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We are over half way through the term now and the school is in full swing. The third Peer Support Camp to Urupukapuka Island heads out this week and the Year Seven and Year Thirteen students really benefit from this wonderful experience.

At Kerikeri High School with our four cornerstones approach and our "busy kids are happy kids" philosophy we are delighted with all the opportunities and activities that are in place already for our students. For instance, the three Kapa Haka groups are underway with the senior Roopu working hard on their Tai Tokerau Festival performance, the Debating groups also, with the senior teams heading for the Russell McVeagh Tournament over the weekend, summer sports are full on and the winter codes are gearing up with Trials and training.

Once again we are grateful to our staff for all that they do including the early morning Fitness Training in the Gymnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7am.

OUR 2013 KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL PREFECTS

The 2013 Kerikeri High School Prefects were announced to the School at two Celebration Assemblies for students, parents and staff on Wednesday 20 February 2013.

There were 85 very high calibre applicants who took the opportunity to apply for the position. 35 Prefects were appointed which enables each year level of the school from Year 7 to Year 12 to have 5 to 6 Prefects working with them.

It is wonderful that so many applicants aspire to leadership and the bar has become higher. Some very good applicants have missed out, but that is the way of a job application process. We are looking forward to them still making their contribution to Kerikeri High School as our respected senior students.

Our Prefects work hard for our school and they are a force for good, role models that we can look up to. Being a Prefect is a lot more than wearing the badge and the blazer – it is about Leadership with Service.

The Prefects have attended an intensive two-day Leadership Training Seminar in Paihia. The students were prepared for their busy new role by Principal Mrs Elizabeth Forgie, Deputy Principal Mrs Glenys Ross and their Year 13 Dean Mrs Emma Wise.

The **2013 Kerikeri High School Prefects** are –

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| Summer Ash | Clara Autet |
| Grace Bentley | Harris Bindon |
| Amandus Bookless | Raiha Brown |

- Matilda Cane
- Jake Cheeseman
- Suzy Collings
- Charlotte Fladgate
- Joshua Hill
- Mariata Kemp
- Jackson Lee
- Rachel Martin
- Georgia Miller
- Jayde Ngata
- Joe Palmer
- Jesse Prendergast
- Toni Shields
- Kelli Skippage
- Nikki Wilson

- Reuben Cane
- Anna Clarke
- Bradley de Klerk
- Alastair Harris
- Michael Jones
- Ann Kim
- Robert Lim Yock
- Elisa Merchant
- Sian Morgan
- Katia Osokin
- Parao Pere
- Sam Scahill
- Niveet Singh
- Liam Trimble

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HEAD STUDENTS

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| Reuben Cane | Head Boy |
| Grace Bentley | Head Girl |
| Jesse Prendergast | Deputy Head Boy |
| Sam Scahill | Deputy Head Girl |

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The Minister of Education last year announced professional development days that secondary schools were mandated to take for the implementation of the alignment of NCEA Achievement Standards to the New Zealand Curriculum. The first of these days at Kerikeri High School will be the day before Good Friday, **Thursday 28 March**.

The second day is determined by the Northland Secondary Schools' and Whangarei schools decision to collaborate to enable Teachers to work together in their subject areas with NZQA Moderators and Subject Advisers. This day is the first day of Term Two, **Monday 6 May**. Kerikeri High School has to fit in with this regional arrangement.

We regret any inconvenience for families that may be caused by the Standards Alignment Days however if Kerikeri High School is to continue to achieve the outstanding pass rates of the past few years it is essential that our Teachers are as prepared as possible to teach the new aligned Achievement Standards.

MRS BRONWYN CASE GILBERT

We were very sad to hear of the death of a former Teacher of Music and Science at Kerikeri High School, Mrs Case Gilbert. Bronwyn will be remembered for her energy and sense of fun, great Jazz Band performances and her big contribution to the local music community.

WAKA – ALWAYS PROUD – SCHOOL UNIFORM

We expect that our students are always proud and wear their school uniform correctly both at school and during their journey to and from school. Currently we are concerned that some girls are wearing their skirts shorter than the uniform length of 10cm above the knee when kneeling. We ask parents and caregivers to assist us in maintaining our uniform standards and ask that uniform, including skirt length, is checked before students depart for school each morning. Skirts that are shorter than the uniform length are not practical or appropriate in a place of work – Kerikeri High School is our students' place of work.

GATEWAY

Gateway is an exciting Work Placement programme at Kerikeri High School. Gateway is designed to strengthen pathways into further education or employment. The programme offers structured workplace learning placements to Year 11, 12, 13 students. Priority will be given to Year 12 and 13 students and placements may be offered to Year 11 students later in the year. Learning in the workplace is assessed against recognized national qualifications and integrated with the students' wider course at school.

Many students took up this opportunity last year and have had great success. The fantastic support from the local businesses contributed to this success. Support from local community businesses is both necessary and very much appreciated. Providing this workplace learning opportunity can be beneficial to both students and local businesses. If you would like to discuss this exciting opportunity please contact: Eileen Andrews, Gateway Co-ordinator Ph: 407 8916.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is absolutely critical if a student is to be successful. At Kerikeri High School we put a lot of effort into our high standards for full attendance and punctuality including having a position dedicated to the Data Entry and Tracking for our students' attendance.

We are concerned that emailing in a student absence cannot be verified as to origin or author. Could we ask please that you send a written note or telephone either Reception on (09) 407 8916 or Mrs Jo Davis at the Deans Centre, extension 734.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

The School Newsletter advertising page (also web exposure) is up for renewal. Anyone who is interested in

please email ljellick@kerikerihigh.ac.nz and express their interest.

ASB IS PROUD TO SUPPORT KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL

For every new ASB Home Loan drawn down by a parent or staff member of the school a \$250 donation will be made to Kerikeri High School. Simply present the enclosed Voucher to the ASB Kerikeri Branch. Offer valid until 30 June 2013. More Vouchers are available at Reception.

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The PTA Annual General Meeting is on **Wednesday 10 April 2013 at 7.00pm** in the Library followed by "Meet the Prefects". The 2013 Prefects make their first public speeches after the short AGM. All Parents and Caregivers are very welcome. This has been a great evening over the past years and is not to be missed. Supper will be provided.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These are not Kerikeri High School run activities

Mangonui School Trial Bike Ride 24 March 2013 Come on this great ride and see some remarkable views of our beautiful country side. This ride is hosted by the Mangonui School but rallies the support and hospitality of the whole community to provide an unforgettable and challenging experience for riders who dare. contact Tina Pederson on 094060339 or atpedersen@ihug.co.nz

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **18-19 March** Sailing Upper North Island Regatta
- **20 March** PTA Meeting 7.30pm
- **20-22 March** Year 7 Peer Support Camp Three

28 March Standards Alignment Day - School Closed

- **29 March** Good Friday
- **1 April** Easter Monday

2 April New Zealand Schools are Closed

- **4 April** Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
- **8 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4pm-7pm
- **10 April** HPV Vaccinations
- **10 April** Junior Music Concert
- **10 April** PTA AGM 7.00pm, Meet the Prefects
- **11-14 April** Western Heights Tournament
- **16 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4pm-7pm
- **17-18 April** Tai Tokerau Festival
- **19 April** Last Day of Term 1 2013

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

Principal:	Mrs Elizabeth Forgie
Deputy Principals:	Mrs Judy Cleaver, Mr Mike Clent, Mrs Glenys Ross, Mr Daniel Wise
Administration:	Jolanda, Lynn, Sue, Susan, Lorraine, Loree, Faye, Joanne
Guidance Counsellors:	Mrs Gill Luke, Mrs Jen Edmonds and Mr Stuart Angus, Chaplain
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