



Kerikeri High School

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Tū mai tōku maunga ko Pōkākā
E rere atu nei te awa o Wairoa
Riporipo tau ana ki te awa o ngā Rangatira
Tiro kau atu ki te pā o Kororipo
Raro nei i te mana o ngā tupuna
Ko Hongi, ko Rewa, ko Tāreha
Te marae ko Te Pou o Manakō
Te kura ko Te Kerikeri
Tihewa mauri ora

Standing majestically is my mountain Pōkākā
Where the stream of Te Wairoa flows down
Entering into the river of chiefs
Swirling at the base of Kororipo Pā
The ancestral fortress of Ngāpuhi
Immortalised by Hongi, Rewa and Tāreha
Our marae is Te Pou o Manako
Embraced by the school of Te Kerikeri
Behold, the essential life force

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou

Our recent Senior Elite Prizegiving was an outstanding occasion for our school and for our Kerikeri community. The breadth and depth of student achievement across the Four Cornerstones is a great endorsement of the young people Kerikeri High School is helping grow and develop. I mentioned when I spoke at Prizegiving that the greatest influence on our students are the people at home; the guidance, values, support, and encouragement that families, whānau and caregivers provide sets our students up for success. Thank you again for all that you do for your children. Our staff are proud to work alongside you.

A special congratulations to Joe Howells who was awarded Dux of Kerikeri High School for 2023, and to Grace Calnan who was awarded Proxime Accessit. These two supreme and highly competitive awards were well deserved by Grace and Joe, and the recognition they each received from their peers and the audience was a very special moment for everyone.

NCEA Examinations are now well underway, and I know our students are working hard. For those students who need extra assistance there are a range of catchup and extra learning opportunities being offered by our staff throughout the examination period, and details of those are being shared with parents and whānau regularly.

I am pleased to share that we are currently working with the Ministry of Education on a Masterplan for our school, which involves big picture thinking about modernising our school property and making it fit for purpose for at least the next 20 years, as well as being able to accommodate our increasing roll as Kerikeri continues to grow. This work is exciting, welcome and a positive step forward, however it is also quite slow work, and developments will be incremental over several years. Our first major project involves removing the Mathematics Prefabs beside the Gymnasium and replacing them with a fit for purpose, modern building.

A lot of consultation and collaboration will be involved in the Masterplanning process, and we will keep our community informed about progress and developments.

We have had feedback from parents and staff about our school uniform, in particular the ever-shortening lengths of girls' skirts. From the beginning of Term One next year, we expect that all girls who choose to wear a skirt will wear it at our specified length, which will be just above the knee. If your daughter rolls her skirt up at the top or has hemmed the bottom of it to make it shorter, we ask that you please support us by ensuring it is readjusted to an appropriate length.

We are adding some additional items to our school uniform for next year, including a school beanie, a school scarf and school caps and bucket hats. We will continue to allow students to wear caps of their choice, but the only style of beanie, scarf and bucket hat that will be allowed will be our school uniform items.

We are also working hard towards providing a blue crew-neck school sweatshirt, and a new and improved school jacket is also being developed. We will be expecting all

students to start 2024 with full and correct school uniform, including correct footwear. If there are reasons why this is not possible, please reach out to your child's Year Level Dean in confidence and we can assist.

Finally, while timetabled lessons have concluded for our Year 11, 12 and 13 students, the school is still busy and students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 remain actively engaged in their lessons. We expect that all students are attending school every day, and we encourage you to make sure your child is here right through until their final day of school at the end of Term 4.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Mike Clent



Principal

Student Achievements

Congratulations to our Head Boy **Joe Howells**, who was awarded our most elite prize, Dux of Kerikeri High School, and to **Grace Calnan** who was awarded the prestigious Proxime Accessit prize at our Senior Prizegiving. These were well deserved and well received awards, recognising outstanding elite achievement across the Four Cornerstones over many years.



Congratulations to **Kosta Silich** (Year 11) who was elected by Year 9 – Year 12 students as the new Student Trustee on our Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to all the YES students who have worked hard throughout the year to successfully run their businesses and complete the YES challenges. At the Young Enterprise Regional Awards **Ella Parker** (Year 13) (Sail Inc) received four awards for Excellence in Business Management; Sales, Marketing and Communication; Financial Management; and the prestigious Frank Leadley Award, Enterprise Champion. **Ella Parker** was announced as the regional winner of YES Company of the Year and will travel to the national awards in Wellington to compete for the national title. **Te Ururoa Snowden** (Year 13) (Mapi Rongoa) received two awards for Financial Management and Excellence in Rangatahi Māori business. **Te Ururoa Snowden** was also announced as the recipient of a national

excellence award which he will receive at the national awards ceremony in Wellington in December. **Ngapuhi Kraus** (Year 13) and **Niveka Rhodes** (Year 13) (Him Her Skyn) won the award for innovation and potential growth.



Congratulations to **Jake Couling** (Year 13) and **Bailey Edwards** (Year 11) who were presented with the two elite sporting awards at the Senior Prizegiving: Simon Boss Memorial Cup for Senior Boys and the Lawrie Kendall Memorial Cup for Senior Girls Overall Sporting Excellence.



They are awarded annually to our most elite male and female athletes, considering a wide range of factors including their level of attainment, the breadth of their sporting participation, their

assistance to others and their leadership. They must also consistently exemplify good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to **Joe Howells** (Year 13) whose Spanish story titled "El día que llegó la muerte" won the Massey University Certamen Literario competition for secondary students.



Senior Elite Prizegiving

Thank you to the parents and whānau who supported their Year 11 – 13 students at our Elite Prizegiving where students were recognised for their outstanding academic, sporting, cultural and leadership achievements.

The programme listing all the recipients can be viewed here [Elite Prizegiving Programme 2023](#)

Armistice Day Service

Students from Kerikeri High School and Springbank School conducted the Armistice Day commemoration service, held last Saturday at the Memorial Wall on the Kerikeri Domain. Our Head Girl, **Ella Parker**, and Head Boy, **Joe Howells**, were the MCs for the service, during which a wreath was laid on behalf of the school.

An Historic Moment for Kerikeri High School and Ngāti Rēhia

On Wednesday 15 November Ngāti Rēhia and the Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees came together at Whitiara Marae with school staff, whānau, our roopu, Te Pou o Manakō and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia. The occasion was to acknowledge and celebrate the Associate Minister of Education's approval of the creation of a permanent seat for Ngāti Rēhia on the Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees. This has been a

long time coming, and our Board and our hapū have worked hard to bring this agreement to fruition.

Having our hapū at the table is a great step forward for our school and for our Kerikeri community and it rightly recognises the special place Ngāti Rēhia have as haukāinga. Our Board and our school are proud to listen and be guided by, and walk alongside and support, our mana whenua.



School Progress Reports

Week 6 Progress Reports for students in Years 7 – 10 are scheduled to be sent shortly. These will be sent from noreply@kerikerihigh.ac.nz. Please check all your folders, including Junk for this school communication. If you have not received a Report by mid-way through next week, please feel free to Phone Reception 09 407 8916, or email enrol@kerikerihigh.ac.nz with your correct email address. We will investigate and get a copy of the Report to you.

Government's School Donation Scheme

The Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees has again opted into the Ministry of Education's School Donations Scheme.

Year Level Prizegivings

We have pleasure in inviting parents, whānau and caregivers of Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students to attend the Year Level Prizegiving ceremonies at which

WAKA Awards, Academic Excellence and other Special Awards will be presented.

Year 7 Wednesday 13 December 12.00pm

Year 8 Tuesday 12 December 12.00pm

Year 9 Wednesday 13 December 10.00am

Year 10 Tuesday 12 December 10.00am

Upcoming Dates

NZQA Examinations 6 – 30 November

Year 9 & 10 Examinations 16 – 21 November

Year 13 Graduation Dinner – 29 November

Year 8 & Year 10 Prizegiving – 12 December

Year 7 & Year 9 Prizegiving – 13 December

International Student Host Families

Thank you to all our existing host families and thank you to the families who will be hosting an International Student next year.

If you are interested in becoming a host family and join our fun and caring host family community, please contact us.

International Students are happy to share their culture with your family. Lifelong friendships are made with students and their families from all over the world.

International students that are attracted to Kerikeri are like us; active, busy and enjoy an outdoor lifestyle.

Remuneration is provided and all applicants are Police vetted.

If you would like to receive more information, please contact our **International Department on 09 407 0163 or email accommodation@kerikerihigh.ac.nz**

You can view our International Department promotion here <https://youtu.be/KkwXbngWvNY>

Prizegiving Sponsors

Kerikeri High School would like to thank the following people and local businesses who have kindly given monetary donations or products to our Prizegiving which recognises our high achieving students.

Armstrong Lawn Care, Attest Investment Trust, Baigents OPD, Bunnings, Carpets on Cobham Ltd, Clarks Coachlines, Donaldson's Surveyors, Gordon Harris, Haigh Workman, House of Fundraising, Kainui Pack & Cool Ltd, Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees, Kerikeri High School PTA, Law North Ltd, Mrs N Graveson, Mrs Shirley Tubbs, Northland Cleaning Supplies, PKF Francis Aickin Limited, PhotoLife Studios, Precision Badges, Rotary Club of Kerikeri, SAS Sport The Uniform Shoppe, Thomson Survey, Top Energy Ltd

Thank you to Baker Boys Nursery for kindly loaning plants for the Prizegiving event.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Thursday 30 November, in the Boardroom.

Caltex Kerikeri StarCash

We would like to acknowledge The New Zealand Sport Collective and Caltex Kerikeri for their new partnership which has generously provided \$1,000 for our school to use to support students' sports travel.

