



Kerikeri High School

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Dear Families and Whānau, Staff and Students,

Our emails have been all about Covid since our last full News Letter several weeks ago. Thank you for all the communication and support as we have navigated these last few weeks and for letting us know now when your students have Covid or are having to isolate as a Household Contact.

The good news is that the School is very settled and positive. Our students are grateful to be able to be at School and are overwhelmingly patient and supportive about wearing their masks and following all of the Covid hygiene advice. Our staff have been amazing, plugging all the gaps as our colleagues have to isolate and keeping up the reassurance of the busy day to day life of the School.

We continue to focus on what we can do, safely, rather than what we can't do. Our lateral thinking has converted the three day and two night Year Seven Peer Support Camps to one day Camps still leaving on the big Explore boat from Doves Bay on this side of the Bay of Islands and having a full day of fun peer support activities on Urupukapuka Island including the kayaking and snorkelling before a return across the Bay in the early evening. Thank you to Explore and the Department of Conservation for working with us on this.

Unfortunately, all Northland Secondary School Sports are cancelled for next week, due to the Omicron surge and the stress on staffing throughout Tai Tokerau.

In our News Letter today you can read about:

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Covid – What's Happening at Kerikeri High School

Our student attendance until now has been very good considering the times we are going through, between 75 – 80% every day. However, like the rest of Aotearoa New Zealand we have seen a jump in students away today. We are watching carefully to ensure we are adequately staffed. Teaching all of our students online at home will be a very last resort. We would first roster senior year levels home with their work one day a week to best keep the consistency of regular attendance and continuity of education. To this point our staff and our Relief Teachers have been outstanding, covering colleagues' classes, but as more of us have to isolate this will become unsustainable. We will keep you well informed.

Our 2022 School Leaders

Congratulations to all our recently appointed Kerikeri High School Prefects for 2022. Following a thorough application process, which included a Letter of Application and a CV, a panel interview with the Dean of Year 13, Mrs Judd, the Deputy Principal for Year 13, Mr Walker and the Principal Mrs Forgie, and a review of students' school Four Cornerstones and pastoral records, a strong team of 39 Prefects were selected and trained.

Congratulations to:

Lydia Bailie-Bellew

Lorelei Baker

Toby Bell

Luca Boccock

Matthew Clent

Hannah Collins

Imogen Crooks

Elinor Davis

Rhys Doherty

Daniel Ellingham

Thomas Fewtrell

Jacob Fewtrell

Eva Forrest-Chambers

Amelia Galvin

Maija Geissler-Budd

Angelina Gregory

Eva-Sky Gundry

Liam Hutching

Pipi Johnson-Phillips

Samuel Kee

Prisayus Kenney

Rhys Lambers

Emma Lloyd

Rudolph Louw

Bayden McLellan

Kayla Muller

Ryshani Paul Broughton-Stowers

Nicolas Powell

Cole Puru

Tiree Robinson

Tamatea Rosenthal

Santana Ruatoto

Toby Sadgrove

Grace Sheldon

Avalon Strang

Nate Te Hira

Billy Toto

Pippiana Voakes

Ellise Williams

Our Deputy Head Boy for 2022 is Matthew Clent

Our Deputy Head Girl for 2022 is Pippiana Voakes

Our Head Boy for 2022 is Nicolas Powell

Our Head Girl for 2022 is Avalon Strang

Congratulations to all our 2022 Kerikeri High School Prefects, we know you will lead and serve our school with pride – Kia Manawanui.

Student Achievements

150 students have signed up to learn an instrument through our Instrumental Music programme – guitar, bass guitar, piano and ukulele.

Imogen Crooks won the National Whakaari Challenge with Judges from Weta Workshop. Hannah Collins and Fox Blandford were Highly Commended.

Joe Howells and Nicolas Powell competed in the National Schools' Parliamentary Debating Competition in January, the first time Kerikeri High School has entered this competition against the best debaters in New Zealand and made the Finals.

Lydia Bailie-Bellew, Hector Danilo, Hannah Collins and Sofia Mikhailiadis were chosen to exhibit their art at the Kids Art Exhibition and Silent Auction at The Turner Centre.

Congratulations also to both our Open Boys and Girls Rugby Sevens sides, who played in the Northland Schools' Tournament on Tuesday this week. Our Boys' Team made their final and narrowly lost to Whangarei Boys' High School. Our Girls' Team also made their final and won in extra time against Whangarei Girls' High School. Both teams have now qualified to participate in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Condors 7s which is held in Auckland in April.

Our NCEA Provisional Results 2021

We were thrilled with our NCEA Results especially as these senior students have worked through the Covid Lockdowns and restrictions now for longer than we ever expected. Our students were second only to Auckland in losing the most time in class last year and there was also the impact of Tai Tokerau Northland being a virtual island while Auckland stayed in Lockdown. They have been very resilient and we are proud of them and their Teachers.

Kerikeri High School

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	UE
Overall	87.9	88.1	82.5	54.2
Māori	84.1	77.2	68.8	37.5
Male	88.2	86.6	79.1	45.1
Female	87.5	89.8	86	64

National

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	UE
Overall	68.5	77.4	69.9	50.8
Māori	56.5	67.5	57.8	30.9
Male	66.2	75.4	66.1	44.4
Female	70.8	79.2	73.3	56.1

Te Manawa Tahī Hub on the 16 March 9.30-12.30 at the Kerikeri Sports Complex

This meeting time is for families and whānau to get support from specialists from the Ministry of Education who want to help with learning support and their services for your young people.

Our School Buses

We are very well served by our transport network, Kerikeri Schools Transport Network (KSTN) and our outstanding contractors, Clarks Coachlines. It was a tough time for all when we had to scan on and off the buses so we knew who was there for contract tracing purposes, however this requirement has been superseded by the Positive Cases and Household Contacts regulation we have now.

Thank you to everyone who supports our students on our 16 school buses.

Everyone is reminded of 20 kilometres per hour – it doesn't matter which side of the road you are driving on – Slow Down.

If our Bus Drivers have to isolate the decision at the moment is that the bus will not be able to run. We would let you know on the App straight away.

Keeping in Touch with us at Kerikeri High School

News Letters are Emailed or posted for those not on email – they go to Families and Whānau, all staff and all students. Please make reading them a priority.

The App – download from Playstore or App Store by searching for School Apps and adding Kerikeri High School as your School. The front page links you to Daily Notices, Calendar and Term Dates.

Our Website – under “What’s Happening” you can find the Daily Notices, all past News Letters and the Board Newsletters.

Relationships – our kind Reception people are always ready to help you. Please get to know who is your child’s Form Teacher and Dean. We would be having a “Get to Know Your Form Teacher Evening” right now if we could have gatherings.

He Waka Eke Noa

We are all in this together and we are all doing our best to cope as positively as possible for our young people in our School community. What we want for our young people is security, predictability and encouragement. Thank you for supporting your School.



EA Forgie (Mrs)
Principal



M Clent (Mr)
Associate Principal