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Kia ora koutou Parents, Whānau, Students and Staff

This term has been extraordinary. We have never faced the amount of ongoing illness across the School community as we have seen in the last few weeks. The ongoing impact of this has been significant regarding continuity of learning and for Seniors especially in regard to their assessments. We are especially aware of the impact this has on our Year 13 students who are now in their third year of NCEA during the Covid pandemic.

In 2020 and 2021 the disruption caused by Covid was predictable and evenly felt because lockdowns were national and/or regional, and we all faced the same circumstances. This year the impact is greater because of the ongoing uncertainty, ongoing illness and ongoing absences. You will not be surprised to hear that student attendance has dropped significantly across the school this term. Teachers have been impacted too, and on our worst day, just last week, we had 31 teachers away from School. Our decision to roster some Year Levels home a day has meant we have been able to continue to keep the School open.

We are very mindful of the wellbeing of our students under these circumstances, and we are doing everything we can to manage and care for our students and staff. Our priority is kindness, and we are working hard to strike that difficult balance between catching students up who have been away, keeping the classroom learning ongoing and meaningful for those who are here, and managing assessments so that students feel ready and prepared as best they can.

Our relieving staff have been fantastic, and we are fortunate and grateful to be so well served by them.

The good news is that despite the uncertainty and disruption, the School is extremely settled, our students remain positive and they continue to be engaged in the many opportunities available to them here at School. We are very proud of them. Kia Manawanui.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Joe Howells** (Year 12), who came first equal in the National Race Unity Speech Awards over the weekend. This is a significant achievement for Joe and our School. Joe appeared live on TNVZ's Breakfast show on Monday morning, speaking strongly about the theme of his speech.

Congratulations to **Sky Gundry** (Year 13 Sky's Surf School), **Jacob Fewtrell** (Year 13 Insight) and **Ella Parker** (Year 12 Sail Inc) and **Thomas Fewtrell** (Year 13 Sail Inc) who made the top eight business pitches from the region. They all competed at Regional Young Enterprise Mid-year Celebration. **Sky Gundry** was unanimously voted the winner.

Congratulations to **Jacob Fewtrell** (Year 13) for winning the 5-page Business Plan competition (sponsored by NorthTec). Kerikeri High School won all three prizes this year with **Ella Parker** (Year 12) and **Thomas Fewtrell** (Year 13) placing second and **Rudolph Louw** (Year 13) placing third. All these students won cash prizes, giving them funds to run their businesses.

The 2022 National Secondary Schools Auctioneering Competition was a phenomenal showcase of talent yet again. **Nic Powell** (Year 13), **Naoise Breeze** (Year 12) and **Joe Howells** (Year 12) all gave splendid performances on the night, with **Joe Howells** placing second in New Zealand. **Lydia Bailie-Bellew** (Year 13) was unfortunately unable to compete due to illness. A special thanks to Ross Paterson from Barfoot and Thompson for giving up his time so willingly and Barfoot and Thompson Kerikeri for their generous continued sponsorship of this event.

Nic Powell (Year 13) and **Joe Howells** (Year 12) travelled to Auckland to compete in the National Debating Championships. **Joe Howells** was named as a Most Promising Speaker of the tournament.

Congratulations to the Kerikeri High School bands who made it through the Heats in Whangarei on June 19th to the Regional Finals for Rockquest this year!

Moberf: **Freddy Jarman** (Year 10), **Luc Lawler** (Year 10), **Ani Palmer** (Year 10) and **Eddie Picken** (Year 9)

No Vacancy: **Lukas Bayer** (Year 11), **Finn French** (Year 11), **Erin Rosetta** (Year 11) and **Kosta Silich** (Year 10)

The Secrets: **Ikaroa Armstrong-Kingi** (Year 8), **Te Kauri Armstrong-Kingi** (Year 10), **Whakahotu** (Year 9), **Finn Stephenson** (Year 12) and **Jake van den Bemd** (Year 10)

Under Pressure: **Dillan Blythe-Drake** (Year 9), **Josh Boyd** (Year 9), **Jaxon Hendrikse** (Year 7), **Sam Hendrikse** (Year 9) and **Zane Scott** (Year 9)

Congratulations to **Pipiana Voakes** (Year 13), **Hannah Whitehead** (Year 11), **Emma Betts** (Year 11) and **Lily Hayhurst** (Year 9) who competed in the National Dance Challenge Competition.

Congratulations to Lily Hayhurst (Year 9), **Charlie Andrew** (Year 9) and **Hannah Huddert** (Year 9) who competed in the Northland Ballet and Dance Competition. **Lily Hayhurst** placed first for National Character Dance (Italian Tarantalla), Demi Character (The Letter) and Classical Ballet 12-Under14. She also second in Contemporary dance and Ballet improv, and third for Variation (Gamzatti) and Pointe.

The three girls were awarded third for one of their dances and also got a special award for being the most resilient school.

Congratulations to Mia Doull (Year 12) who won second place in the Whangarei Library Under 18's division for Flash Fiction writing competition.

Term Three Dates

The start of Term Three is very busy, and some important dates to be aware of include:

Parent Feedback Evenings: **Tuesday 26th July, Thursday 4th August, and Wednesday 17th of August**, from 4pm to 7pm. Bookings will be open from Tuesday 5th of July, and we will email all Parents and Whānau with information about bookings.

Kerikeri High School Senior Ball: **Saturday July 30**. Parents and Whānau of students who have purchased tickets will be emailed further information about the Ball arrangements and our expectations in Week One of Term Three.

Options Evening 2023, 4.00pm – 7.00pm and NCEA Parent and Whānau Information Evening, 7.30pm. **Tuesday August 9**.

Options Evening is an opportunity for students, parents and whānau to meet with teachers from across our wide range of subject departments and learn more about what is involved with each programme of study, as students in Years 8 and above begin their course selection process for 2023.

Our NCEA Parent and Whānau Information Evening is an opportunity for parents to learn more about how NCEA works from our NZQA Principal's Nominee, Deputy Principal Daniel Wise. This may be especially of use for parents of this year's Year 11 students, and parents of Year 10 students heading into Year 11 next year, however everyone who is interested is welcome.

Year 8 Marae Wānanga

All of our Year 8 Form Classes are currently involved with their one-day Marae Wānanga experience at Whitiara Marae. We are so grateful to Ngāti Rehiā for working with us to provide this opportunity which is a special and significant experience for our students; they are welcomed as Manuhiri with Powhiri, enjoying kai in the Wharekai before spending time learning about Matariki, tikanga and Ngāti Rehiātanga.

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day was celebrated at Kerikeri High School on Wednesday 18 May as part of our participation in Bullyfree New Zealand Week. Our students engaged enthusiastically, with many across the school wearing Pink Mufti to support the occasion. Messages and lessons were delivered across the school throughout the week about celebrating diversity, acting respectfully and sharing the anti-bullying message.

Students raised over \$700 and these funds have been donated to a local charity, Bald Angels.

Host families for 2023

With New Zealand's borders reopening we are excited to be able to begin to welcome International Students back to Kerikeri High School and the Bay of Islands again. Our International Students add a lot to our School and our students benefit greatly from the connections and friendships they make with our guests. Our International Department are now seeking new host families to add to our fun and caring host family roopu for 2023.

International Students are coming from a variety of different countries around the world. Lengths of stay vary from between one term through to one year. The International Students are happy to share their culture with your family and lifelong friendships are made with people from all over the world. International students that are attracted to Kerikeri are like us; active, busy and enjoy an outdoor lifestyle.

If you would like to receive some more information please contact our Director of International, Jessica Donovan on 407 0163 or international@kerikerihigh.ac.nz.

School Tuckshop Employment Opportunity

A vacancy for a Team Leader has become available in our School Tuckshop, which is operated by Libelle Group. We are supporting Libelle, and Champion Tuckshops by sharing this opportunity for any parents and whānau who may be interested.

Previous food & catering experience preferred, till operation & cashing up, daily shift reports, managing a small friendly team.

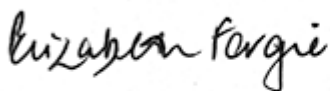
30 hours- permanent (8.30am -2.30pm)

Monday to Friday, school holidays off.

Fits in well with schooling hours.

Please contact Barry 021986931 or barry@libelle.co.nz

We have a week and half left of Term 2; we wish everyone a very safe and relaxing July holiday break. The opportunity to rest and recharge will be welcome by all, and we are looking forward to re-engaging with all of students in what will be another busy school term beginning Monday July 25.



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