



Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands

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Tēna koutou katoa e te whanau,
Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou o te tau hou.
Nau mai haere mai ki tā tātou kura, Te Kura Tuarua o te Kerikeri.

It is the last day of the term and the students and staff have worked very hard with the academic programme and right across the four cornerstones.

In the holidays on Tuesday 25th April at 5.30am once again Kerikeri High School will be represented at the Dawn Service for Anzac Day in the holidays. Please come to support. We will have our Prefects, our Concert Band and singers and this year our Head Girl and Head Boy will read the Ode to Remembrance in Māori and English. Prefects will also be Flag Bearers for the RSA.

TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL

The 2017 Tai Tokerau Festival was held at Bream Bay College on Wednesday 12 April. Our strong and impressive performance was supported by a very spirited haka from our 2017 Prefects.

Cyclone Cook has disrupted our two Kapa Haka Performances for the whole school, Riverview, Kerikeri Primary and Bay of Islands International Academy. We will reschedule next term. The Mauri and the mantle of host for the Tai Tokerau Festival in 2018 will be welcomed to our School at 10.00am today. Our Year 12 students, next year's leaders, will participate with our Kaumatua and Kuia, Board of Trustees, Prefects and Kapa Haka Rōopu.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the Kerikeri High School Girls' First Eleven Football Team who played Kamo for the Northland Women's Community Cup on Sunday 26th March. The full time score was two all and our Kerikeri Team were able to win the Cup on penalties. The last time the a Kerikeri High School Team held this trophy was 10 years ago as The Kamo Team have been unbeaten in local leagues for many years.

Congratulations to all of the riders that took part in the 2017 Professionals National Schools Mountain Biking Championships held in Rotorua recently. The races were held at the Crankworx Festival giving the Team a chance to mix with World Champions of their sport and also race on the same tracks. It was wet, it was muddy but it was awesome! The Kerikeri High School Team made our presence felt on the National stage with some strong showings in the Cross Country and Down Hill races. Combined results were 2nd and 3rd in the Under 16 grade.

The WAKA AMA New Zealand Secondary Schools' Competition held recently in Rotorua was the biggest every with over 106 schools competing.

The Kerikeri High School Girls' Team won their Semi-Final Heat, narrowly missing a place in the finals. Congratulations to **Mano Herewini** and **Libby McAdams** for achieving Bronze Medals in their individual 250 Metre Races.

Congratulations to **Leah Dawson** for placing Third in Long Jump at the National Secondary Schools' Athletics Competition.

Congratulations to **Ella Collins** who has made the Royal New Zealand Yachting Squadron Youth Training Programme, which runs from, May 2017 until March 2018.

MUSIC NEWS

After a huge amount of preparation Cyclone Cook made our travel to the Tauranga Jazz Festival too hazardous. We feel for the Jazz Band after so much preparation and look forward to providing an opportunity for their performance next term

The Kerikeri High School Rockquest entrants are working hard on their original compositions for the Competition in Whangarei late next term.

Any students who are interested in entering Rockquest as a solo or duo act, or with a band that they have already formed, please email Mrs McGlinchey cmcglinchey@kerikerihigh.ac.nz as soon as possible – entries need to be in by the start of May.

ACCESS OUR eLibrary ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

The school elibrary has 1,300 ebooks available free for students to borrow. Some students prefer reading digitally and as they often have their phones on them, this is an easy and convenient way to read more. Access is available 24/7 and there are no overdues. The books simply disappear off the device after two weeks.

It is super easy to sign up, either follow this step-by-step guide with screenshots or:

- download the eplatform by Wheelers app
- search for Kerikeri High School
- through the dropdown menu sign in with your school username, for example **astudent**, and the password **library1** and you are ready to go.

KEEP OURSELVES SAFE

We are committed to keeping everyone in our school safe. Bullying can cause significant harm and we will always endeavour to do our best to help students and parents resolve bullying issues. Please be assured we will respond proactively and, where necessary, discretely. We never 'sweep it under the carpet'. We have a range of options available to us depending on the circumstances. Your concern will always be taken seriously and responded to promptly.

We work hard to instil our school wide WAKA values in our school community as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative. In our school WAKA stands for:

We are Learners – whia te Matauranga
Act with Respect – Manaaki te tangata
Keep Ourselves Safe – Tiaki Tangata
Always Proud – Kia manawanui

We actively teach lessons on expected behaviours and standards. We encourage students to alert us to unacceptable behaviour, and we have a strong and hard working Pastoral Team to support students and families.

Who to contact if you have concerns

The best people to change things for your child at school are school staff. You are always welcome to reach out for support from Form Teachers, Deans, Deputy Principals and/or Guidance Counsellors. We are happy to meet with you personally and take your call.

Bullying is repeated hurtful behaviour. The first step is to tell someone who can help. The pattern of behaviour takes work to change. Silence is the bully's friend and we need parents and students to tell us if it is still going on. We have to be persistent to stamp out these unacceptable behaviours that have often been going on behind the scenes for a long time.

Most recently, we have observed a narrow but very negative and concerning range of comment on local social media.

Kerikeri High School will not respond on social media. We will always respect our students' and families privacy.

Please contact us directly we want to help.

This year our Deans are:

Erica Collins	Year 7
Sue Judd	Year 8
Laura Choat	Year 9
Kate Miller	Year 10
Jane Jarman	Year 11
Anette Riedlinger	Year 12
Kate Crawford	Year 13

Your child's Form Teacher and the Deputy Principal for your child's Year Level can also help:

Year 7 and Year 10	Mike Clent
Year 8 and Year 13	Julian Cosgrove
Year 11	Daniel Wise
Year 9 and Year 12	Maddy Haydock

The Deputy Principals' Personal Assistant is Mrs Lorraine Noorwalla and our Guidance Counsellors are Mrs Gill Luke and Mrs Fleur Kelaher.

A TASTE OF HORTICULTURE

Plant and Food Research and Orangetown Ltd are helping Northland students develop their knowledge of local fruit crops through a new work experience programme, with the aim of increasing local talent in the horticulture workforce, and showing them some of the employment opportunities available in the horticultural sector. This programme will support the learning of students who will work at either Plant and Food Research's Kerikeri Centre or Orangetown's postharvest and orchard facilities one day each week during the school term. Sixteen students will be taking part in the programme during the 2017 school year, funded through the Tertiary Education Commission's Gateway Fund. Two Kerikeri High School students pictured, **Kieren North** and **Chloe Jack**.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

Thank you most sincerely to our current Sponsors for supporting Kerikeri High School through advertising in the Newsletter. The Newsletter is the main communication between school and home and their support is really appreciated. Space has become available for new Sponsors this year, if you are interested, please contact the school.

TERM TWO SPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

An early reminder of Sports taking place at the beginning of Term Two.

Netball: First Competition Day Saturday 6th May.

Football: Mid-Week Competition, 1st and 2nd XI begins Wednesday 10th May.

Cross Country Championships: Tuesday 23rd May

Rippa Rugby: Year 7 and 8, Wednesday 24th May

All Sports Notices and Permission Slips from the Kerikeri High School Sports Department are emailed electronically to parents. All information regarding upcoming sporting events, results and photos are posted on our Sports News page which can be found on our Website under What's Happening. If you would like to sign up to receive these posts and other sports related notifications direct to your email – please visit our Sports News page via our Website and click on 'Sign Me Up,' alternatively contact the Sports Department and we can do this for you.

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SPIRIT OF NEW ZEALAND

If you are interested in a voyage on the Spirit of New Zealand or R Tucker Thompson, please contact Mrs Gordon in the Physical Education Department.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

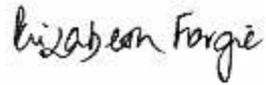
- **13 April** Last day of Term One
- **13 April** Powhiri for the Mauri
- **14 April** Good Friday
- **25 April** Anzac Day - Kerikeri High school will be represented at the Dawn Service at the RSA
- **1 May** Term Two Begins
- **4 May** Academic Celebration Assembly
- **12 May** Work Day

Best Wishes for a very happy and restful break. We look forward to Term Two with our batteries fully charged.

Please take special care over Easter during this challenging weather event.

Heio ano.

Kia ora



**EA Forgie (Mrs) M.A. (Hons), Dip.Ed .Admin,
Dip.Tchg.**

HAPPY EASTER



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BOARD NEWSLETTER

Your Board of Trustees extends our warmest welcome to all current and new families and whānau. Our three year term started in June 2016 so for those of you new to our school this year, alphabetically we are:

- Martin Baker (Parent Trustee)
- Wendy Butler (Parent Trustee)
- Elizabeth Forgie (School Principal)
- Chris Galbraith (Parent Trustee)
- Mariaio Hohaia (Parent Trustee)
- Roger Ludbrook (Parent Trustee)
- Chris McLellan (Parent Trustee; Deputy Chairman)
- Sue Richards (Parent Trustee; Chairman)
- Jasmine Winikerei (Student Representative)
- Emma Wise (Staff Trustee)

This year we are delighted to welcome Jasmine and Emma to the Board table for what will be another busy year. Looking ahead, we'll be working with the Principal and Deputy Principals (the Senior Leadership Team) on reviewing our Strategic Plan and will be seeking student, staff and community input. The Strategic Plan is not a tick box exercise, it is the foundation for everything that Kerikeri High School is and aims to be.

The year started with a great first term, but has ended with some unacceptable student behaviour that was dealt with by the Board Disciplinary Committee. The Board has said before that we rely heavily on families to take responsibility and guide our students, but when it spills over into every day life at school we take a tough stand. Kerikeri High School is vigilant in dealing with drugs and bullying – we will not allow violence or drugs in our school in any form and we encourage families and students to follow suit.

At last year's senior prizegiving we talked about the importance of relationships and it is worth repeating here. Our school is about more than students, teachers and families. We are a big school in a small province, and we are right in the middle of town. For our school it is also about our neighbours: the shopkeepers, the police, the supermarkets, the businesses. When we say he tangata – the people – for us, it really is. It is all about the people and it is all about the relationships that we build and grow. These relationships make our school strong and on this strength we build success.

We encourage families to get involved with their children's education, to find out what your children are learning, and to see for yourselves how much teachers and staff at Kerikeri High School care about your children. Without doubt, our most valuable assets are the teaching faculty and staff; this includes the teachers, Heads of Department, Deans, Deputy Principals and the Principal, and the support staff who you see at reception and in the back offices. Come to the meet the teachers evenings and to the many other events that are held primarily for parents. If you have any questions you can email or phone your child's teacher or dean.

Our property and finance committees are working hard to ensure that the school operates within budget. We are fortunate to have the additional income from our great International Department, and their continued success flows through to benefit our own students. This includes, for example, the provision of extra support like the school nurse and sports assistant, and a number of COWS or Computers On Wheels – 20 Chromebooks in a lockable cupboard which can be wheeled from one class to another.

We were delighted to see last year's NCEA results which saw pass rates of 88% at Level 1, 92% at Level 2, 82% at Level 3, and our best ever result of 83% for our Māori students at Level 1. There is much for our community to be proud of at Kerikeri High School, and our students are always our number one priority.

Hei konā mai and goodbye for now.

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