



Kerikeri High School

Newsletter

2015/10 3 December 2015

Ki ngā mātua

He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou kātoa i runga i te mutunga o tēnei tau.

Ki a rātou mā kua wheturangitia i ngā tau, ngā marama, ngā rā kua pahure atu nei, haere, haere atu rā

We are in our last two weeks of what has been a very busy and successful year for Kerikeri High School. A big thank you to all of the Kerikeri High School staff who have made a huge effort to make these last weeks memorable for our students, and who have, at the same time, given so much extra revision assistance, completion support and encouragement to the senior students in their NCEA Level One, Two and Three and Scholarship Examinations.

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Our Senior Prizegiving held on Thursday 5 November was a day to celebrate. We celebrated individual achievements that were hard won and well earned, it was a day to acknowledge our wonderful achievements as a School and a day to give thanks and to wish our senior students all the best as they aimed for their absolute best in NCEA. Most especially to all of our Year Thirteens soon to be heading off to the next stage of their lives. With inspiring speeches from our Head Boy and Head Girl, attendance by our Board of Trustees, and our valued guests and whānau and over \$250,000 in Scholarships and Prizes awarded to our Senior Students, it was a very memorable day. Kerikeri High School's Head Boy, **Finn Forstner**, is the 2015 Kerikeri High School Dux and Deputy Head Girl, **Meg Murray** was awarded the Proxime Accessit for 2015.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Tara Jackson, Natalie McOnie and Grace Jennings who won the STANZA National Spanish Video Competition.

The Year 9 and 10 Debating Finals were held at Kerikeri High School on the 22nd of October. The winning team, coached by former student **Mike Jones** was **Nicola Dearnley, Ava Clapton, Kine Diallo** and **Hana van Boxel**.

The Runners Up coached by **Sophie Piesse** and **Laila Abada** were: **Lucia Avery, Anneke Hyde** and **Grace Jennings**. Best speaker of the debate was **Ava Clapton**.

The final debate was followed by the Best Speakers Debate and the Winning Team was: **Ava Clapton, Lauryn Jarman, Max Hart** and **Leah Green** and Runners Up; **Stella Henley, Nathan Gibson, Grace Jennings** and **Katey Whitehead**. Best Speaker of this debate was **Leah Green**. Thanks to **James Eastwood, Sean Richards** and **Mike Jones** for their adjudication.

Congratulations to **James Sheldon**, Year 9 who won First Place in the North Island P-Class Sailing Championships held during Labour Weekend.

Congratulations to the following students who have placed in the inaugural Kerikeri High School Junior Spelling Bee (Years 7 - 8): **Dean Baker** (1st Place), **Ben Thomas** (2nd Place), **Maddie Kathro** (3rd Place), **Gillian Toala** (4th Place) and **Leia Weeds** (5th Place).

The top five students were successful in spelling over 550 words correctly. Well done to all the participants and place winners.

ART EXHIBITION

The annual Kerikeri High School Art Exhibition was a great success with a huge turnout again this year. Thanks to Mrs Emma Wise, Head of the Art Department and our Art Department staff for such a wonderful event. Art work was exhibited by students across all year levels from Year 7 through to Year 13. The work exhibited by our students was exceptional. Thank you to everybody who supported a successful show, and especially to our PTA.

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

We take pleasure in inviting all parents and caregivers of our junior students to attend the Prizegiving Ceremonies being held in the final week at which WAKA Awards for Excellence in Attitude, Academic Excellence and other Special Awards will be presented. See "What's Happening" for dates and times.

CONTRIBUTING SCHOOL VISITS

Both of our two major contributing Primary Schools, Kerikeri Primary School and Riverview Primary School have visited us in the last week with their Year 6 students as part of our thorough transition process. The Year 6's were introduced to their Year Level Dean for 2016, Miss Abby Hope, and were given a guided tour of the school by Year 7 students.

As always there is lots of anticipation, excitement and a few nerves. We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our new Year 7 students in February.

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL MAGAZINE

It is with much excitement that we announce that our 2015 Kerikeri High School Magazine has arrived. Magazines can be purchased from Reception at a cost of only \$10. This is excellent value for such a high quality publication. Don't miss out on getting a copy of this special year book.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Thank you to Tiny Mighty Power for their donation of \$1,380 to the School and ASB for their donation of \$3,000 to the School.

Thank you also to Living Nature for their generous donation of glasswear to the Kerikeri High School Science Department.

YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP CAMP

Over 120 Year 12 students have volunteered to be Peer Support Leaders and work with our new Year 7 students in Term 1 next year. Their Leadership Training Camp is being held on **Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 January 2015**. We thank them all in advance for their commitment to this important aspect of our Year 7 start up programme.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS IS YOUR CHILD RETURNING IN 2016?

If your child will not be returning to Kerikeri High School in 2016, can you please contact the School so we can arrange for you to complete the correct Leaving Forms and to avoid any charges for 2016. A gentle reminder to all parents and caregivers that if you move house over the summer break you will need to call the School and update your details with us in the New Year.

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOKS

If you have any outstanding textbooks can you please return these to the School Reception at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

HOLIDAY RECEPTION HOURS

Kerikeri High School Reception will be closed from Thursday 10th December 2015 for the Christmas break. Reception will re-open for the 2016 academic year on Monday the 18th January 2016.

ENCOURAGING SUMMER READING

The School Library wishes to encourage students to read over the summer holidays to help raise their levels of academic achievement. It is well documented that some students who do not read over the summer experience a learning loss, but this is less pronounced or absent in students who have access to books.

To aid the students, the School Library is running a Summer Reading promotion where students are encouraged to borrow an unlimited number of books each, due back the first week of school next year. The only criteria for students to be eligible to borrow books is that they have no overdue books, and that they will be returning to Kerikeri High School in 2016.

Please encourage your child/children to participate in Summer Reading to maintain momentum or improve their literacy levels.

ASB SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP VOUCHER

Help your school receive extra cash. Each time a member of the school community i.e. school staff or parents successfully takes out a new home loan of \$150,000 or more with ASB, and they present the

sponsorship voucher to the bank staff, nominating your school, your school will receive \$500.00 cash. For terms and conditions and to download the voucher visit www.asb.co.nz/schoolbanking or ring Reception and we can help you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These are not Kerikeri High School run activities

BOISC Juniors Fishing Tournament This tournament is for anglers under the age of 17 years as at 11 January 2016 and will be run out of the BOISC Clubrooms. This is a Teams Tournament. Each Team must have a minimum of 2 anglers. Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th January 2016. Great Prizes to be won, entry forms and rules contact Bay of Islands Swordfish Club email swordfish@xtra.co.nz; phone 09 403 7857 www.swordfish.co.nz

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **3 December** EOTC Year 9 and 10
- **4 December** EOTC Year 7 and 8

- **8 December** Prizegiving Year 8 at 10.00am

- **8 December** Prizegiving Year 10 at 12.00noon

- **9 December** Prizegiving Year 7 at 10.00am

- **9 December** Prizegiving Year 9 at 12.00noon

- **10 December** Final Assembly at 2.00pm

We have a lot to look forward to our sincere thanks to every one – students, staff, families and whānau and friends of the school who have worked so hard this year to support our students to achieve their potential. Best wishes for a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas and Summer break.

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou mē ōu whānau mō te wā kirihimete me te tau hou.

Kia ora



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