoebe Williams** (Year 10), **Michelle Horsfall** (Year 10) and **Hayley Bloch-Jergensen** (Year 10) who came 2nd in the Junior (Year 11) division of the STANZA Spanish National Debating competition. Also congratulations to **Joe Howells** (Year 12) who was selected as Best Speaker in the senior competition.

Congratulations to **Mitchell Thomson-Reid** (Year 11), **Kiwa Millar Cruden** (Year 11) and **Alex Graham** (Year 11) who have qualified for the National Secondary Schools Valorant 3 v 3 Final in eSports.

Congratulations to **Bailey Edwards** (Year 10) and **Deevon Littin** (Year 10) who have been selected for the Northland Girls Under 16 Rugby Team.

Congratulations to **Toby Bell** (Year 13) and **Rudolph Louw** (Year 13) who have been selected for the Northland Under 18 Rugby Team.

Congratulations to **Bailey Edwards** (Year 10) and **Amo Messent** (Year 10) who were named in the Northern Swords Under 16 Girls Rugby League Team.

Congratulations to our **Premier Netball** team which placed 1st at the Northland Secondary Schools Tournament.

Congratulations to our **Senior Boys Basketball** team which placed 2nd at the Northland Secondary Schools Championships.

Congratulations to **Lincoln Talbot** (Year 10) 1st place Junior Boys Points Score and **Hadley Todd** (Year 9) 3rd place Junior Boys Points Score at the Northland Secondary Schools Clay Target Shooting Championships.



Attendance – Let's Get to School Tai Tokerau!

Our average attendance rates over the last few months have been lower than normal due to the increased amount of sickness in our community, and this is a trend being seen nationally. Northland has higher non-attendance rates than other areas of the country and we are supporting the 'Let's Get to School Tai Tokerau' initiative. Our schools are open and they are safe places for our students to be. We know that regular and full school attendance leads to the best educational and social outcomes for everyone, and we are warmly wanting all of our students to be returning to school and attending regularly.

There is no limit to what our students can learn at school. It's not just about academic success, it's about building friendships, building confidence, and making the most of all of the diverse opportunities our school offers. 'Let's Get to School, Tai Tokerau – For the future of our tamariki!'

Rotary Model United Nations

Nine students from Year 12 and 13 were chosen to make up three teams for the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly event held in Auckland. Denmark was represented by **Joe Howells** (Year 12), **Ariella Ripohau** (Year 12) and **Ella Parker** (Year 12). Indonesia was represented by **Naoise Breeze** (Year 12), **Alice Calnan** (Year 12) and **Grace Calnan** (Year 12). India was represented by **Nicolas Powell** (Year 13), **Tiree Robinson** (Year 13) and **Daniel Ellingham** (Year 13). Each country had to speak on two of the five remits from their country's perspective.

As well as this, there was the opportunity to meet and discuss issues in Regional Bloc meetings, discuss and vote on issues at the Security Council, gain experience in lobbying, create and pass amendments to the remits and vote on the remits being discussed.

Congratulations to **Joe Howells** who was awarded runner up for Most Engaging Speaker, a significant achievement as he was chosen out of the 300 students that attended. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Kerikeri for their continued support of this important opportunity for our students.



Daffodil Day Friday 26 August

Kerikeri High School supports The Cancer Society's national fundraising Daffodil Day.

On Friday 26 August we will be fundraising for Daffodil Day at School. This will include a Mufti Day on that Friday which requires a gold coin donation, and we encourage our students to show their support by wearing yellow, orange or green.

There will be a Bake Sale and Sausage Sizzle at Interval and Lunch on Friday raising funds for cancer research.

Parents or students we would love your support for Friday's Bake Sale. If you can bake a cake, slice, biscuits, or muffins we would be most grateful. Any donated goods can be dropped off at Reception by 10.30am, and we thank you for your support in advance.

Our Students involved in environmental efforts

Our student-led Environmental group, SAVE is thanked for beginning a planting project in the gardens outside our Business, Enterprise and Social Science Building.



Our Year 12 Science students have initiated an ongoing audit of our school rubbish bins and introduced and are promoting a number of recycling options for students around the school, as part of their course requirements.

Congratulations to **Dominic Morris** (Year 12) who has been selected by the Sea Cleaners Trust to travel to the Island of Oahu in Hawaii for a week in September 2022 as part of an international contingent. This all expenses paid trip is awarded to Dominic in recognition of his voluntary contribution to local sea cleaning.

Tournament Week 29 August – 2 September and AIMS Games 5 September – 9 September

Our best wishes to our Premier Netball, Boys 1st XI Football, 1st XI Mixed Hockey, and our Senior Boys and Junior Boys Basketball teams as they head to Tournament Week next week. And the following week we have teams and competitors headed to the Aims Games in Tauranga.

We wish them all safe travels and success, knowing they will represent us all with pride.

Upcoming Examinations for Seniors 14 September – 21 September

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will be sitting practice external examinations from Wednesday 14 September through to Wednesday 21 September. These practice examinations are important for students as they provide them with a good indication of where they are at regarding their learning, and what they have to work on as they move forward towards their NCEA Externals in November (starting Monday 7 November).

In addition, a student's results may be used for what are known as derived grades in the unlikely event that something exceptional occurs which prevents your child from sitting their examination on the day it is set.

We encourage all of our Senior Students who are sitting external examinations to be organised, thorough in their revision, and to see their Teachers with anything they are unsure about or struggling with. Our Teachers are there to help and happy to do so.

You can support your child by reminding them about the importance of revising, providing them with a quiet and suitable space to work at home, and encouraging them to look after themselves with plenty of sleep, recreational activity, and balance. Let's warmly encourage them to give their examinations their very best effort.

We know some students are struggling for a wide range of reasons to do with the pandemic, ongoing illness, and the impact this has had on staff and student attendance. The Learning Recognition Credits which were announced by the Government recently, go some way to assisting students who have been impacted by the upheaval and uncertainty we have all faced.

Vaping

We share your concerns about vaping and the impact it is having on young people. We felt we had 'got there' regarding cigarette smoking after years of education and anti-smoking campaigns, with very few young people picking up the habit. We were heading for the first generation of smoke free young people. Then along came vaping and the glossy marketing of these products.

Vaping and the associated behaviours and concerns that come with it, are issues schools and communities around the world are facing. This situation has occurred relatively quickly, and we are concerned about how easy it appears young people can access vaping devices and vape juice.

We are taking an educative approach to vaping at school to make sure our students are informed and aware of the health risks vaping has for them. We are also taking a consequences approach to students who are caught with or associated with vaping. And we are being as vigilant as possible. Vapes are easy to hide, toilets are not straightforward places to supervise for obvious reasons, and we know there are students who use vapes in our toilets. We are doing all we can to address this situation.

We ask for your support; if you know your student is vaping, please do your best to ensure they are not bringing vapes to school. If your child has developed an addiction to vaping, please reach out to our Counsellors in Wellbeing, who can offer some assistance. And if you become aware of students being involved with vaping at school, please contact us in confidence and we will do all we can to address the behaviour.

Health and Physical Education Health Programme Consultation

Our Health and Physical Education Department is inviting parents and community members to give feedback on the overview of Health Education programme. This is part of our community consultation process for Health Education, a requirement we must complete every two years.

Feedback from the consultation process will be used to either, endorse our planned programme, or refine our health education programme, where recommendations lie within education policy expectations.

Your feedback is anonymous, and important to us. The information you need to answer the survey is provided. The survey asks you to rate your level of agreement with the documents and/or provide comment.

Any questions can be directed to Melissa Rennes, Head of Department Physical Education and Health. mrennes@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

You can access the Consultation questionnaire here: <https://forms.office.com/r/eebDmCVhn0>

Thank you for your contribution in helping us design and plan our Health Education programme.

Canteen

Our Canteen, which is run by Libelle Group, offers a wide range of healthy menu options. You can order your child's lunch online here if you wish: <https://www.lunchorders.co.nz/>

We ask that parents do not write notes for students to leave the school grounds during our Interval and Lunch breaks to purchase food in the Kerikeri township. We cannot approve students leaving the grounds under those circumstances.

We are all looking forward to weather improving and the days getting longer as we head towards Spring. We encourage all of our students to continue to make their best efforts as we work our way into the business end of the school year.

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