



We are pleased to extend a very warm welcome back to everyone for the 2014 school year. We have had a busy start as always, and the school is settled, energetic and in good heart. It was exciting to return to wonderful NCEA results again.

We have been looking forward to the students starting the 2014 year and have been working hard during January to be well prepared for them.

WONDERFUL ACADEMIC RESULTS

- Year Eleven NCEA Level One 85%. Even more pleasing at Level One 37% Merit Endorsement and 22.2% with NCEA Endorsed with Excellence - best ever before 32% and 15.8%.
- Year 12 NCEA Level Two 91.1%, a record, despite the academic step up and with Merit Endorsements 29% and Excellences 16.5%.
- Year 13 NCEA Level Three 70% with 29% of Merit Endorsements and the star highlight for them and their Teachers 17% Excellence Endorsements, best ever up from 9.3% - 17%.
- Fantastic 96.4% Literacy, 95.4% Numeracy compared to national results of 89.6 and 86.5
- And Boys do well at Kerikeri High School. Our boys beat the girls at Level Two with a 91.3% pass rate compared to the girls of 90.9%!
- At Kerikeri High School we talk about getting our best 80 Credits.

BEST SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Students can choose to sit extra Scholarship Examinations and are supported by their Teachers with extra tuition. Kerikeri High School students in 2013 achieved the largest number of Scholarships ever, 16 Scholarships and 3 Outstanding Scholarships and this was across the diverse range of subjects available at Kerikeri High School. Well done to these students and their Teachers.

Abby Gardner (English, History), **Delaney McQuoid** (English), **Amandus Bookless** (Design and Visual Communication), **Jessica Webster** (Biology), **Melanie Jones** (Biology), **Clara Autet** (French), **Grace Bentley** (Drama), **Jesse Prendergast** (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Economics), **Samantha Scahill** (Economics), and **Niveet Singh** (English).

The following students were awarded Outstanding Scholarships: **Melanie Jones** (English), **Cassy Osokin** (Economics) and **Anna Clarke** (Painting).

TOP SCIENCE SCHOOL

Again in 2013 Kerikeri High School featured as the top School in New Zealand at "Realise The Dream," the national Science and Technology event. Nineteen Science Fair projects were selected of 50 recommended and three were from Kerikeri High School.

Not only were the three Kerikeri High School students selected for the national in Wellington but they were also Award Winners.

- **Jesse Prendergast**
Genesis Energy 'Team Spirit' Award \$500 cash
- **Clara Autet**
Genesis Energy Leadership Award \$500 cash
- **Jesse Prendergast**
DairyNZ Scholarship Award \$5,000 cash Scholarship
- **Melanie Jones**
NZ Commission for UNESCO Scholarship \$5,000 cash Scholarship

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to **Sophie Sutherland** and **Rachel Draper** receiving their National Excellence Award for Enterprise in Music, at the award ceremony in December 2013.

Congratulations to **Harry Pearson**, Year 13 who competed in the National Sprint Triathlon Championships at Kinloch Lake in Taupo on Saturday 1st February, getting a Bronze Medal in his age group and a 10th place overall out of over 300 competitors and gaining a place in the New Zealand age group team to go to Edmonton Canada in August.

Congratulations to **Alex Edwards**, Year 9, who won the National Junior (12 and under) Spearfishing Competition held in the Bay of Islands in January.

Well done to **Izzy Neville**, **Joy Robinson**, **Madeline Banks** and **Fenella Carter** who represented Northland in Taupo at the 2014 New Zealand Pony Club Dressage Championships, the Team placed 3rd overall.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF FOR 2014

A very warm welcome to our new Deputy Principal Mr Julian Cosgrove, Mrs Vicky Traas in English, Ms Abby Hope in Social Studies/Geography and welcome back to Mr Andy Willis after six years in the United States.

WAKA

After intensive school community consultation last year our Positive Behaviour Team of staff and students revamped and revealed our new school values. A reminder we would like everyone in our school community to uphold our values as we journey in our Waka to success.

We are learners	Whaia te Matauranga
Act with respect	Manaaki te tangata
Keep ourselves safe	Tiaki tangata
Always proud	Kia manawanui

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Student Handbook is \$12.50 available from the school Stationery Shop. All Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will be issued a Handbook and it will be used continually and consistently across all of their classes.

It is packed full of useful information about the school – all you need to know such as bell times, school calendar, student support and services, our Honours system, NCEA and What to do if...(frequently asked questions). Students had a major part in developing the Handbook that would be most useful to students. The Handbook incorporates a diary.

PEER SUPPORT IN ACTION

On Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of January, 110 of our Year 13 students took part in a Leadership Camp organised and run by Deputy Principal and Peer Support Leader Mr Mike Clent, Year 13 Dean Miss Erica Collins, Guidance Counsellor Mrs Gill Luke as well as Mrs Jenny Taylor and the Year 13 Form Teachers. The Leadership Camp was a huge success with students able to complete training as Peer Support Leaders for our new Year 7 students. A very special thank you to the great parents and Mrs Taylor who took care of the catering. Peer Support began on the second day with our Year 13 students enthusiastically and in a caring way supporting the Year 7 students in their transition to Kerikeri High School. Organisation is also well under way for the Year 7 Camps which will be held at Urupukapuka Island again this year.

2014 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Kerikeri High School 2014 Swimming Championships will be on Thursday 13th February. This is a Championship event for competitive swimmers – races are 2 and 4 lengths of the local pool which the students swim in year levels except Butterfly which is an Open event. The participation-based Swim Fests for all junior students will be held soon.

2014 SENIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Kerikeri High School 2014 Senior Athletics Championships will be held on Tuesday 25th February. This event is open to year levels 11, 12 and 13. Entries for this event must be placed at the Sports Office. Long distance running events will be held on the below dates. As we will not be running these distances in Term 4 should you child to be year 7, 8, 9 and 10 and wish to have these distances count towards their Championship points can you please ensure they register at the Sports Office and run them on these set dates. 800m Tuesday 11th February, 1500m Friday 14th February and 3000m Wednesday 19th February.

MEET THE FORM TEACHER AND NZQA EVENING TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 6.30pm-7.30pm (NZQA 7.30 – 8.30pm)

Parents and caregivers are invited to a Meet the Form Teacher Evening. We will begin in the Auditorium with a welcome from the Principal and the introduction to your child's Form Teacher, Dean and Deputy Principal. Then the year groups will move off and we will incorporate an opportunity to see around the School. For parents of junior students, we will take you to the classrooms where your child has their classes. Parents of Year 10 and Senior Students may wish to attend the NZQA Information Session that will form a part of the evening. Everyone is welcome. Our PTA will provide a light supper.

WINTER CODE PRE SEASON FITNESS BEGINS

Pre-season training and general fitness sessions are being held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7.00am –

8.00am in the Gym for any Year level, showers available. Any queries please see Mr Jordon or Mrs Gordon in the PE Office.

SPORTS COACHES AND MANAGERS

The Sports Department are looking for willing Coaches and Managers for Sports teams. If you could help in any way, please contact the Sports Office and speak to Mrs Simpson. Alternatively you could email sport@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These are not Kerikeri High School run activities

Kerikeri Striders Athletics Children's Athletics 5-13yrs begins Wednesday 12 Feb from 5.00pm – 6.15pm at Kerikeri High School Fields. All welcome, registrations on the night. For more information contact Ingrid on Ingrid.wilkinson@yahoo.fr or 021 105 1953.

Music Tuition Ruth Simpson's Music School is situated in Kingston House, Hone Heke Rd, Kerikeri, and caters for keyboard and piano tuition for children from 4 years to teenagers, and adults. Ruth teaches in small groups, and with the addition of singing and rhythm it is a fun way to learn. More traditional one-on-one piano tuition is available if that is your preference (limited spaces available) Contact Ruth (09)402 8372 or 027 303 9577.

Kerikeri Football Club (Soccer) is now open for registrations for the 2014 season. From Whole of Football Ages 4yrs – 8yrs, Juniors & Youth 10th-17th grade and 4 x Mens & Womens Senior Teams. All welcome. For more information and to Register ONLINE visit us at www.kerikerifc.co.nz. Alternatively come and see us at the Lions Family Fun Day on Saturday 15th February or Sunday 16th Feb 4-6pm at the Waipapa Clubrooms. Registrations close 2nd March 2014.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **14 February** Class Representative Applications Close
- **17-18 February** Prefect Leadership Training
- **19-20 February** School Photos
- **21 February** Year 8/9 Raft Race 12.45pm
- **25 February** Class Representative Training (lunchtime)
- **25 February** Meet the Form Teacher/NZQA Evening
- **5-7 March** Year 7 Camp 1
- **12-14 March** Year 7 Camp 2
- **19-21 March** Year 7 Camp 3
- **2 April** Senior Music Concert
- **8 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4.00-7.00pm
- **10-11 April** Year 7 and 8 Science Roadshow
- **14 April** Parent Feedback Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
- **15-16 April** Tai Tokerau Festival
- **17 April** Last day of Term One

You may want to visit the School Website www.kerikerihigh.ac.nz where there is plenty of information about the School. We enclose the following documents "Helpful Information About Our School" and "School Bus Information." These documents contain information that you may find helpful during 2014 such as the names of the Deans, Deputy Principals and Guidance Counsellors. We hope that your family will really enjoy 2014 with Kerikeri High School and that you will join us as often as you can for School functions, trips and sporting events.

Kia ora

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

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Deputy Principals:	Mrs Judy Cleaver, Mr Mike Clent, Mr Julian Cosgrove, Mr Daniel Wise
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