



Kerikeri High School

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The "Bridgerton" Ball Committee



Our school crest depicts aspects of life in the Kerikeri area.

The stylised fern frond (LH) represents growth and the unfolding of knowledge through education.

The stylised blue and white plough (bottom RH) recognises the importance of the area in food production and retains this major feature of past school emblems.

The white ripples and blue waves (top RH) depict the serene Bay of Islands and open surf coast of the area.

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Kia ora koutou

Term 3 is well underway and as you can see from this newsletter there is a huge amount of positive engagement across the school and a lot of success to acknowledge and celebrate.

Our recent School Ball 'Bridgerton' was a fantastic success, and we were delighted with the high standard of behaviour from our students. Our Ball is always a highlight of the school year, much looked forward to and always well planned for. A huge thanks goes to our Student Ball Committee for all their hard work, time, and commitment to putting together such an outstanding event. We thank Assistant Principal Ms Erica Collins for her leadership and organisation of the Ball. Thanks also to Assistant Principal Miss Dana Boisen, Year 12 Dean Mrs Jessica Lowe, and Year 11 Dean Mrs Roz Clent for all their hard work and commitment organising and supporting the Ball. And of course, an especially big thanks to our hard-working PTA members who once again supplied the Ball and our students with the most outstanding food and refreshments throughout the night.

Regular attendance at school continues to be a topical issue, and I am concerned for some of our students who are at risk of not achieving to their potential because of continued irregular or poor attendance at school. Every day at school and every hour in class makes a positive difference for student achievement. It also means students have greater opportunity to establish and maintain positive relationships with teachers and peers.

The Ministry of Education defines regular attendance as 90% attendance in a term, i.e. missing 5 days or less in the 10 weeks of a school term. From the beginning of Term 3 all schools are now required to be reporting weekly to the Ministry of Education against three measures.

- i. The percentage of absences that are unexplained at the end of the week in which the absence occurred.
- ii. The percentage of students who are unjustifiably absent for 5 days or more full days in a term.
- iii. What action schools have taken for students who are unjustifiably absent for 5 or more school days.

Parents and whānau should be aware that absences which are explained but deemed unjustified include for example time out of school for family holidays, staying at home to look after siblings, and days off school for birthdays.

We are working towards setting up a parent portal where parents, whānau and caregivers will be able to access your child's attendance data on a regular basis. This will help families and school work together to ensure students are present at school, attending all their classes regularly, and arriving to class on time. We will share more about this in the coming weeks.

Ngā mihi nui

M Clent (Mr)
Principal

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Lachlan Simmons** and **Jayden Snowdon** (both Year 12) who recently won the Auckland North/ Northland Online Culinary Competition. They will now represent Kerikeri High School at the National Secondary School Live Culinary Finals in Auckland later this month, competing against seven other teams from around the country.



Congratulations to **Eva Lovell** (Year 8) who was Te Tai Tokerau winner of the nationwide “Get Ready Challenge” organised by the Ministry of Civil Defence.

Congratulations to **Alice Calnan**, **Grace Calnan** and **Joe Howells** (all Year 13) who have been selected as finalists for the Lions Youth Ambassador Competition next month. This competition recognises young people for their outstanding community service involvement and encourages them in furthering their community involvement and public speaking.

Congratulations to **Cameron Ireland**, **Ngapuhi Kraus** and **James Poon** (all Year 13) who were selected to travel to Wellington to compete in the Entrepreneurs in Action weekend. They competed in teams against other Young Enterprise Students from around the motu in a range of business challenges over 48 hours.



Congratulations to **Ngapuhi Kraus** and **Ella Parker** (both Year 13) who have been asked to be student ambassadors at the Business Hall of Fame gala event in Auckland next month. Seven accomplished business leaders will be inducted on the night.

Ngapuhi and **Ella** will be seated with their inductee and present their business leader’s bio before they are presented their award. These students were selected because of the outstanding qualities they have shown as Young Enterprise Students.

Congratulations to **Nixon Edwards** (Year 9), **Grace Gundry** (Year 11), **Tommy Lodge** (Year 10) and **Oska Robinson** (Year 12) who all made it into the Northland Scholastics Surfing Team which will be representing Northland in Gisborne at the Surfing Nationals next holidays.



Congratulations to the Kerikeri High School Clay Target Shooting Team who came 3rd in the recent Schools’ competition in Dargaville. **Hadley Todd** (Year 10) was placed 1st and **Devon Crawford** (Year 10) was placed 2nd in the Junior Boys Points Score and they were 2nd= Junior Boys shooters. **Jacob Waldron** (Year 9) was placed 2nd in the Junior Boys Single Rise.

Staff Achievements

Congratulations to **Mrs Jane Jarman** who has been invited to join the Judging Panel for the 2023 National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Jane was awarded a National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEiTA) last year.

NCEA Information Evening

NCEA or the National Certificate of Educational Achievement is the main qualification sat by secondary school students in New Zealand.

As you may be aware, there are significant changes from the Ministry of Education coming into effect in 2024 to strengthen NCEA. These changes will mean a new-look qualification for our 2024 Year 11 students, with changes being made by the Ministry to how the qualification is achieved, the literacy and numeracy requirements and the structure of assessments.

Join us in the Library on **Thursday 3 August** at 7:00pm at the conclusion of the Parent and Whānau feedback evening for a presentation about how NCEA works, the changes that are coming into effect, and what this will mean for our students.

Presented by Daniel Wise, our NZQA Principal's Nominee, this will be of particular interest to Year 10 families who as Year 11 students in 2024 will be working towards NCEA Level 1.

NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Co-Requisites

You may be aware by now through recent media coverage that as part of the changes to NCEA next year, students will be required to pass literacy and numeracy assessments to enable them to unlock their NCEA qualification at Level 1 and beyond. Known as co-requisites, students will need to achieve 10 Literacy (Reading and Writing) and 10 Numeracy co-requisite credits. These 20 co-requisite credits sit outside the 60 NCEA credits which make up a Level 1 NCEA qualification.

Students will achieve these co-requisite credits through sitting three assessments in Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. These tests are completed on-line and may be sat by students during two assessment periods set by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) – once in Term 2 and once in Term 4. Students will not need to wait until Year 11 to sit and attain the 20 co-requisite credits; they can be sat in Year 10 for example.

Our current students in Years 11, 12 and 13 who have already met, or will meet, the current NCEA Literacy and Numeracy requirements in 2023 are unaffected by these changes.

We have made the decision to enter our Year 10 students into these co-requisite assessments during Term 4 this year. Many secondary schools are taking this step, and we are confident a good number of our students will benefit from getting these Literacy and Numeracy credits as they head into Year 11 and NCEA.

Our Year 10 students are preparing for these assessments and will be sitting them during Week 4 of next Term. This will give them the opportunity to achieve the co-requisite this year, so that they are able to focus on the 60 credits required to pass NCEA level 1 in 2024.

We will be in touch with more information as we plan for these assessments next term.

Options Evening

We welcome parents and students of Years 8 – 12 to the Options Evening on **Tuesday 8 August** from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

There will be displays throughout the school where teaching staff will provide information about their department's options/ subjects.

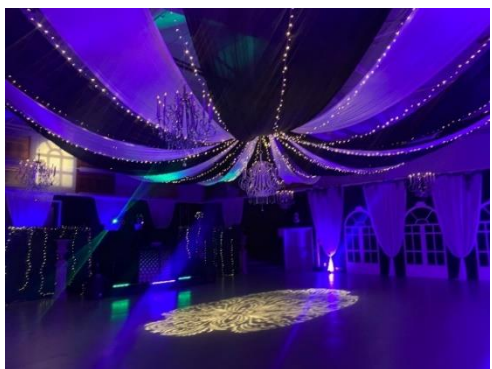
Students are required to make their subject choices for the 2024 school year between **3.00pm on Monday 7 August and 6.00pm on Monday 21 August**.

Option choices will be made online using a web page portal and access will be available through a personal password, which will be sent to each student's school email address.

Kerikeri High School Ball

The Kerikeri High School Ball was held on the evening of Saturday 22nd July. The event was attended by students from Years 11, 12 and 13. A team of over 75 students, led by Ariella Ripohau and Levi Booth, were on the Ball committee (cover photo) and all worked tirelessly over the holidays and into the evenings during the first week of term to decorate the various spaces.

Over 50 teachers gave up their time to help make sure the event was successful. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the running of the 2023 Ball. It was a massive organisational effort by various people in the community. A special mention to Jolene and Alan from Tents and Events, Eric at the Loaded Dock, The Merchants, and Plant Zone. We would also like to thank the Kerikeri High School PTA who put together a fantastic spread of food for the students. The photos from the Ball will be available to the students from next week.



Staff Breakfast

Members of our staff and Board of Trustees were treated to a wonderful breakfast prepared and served by our Senior Hospitality students and their teachers in Week 1. There was a new breakfast tasting plate menu which included a Blueberry and Banana Smoothie, Sausage Muffin, and Egg Scrolls, served with a barista coffee. Our Staff Breakfast offers hospitality students a real-world opportunity to prepare and serve food for 'customers', allowing them to be assessed against their subject standards. It is also a great way to recognise the hard work of our staff.



Young Enterprise Trade Fair 2023

The Young Enterprise Trade Fair is at the Packhouse Market on Saturday 12 August. All the Year 12 and Year 13 Business Management students will be there promoting and selling the products their business is producing this year. As well as Kerikeri High School students there will be student businesses from across Northland. This event is always highly successful and inspiring. Our Business Management students would love to see you there.

Parental Supervision at Bus Stops

Please remember that it is caregivers' responsibility to supervise their children prior to the children boarding the school bus in the morning and once they get off the school bus in the afternoon.

This is especially pertinent during the winter months as visibility is poorer due to the time of year and the weather conditions. School buses are not able to wait at bus stops for children to be collected so it is important that the caregiver is on time when collecting children in the afternoon.

Representative Hoodies

We appreciate your patience, while we worked with the new uniform supplier to provide our Representative Hoodies. Unfortunately shipping delays have impacted availability but we have been advised they have now landed in the country and are currently being embroidered. The delivery of these hoodies to students should be imminent.

International Student Host Families

Thank you to all our existing host families and thank you to the families who will be hosting an International Student this term.

If you are interested in becoming a host family and join our fun and caring host family community, please contact us.

International Students are happy to share their culture with your family. Lifelong friendships are

made with students and their families from all over the world.

International students that are attracted to Kerikeri are like us; active, busy and enjoy an outdoor lifestyle.

Remuneration is provided and all applicants are Police vetted.

If you would like to receive more information, please contact our **International Department on 09 407 0163 or email** accommodation@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

You can view our International Department promotion here <https://youtu.be/KkwXbnqWvNY>

Mid-Term Break

Kerikeri High School will be closed for Mid-Term Break on Friday 18 August.

Teacher Only Day

Friday 24 November 2023 will be a Teacher Only Day at Kerikeri High School, as part of the nationwide NCEA Change process that is well underway. We will not be open for supervision of students. This day will allow teachers time to collaborate and work intensively on the important changes coming to NCEA.

Next Board Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9 August at 5.30pm.

Year Level Deans



Year 7
Matua Jordan Westerlund

Ko Whakarongorua me Pūhanga Tohorā ōku maunga
Ko Utakura me Punakitere ōku awa
Ko Mataitaua me Okorihi ōku marae
Ko Ngātokimatawhāorua tōku waka
Ko Ngāti Toro me Ngāti Ueoneone ōku hapū
He hekenga tēnei nō Te Whare Tapu o Ngāpuhi

Tēnā koutou

As we enter Term 3, it is wonderful to see that the Year 7 students continue to thrive and build upon their achievements from previous terms.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Class Representatives and Deputy Class Representatives for our Year 7 Form Classes for Terms 3 and 4. A heartfelt acknowledgment to all the students who participated in the application process; your dedication and interest have made me incredibly proud. Tau kē!

Some great highlights for Year 7's:

- Our Junior Kapa Haka rōpū will be joining forces with our Senior Kapa Haka rōpū for the upcoming Te Hui Ahurei festival held at Whitiara Marae in Te Tii – a moment to be very excited for.
- It has been a joy to witness our students putting in tremendous effort as they work on their Science and Technology Fair projects this week – good luck.
- To all those participating in the Futsal Festival, Basketball, and AIMS Games in the coming weeks, I extend my best wishes for success and hope you have a fantastic time.

Mā te pā te tamaiti e whakatupu – It takes a village to grow a child. The Pastoral Team, Form Teachers and Year 7 Prefects are working very hard to keep this positive momentum going as we continue with the rest of Term 3.

Mauri ora
Matua Jordan Westerlund



Year 8
Mr Seth Brown

Kia ora tātou

The Year 8 students are making good progress. As we make our way into the second half of the year, I am receiving pleasing comments about our Form Classes from both teachers and parents alike.

A special congratulations goes out to our new Class Representatives and Deputy Class Representatives. It was great to see so many candidates apply for these positions for

the second half of the year. I look forward to working with our class leaders and the Year 13 Prefects to create further events and opportunities for the Year group. Thank you to all the students who wrote letters of application and interviewed for the position.

There are a host of activities for Year 8 students in Term 3. We have a range of Four Cornerstone activities this term including Science and Technology Fair, Te Roopu Tautoko, Futsal Festival, Whangarei & Waipapa Basketball Competitions, Northland Rugby Union Sevens, Whangarei Netball and AIMS Games in Tauranga. I am also looking forward to competing alongside some of our students in the Bay of Islands Beast mud run in Week 6. If you would like keep track of activities that your child can sign up for, please download the Kerikeri High School App to view the Daily Notices.

The Options Portal for Year 9 classes in 2024 opens on Monday 7th August. It is an exciting new chapter for our students to be able to choose three subject areas for next year. Students can begin thinking about possible pathways to future careers that interest them.

During Tutorial this term we have been looking at these possible career options and explored Money Management. Coming up we have Interform class sport on Tuesday 22nd in Week 6 and Tuesday 29th in Week 7, and other activities developed by the Year 8 Class Representatives (alongside our Year 13 Prefects) in our weekly meetings.

Ngā mihi nui
Seth Brown



Year 9
Mr Andy Willis

Tēnā koutou whānau

The Year 9's are continuing to make the most of the opportunities on offer to them here at school. We have had a wide range of success across the year level in the various cornerstone activities that have been available for our students. The Year 9's have been involved in developing their science and technology projects and the boards look amazing. Having just walked through the Auditorium reading the Science and Technology Fair projects I was impressed by the high level of work that has been put in and our students should be proud of themselves.

In Tutorial this term we have been lucky enough with the weather to participate in a 'Capture the Flag' round robin event out on the fields. It is awesome to see all the students out getting involved and supporting each other.

Thank you to those that have attended Parent/Whānau Feedback Evenings this term, it was great to see so many of you. A calendar event to keep in mind is Options Evening on Tuesday 8th August. Students and whānau can wander through classrooms, pick up information and talk to teachers about the subjects on offer for next year. Please keep in mind that Year 9 students only select two options for Year 10.

Thank you for your support in keeping the school informed about your student's attendance. A reminder that the easiest way to do this is via the Kerikeri High School App.

Thank you also for your support with uniform, the students in Year 9 are consistently well presented and showing great WAKA values.

Thanks for your wonderful support. I am sure Term 3 will sail by. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi
Andy Willis



Year 10
Mr Paul Boardman

Kia ora tātou

Since being appointed Dean of Year 10 last term, it has been great to witness the positive, hardworking attitude from the Year 10 students.

The start of Term 3 has been a very exciting time for me as the Dean. I have had the pleasure of speaking to so many students wishing to be their Class Representative for the second half of the year. After listening to their ideas and getting to know these students even more, picking the two representatives for each Form Class was a difficult task. I am looking forward to working with these students for the rest of the year and listening to how we can make the Year 10 experience as good as it can be.

Term 3 has also seen 30 students head to Hillary Outdoor Centre for five days of action-packed entertainment. Miss Penney, Mr Brown and I cannot speak highly enough of the students. They showed maturity beyond their years. They all have embodied the School's WAKA values and shown amazing resilience to work through multiple challenges.

Ngā mihi
Paul Boardman



Year 11
Mrs Roz Clent

Tēnā koutou katoa

It was absolutely wonderful to see our students all dressed up and enjoying their first Senior Ball early in Term Three. Their efforts and attitudes on the night made us incredibly proud.

It has been very motivating for Year 11 students using their school "Spider" accounts to log in and see their NCEA Level One credits mounting up. Some students are halfway to their target of 80 credits at NCEA Level One. This self-monitoring is also a great way of encouraging students to feel more responsible for their own progress. An early priority that teachers are supporting Year 11 students with is achieving 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits, as you cannot gain your NCEA Level One Certificate without them, even if you have reached 80 credits.

After ensuring students are well on their way to 80 credits, the next priority is to go for quality of grade over quantity of credits. Last week we acknowledged the students from the previous year who had achieved their NCEA Certificates endorsed with Excellence, or at the Elite Honours level. These are challenging goals to strive towards but are well worth the effort. This year the target for Year 11 students aiming to achieve Elite Academic Honours is 80 credits at Excellence level.

Over the last two weeks, Form Classes have been completing a session with Mr Wise introducing them to their NZQA learner logins and accounts. They will keep their learner number throughout their education in the NCEA qualification system.

During Weeks 8 to 9 this term, we will be holding the Senior Examination Week at Kerikeri High School. Year 11-13 students will be on study leave, which means they will only come to school to sit each of their exams. They must attend in correct uniform and there are additional expectations for exam attendance so that students feel more comfortable at the NZQA Examinations in November, having already been through a “practice run.” These exams are very important not just for having a go at the Achievement Standards that they will sit formally at the end of the year, but in addition, their grades generate the “Derived Grades” that must be used if a student is unable to sit their exam during the NZQA Examination period.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Form Teacher or myself if you have any concerns about their progress.

Noho ora mai
Roz Clent



Year 12
Mrs Jess Lowe

Kia ora koutou

Term 3 is the point in the year where digging deep, showing up and pushing through can make all the difference. During our recent Honours Assembly, our ākongā were encouraged to do just that by our Head Girl and Head Boy.

Our school ball was such a mīharo occasion, and I was deeply moved by how gorgeous and gracious our Year 12 cohort are. They really make space for each other, encourage each other to take part, and seize the opportunities that arise. He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata.

Whether your ākongā is focused on preparing themselves for university, a trade, travel or work, this is the point where a drop in attendance will really start to bite. Momentum is a concept that I discuss often with students, and it works both ways. Regular attendance makes showing up easier, and regular non-attendance does the opposite.

As Winter draws to a close and the days grow longer, there is optimism and sunshine blooming. Let's make the most of it to push through our busy term!

Ngā mihi
Jess Lowe



Year 13
Ms Erica Collins

Kia ora Whānau and Caregivers of Year 13 students

Firstly, I would like to commend the many Year 13's that helped out with the organisation of our School Ball, in particular Levi Booth and Ariella Ripohau who lead the team so well. It was a very successful event, and I am sure the students will remember their final ball forever.

It is now crunch time for our Year 13's, with only about 11 weeks of timetabled lessons left in the year. Every credit counts, and with that, every lesson attended is crucial at this time. Please continue to use the School App or email your child's Form Teacher any explained absences. For many students, gaining UE is a goal. To achieve this, they need to obtain 14 credits in 3 different university approved subjects.

Mrs Crawford and I are working hard to check in with the Year 13 students, particularly if they are looking at a University pathway for next year. All students have been given a timetable for our Tutorial sessions on Tuesdays, which details opportunities for the students to get help with these enrolments, application for halls of residences and scholarship applications. Please encourage your student to attend.

The KERI Reading Programme which many Year 13 students are a part of, will be finishing this term. I would like to take the chance to acknowledge all the students who have generously given up their time to help a Year 7 student with their reading.

Once again if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi
Erica Collins