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Kia ora Parents, Whānau, Staff and Students

This is our first communication with you for quite some time that is not focused on Covid lockdowns, online and distance learning and Keeping Ourselves Safe in the Covid 19 environment. Our recent return to school and to face to face learning has certainly been a highlight of our disrupted term. We are so grateful for the hard work and efforts of our teachers over the last several weeks as we encountered such uncertainty. We also acknowledge the contribution and effort whānau, parents and caregivers made to support your children during this time.

Our students have returned to school with a positive outlook, and we have quickly reestablished our connections with each other, embracing the busy routines and life of our school. Our focus as always has been on kindness and Covid safety, and of course on learning. Across the school, students appear settled and focused and are in good shape as we head towards the holiday break. NCEA examinations being moved by two weeks has given back some much-needed time to senior students and alleviated some unwanted stress and anxiety as they head into the business end of the academic year.

Vaccinations for Covid 19

Kerikeri High School has partnered with Rugby for Life in the 'Take 2 for the Team' campaign, promoting the goal of getting 90% of Northland vaccinated by Christmas. Vaccinations against Covid 19 are New Zealand's best defense against the spread of the virus and they will help keep the vulnerable members of our community safe. Vaccinations will also help prevent our communities being forced into lockdowns in the future.

Our Head Girl Andrea Cotton is featuring in this important vaccination drive, and you can watch her short video here: <https://vimeo.com/617503420>

Take 2 for the Team are running a pop-up vaccination clinic this Saturday, October 2 at the Kerikeri Rugby Club on the Heritage Bypass, 10.00am to 2.00pm. No appointments are needed, just pop in and do your bit to help keep us all protected.

There are currently no plans for Covid 19 vaccinations to be administered to students here at school. If that were to change, parents and whānau would be given plenty of advance notice of this happening, and we would anticipate such a change would be part of a much wider vaccination rollout across the country.

Student Achievements

The Year 12 and 13 Business Management students had their Trade Fair at the Old Packhouse Market on 14 August. There were two awards given on the day. **Sky Gundry**, Year 12 was awarded first place winning the Judges' Prize for Best Business with her Wahine Surf School and **Jacob Fewtrell**, Year 12 was awarded second prize for his business which has developed an automatic letterbox light. Jacob also won the public vote for Best Team for this enterprise.

Congratulations to **Sam Bryant**, Year 9, **Venice Jenelle Maunahan** and **Kelly Wan**, both Year 10, who competed in the Regional Spelling Bee Aotearoa Semi-Finals and were the last three students in the competition. Kelly and Venice came out on top and qualified to compete at the Aotearoa Finals in Wellington in November.

Congratulations to **Tiree Robinson**, Year 12 for becoming a member of the New Zealand Schools' Cycling Focus Group for 2021.

Congratulations to **Casey Roberts, Andrea Cotton, Gillian Toala** and **Nimish Singh** for being selected as finalists in the 2021 Lions International Young Ambassador's Competition, which took place on 11th August.

Congratulations to Lukas **Bayer** and **Oliver Horsfield**, Year 10; **Ariella Ripohau**, Year 11 and **Emilia Finer**, Year 13 who competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championships.

Lukas and Oliver both achieved Personal Best times in many of their swims.

Ariella swam to five top-four finishes: Gold in the 50m Backstroke, Silver in the 100m and 200m Backstroke and 4th in the 200m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley and was 10th in the 100m Freestyle.

Emilia swam to five top-ten finishes: Silver in the 200m Butterfly, Bronze in the 200m Individual Medley and the 400m Freestyle, 4th in the 100m Butterfly and 6th in the 200m Freestyle.

Congratulations to **Laney Roberts**, Year 13 who is the Northland Secondary Schools' Senior Badminton Champion, and to **Guide Prawatlerdwattana**, Year 12 who placed 3rd.

Congratulations to the 1st XV Rugby team for winning the Northland Secondary Schools' First XV Championship title.

Congratulations to **Tuhikaiariki Smith**, Year 11 who played for the Northland Under 15 Basketball team over the July Holidays

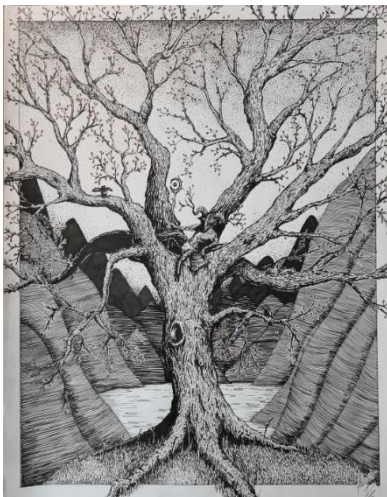
The Ōhaeawai Primary School has expressed its appreciation to our students who volunteered at their Matariki Art Auction on 8 July: **Nimish Singh**, Year 13 as the Auctioneer for the evening, and **Grace Stevenson**, Year 11 as the Salesperson for the evening.

In the last School Holidays **Pipi Flintoff**, Year 7, **Payton Baker**, Year 8 and **Alexis King**, Year 9 competed as part of the Soulful Dance Crew at the Battle Grounds Dance Competition in Hamilton. The group placed 1st in the Open Section; **Peyton Baker** placed 1st in Solo Varsity Section and **Alexis King** placed 2nd in Solo Varsity Section.

Congratulations to **Jamaine Young** and **Stella Blackwood**, both Year 13 who represented the New Zealand team at the International Geography Olympiad competition in Wellington.

Congratulations to **Max Donaldson**, Year 13 who has been selected to be part of the Global Kaitiakitanga Project. This is a collaboration between Young Enterprise and New Zealand Expo 2020. Max has won an all-expenses paid trip to Dubai in February 2022 to promote his olive leaf supplement at the World Expo.

Congratulations to **Nimish Singh**, Year 13 who has won the top student prize in our national Whakataetae Reo Māori - Māori Language Competition (Schools) 2021. Nimish was the top student in the Year 11-13 category, and also the overall points scorer in our national competition.



Congratulations to **Hector Danilo**, Year 12 whose artwork has been selected for the National Youth Art Awards. This prestigious nationwide award is open to young artists between the ages of 13 and 25, including established artists and students. Hector's drawing 'Yggdrasil' (The Tree of Life) will be exhibited from 9th September to 11th October in Hamilton.

Staff News

Mrs Maddy Haydock has taken a position with the Education Review Office and will be leaving us at the end of this Term. She has been with us at Kerikeri High School for 16 years, and in that time, held positions including Year Level Dean, Head of English and she is currently Deputy Principal. Mrs Haydock has made a very significant and positive contribution to our School community in that time across all of her roles, and generations of students hold her in the highest regard. Our loss is the Education Review Office's gain, and we wish Mrs Haydock and her family our very best and warmest wishes as they embark on their next steps.

Our very best wishes go to Mrs Ellie Baird and her family, and also Mrs Janet Vidal and her family as they each take Maternity Leave from the beginning of Term 4.

We thank Mrs Carol Atkinson for her time with us in the Guidance Department over the last two terms.

And we will be pleased to welcome our Principal Mrs Forgie back at the beginning of Term 4 following her well-deserved Sabbatical.

Important Term 4 Dates

Monday 18 October – Term 4 Begins
Thursday 21 October 4.00pm – Enrolment Evening
Monday 25 October – Labour Day Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 2 November 12.15pm – Honours Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 9 November 12.15pm – Keri Reading Celebration (Auditorium)
Wednesday 17 November 11.00am – Senior Prize Giving
Thursday 18 until Tuesday 23 November – Years 9 and 10 Examinations
Monday 22 November – NZQA Examinations Begin
Tuesday 30 November – Tai Tokerau Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 1 December 7.00pm – Year 10 Drama Promenade Performance
Friday 10 December Years 8 (10.00am) and 10 (12.00pm) Prize Givings
Monday 13 December Years 7 (10.00am) and 9 (12.00pm) Prize Givings
Tuesday 14 December NZQA Examinations End. LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Our Newsletters are emailed out to all parents, staff and students and you can find copies of previous Newsletters on our School Website under the 'What's Happening' tab on the main page. You can find this link here [News Letter Link](#)

Communication

There are a range of people in our school who parents and students can talk to if there are any issues or concerns:

- Your Child's Teachers
- Form Teachers
- Year Level Dean
- Our Guidance Counsellors
- Deputy Principal
- Associate Principal and Principal

Just ring Reception on 09 407 8916 and we will put you in touch. If it is a governance matter you can contact our Board of Trustees at board@kerikerihigh.ac.nz.

It has been a very intense and busy term for everyone, and students and staff will be looking forward to the holiday break. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing time as we gear up for what will be another busy Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui



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Associate Principal