



# Kerikeri High School

Kerikeri, Bay of Islands  
New Zealand

# NEWSLETTER

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Mental Health Foundation  
mauri tu, mauri ora



See someone being bullied?  
Be an Upstander, not a  
bystander. Call it out.  
Stand with them. Get help.

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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  
Tīhewa 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 lockdown last week was an unsettling occasion for everyone in our school community, but also a strong endorsement of our Health and Safety planning and procedures.

As most are now aware, before school began one of our students was seen by a member of the public in a local supermarket carpark with what, unbeknown to them at the time, was a toy gun. Fearing the worst they understandably rang the Police with concern. The Police subsequently advised us to go into lockdown, which lasted for about 15 minutes. During this time the student concerned was located and the 'all clear' was quickly given.

I want to thank our students and staff for the calm and sensible way in which they responded to the lockdown. Difficult situations like this unfold unexpectedly and quickly and usually we have no opportunity in the moment to explain what is happening or why. Despite this, staff and students were calm, settled, and responded rapidly and appropriately. Ngā mihi nui and kia kaha Kerikeri High School.

I also want to acknowledge how unsettling these situations may be for parents and whānau. Again, faced with a lack of detail, it is understandable that there will be concern for the safety of our children. Please be always assured that your children are in the care of their teachers who are aware of our procedures and processes, and who will be doing their very best to keep everyone safe and settled.

Our school app is the best way to receive real time updates in the rare instance that something like this occurs. There is information further on in this newsletter about how to sign up for our school app, and if you haven't already, I strongly encourage you to download it on your phone.

We also email out information in these circumstances, however we are aware that our School Management System takes up to 20 minutes to send bulk emails across the school community. We are in discussions with our vendor about needing this improved.

It is also timely to remind everyone about the risks associated with bringing unnecessary items, which may be construed as dangerous, to school. There is no need or use for BB Guns and toy guns to come to school. Likewise, knives should not be part of student lunchboxes or at school.

Two final comments regarding school lockdowns. Firstly, when a school is in lockdown, we cannot allow parents and whānau into the school until the 'all clear' has been given by the police. Secondly, in these sorts of situations, and others, social media should not be your source of truth; it is seldom accurate and often poorly informed.

Moving forward, you will see from this newsletter that school is extremely busy, and our students are well engaged in all aspects of the Four Cornerstones. As always, there is much to celebrate and acknowledge.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Mike Clent, Principal



## Student Achievements

The Regional Secondary School Auctioneering competition was held at Kerikeri High School last week. Representing our school were **Ciara Andrews** (Year 13), **Mia Brown** (Year 12), **Solomon Dickey** (Year 12), **Charlie Klinac** (Year 13), **Braeden Leung** (Year 13) and **Kosta Silich** (Year 12). All of our students performed outstandingly, balancing humour, mathematics, stagemanship and legal work, with superb professionalism. **Ciara Andrews** won the competition, winning the \$1,000 prize from Barfoot and Thompson, and **Solomon Dickey** was placed third. Students will now compete in the National REINZ Competition in Auckland, held later this month.



Congratulations to **Ella Wade** (Year 12) who attended the New Zealand Schools' Debating Championships in Wellington as the Northland Reserve. However, due to illness of a team member she was chosen to speak - a fantastic credit to the hard work she has put in this year.

Congratulations and ngā mihi to **Hunter McInnes** (Year 11) who played bagpipes at the Anzac Day Dawn Service, leading the parade in and piping a lament.

Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the School Cross Country competition this week.

Year 7

Girls - 1st **Skylar Wood**, 2nd **Indie Lee**, 3rd **Peyton Manning**

Boys - 1st **Rasmus Birt**, 2nd **Ollie Crabb**, 3rd **Charlie Wyatt**

Year 8

Girls - 1st **Bayley Wood**, 2nd **Coralie Byworth**, 3rd **Mila Spitters**

Boys - 1st **Sam Jahnke**, 2nd **Elliot Lane**, 3rd **Levi Strachan**

Year 9

Girls - 1st **Amalfi Robinson**, 2nd **Tara Perry**, 3rd **Livia Lane**

Boys - 1st **Liam Houlton**, 2nd **Hemirua Pere-Epiha-Henderson**, 3rd **Charlie Read**

Year 10

Girls - 1st **Kate Graham**, 2nd **Indea Ralph**, 3rd **Eva Steenkamp**

Boys - 1st **Charlie Birt**, 2nd **Isaac Sharp**, 3rd **Charlie Rowe**

Year 11

Girls - 1st **Kaia Derbyshire**, 2nd **Lilly Hulse**, 3rd **Molly Para**

Boys - 1st **Dillan Blithe-Drake**, 2nd **Finn Brewer**, 3rd **Bosco Robinson**

Year 12

Girls - 1st **Lilli-Rose Voakes**, 2nd **Hayley Bloch-Jorgensen**, 3rd **Mia Brown**

Boys - 1st **Benji Ellicott**, 2nd **Ben Jump**, 3<sup>rd</sup> = **Ben Burgess** and **Rongoa Mata-Ariki**

## Year 13

Girls - 1st **Jess Jack**, 2nd **Izzy Robinson**, 3rd **Swaantje Van Gellekom**

Boys - 1st **Oliver Horsfield**, 2nd **Ahi Fowler-Bayer**, 3rd **Gulshan Yadav**



## Staff Achievements

Congratulations to **Ms Erica Collins**, Assistant Principal, who graduated recently with a Master's of Arts – Distinction in Psychology. This involved two years of part-time study, and then one year of full-time study writing her 42,000 word thesis.



## KERI Reading

Tuesday 7 May marked the 23rd year of KERI Reading with a formal and fun event to match up 56 trained Year 13 Tutors and their KERI Readers. The KERI in KERI Reading stands for Kiwis Enjoying Reading Interaction. The aim of this programme is for Year 7 students to have an enjoyable, shared reading experience with Year 13 students, to encourage our Year 7 students to read more. This programme was developed in 2001 by a group of Kerikeri High School students as a Community Problem Solving project and went on to win National and International awards. It has remained very successful in our school for both the Year 13s and the Year 7s.

Year 13 students volunteer to be KERI Reading Tutors and to work with a Year 7 student in Terms 2 and 3 for one of their study periods each week. This year 56 Year 13 students have volunteered to be tutors and work with Year 7 students, and we thank them for their commitment and service.

## Work Day

The Kerikeri High School Parent Teacher Association's major annual fundraising activity, Work Day, was held on Friday 10 May.

Congratulations to **8IRN** which was the Form Class that returned the highest amount on a percentage basis, winning them the Best Class prize for Work Day. Other Work Day prizes go to **7DUN** and **11WIL** who were the first Junior and Senior Form Classes to return all their money. A special prize goes to **13WLS** for being the Form Class where every student returned their Work Day money.

The total raised this year is \$21,920.00.

The Student Council decides how funds raised by the PTA will be spent.

The support of our students, and those who hosted students for their Workday experience is greatly appreciated.

## Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day was organised by our Student WAKA group. They organised a bake sale, sausage sizzle and lucky dip. A total of \$1974.00 was raised for the New Zealand Mental Health



Foundation. A big thanks to **Countdown** and **Churchills Fine Meats & Deli** for generously donating goods for the sausage sizzle.



## Careers Roadshow

We had another very successful Far North Careers Roadshow here at Kerikeri High School last week. Our Year 9 to 13 students had the opportunity to speak with the diverse range of nearly 30 providers. Volunteer agencies, defence forces, employers, industry training organisations, private training organisations, polytechnics and universities were represented at the Roadshow.

## Year 13 University Trip

Last week 27 Year 13 students were accompanied by our Careers Advisor **Mrs Eileen Crawford**, and Year 13 Dean **Mrs Jessica Lowe**, to the University of Auckland, AUT, Massey University Campuses and the Waikato University Open Day. Our students visited the campuses, looking at the courses on offer at each location and touring through the accommodation halls.

## Transition to Tertiary Whānau Evening

Tuesday 25th June  
6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Auditorium

We would like to invite interested parents and whānau and your child to our annual Transition to Tertiary Whānau Evening where Mrs Eileen Crawford (Careers Advisor) will discuss applying for University, Polytech and Private Training Establishments, applying for accommodation, Student Allowances, Student Loans and Scholarships.

This will be followed by a 'Question and Answer session', and then a cup of tea where we can discuss things more informally. If your child is intending to study at a Tertiary Institution in 2025, then this would be beneficial to both you and your child.

## MUNA – The Model United Nations

The two-day Rotary Model United Nations event was held in Auckland at Rosmini College last week. The event involved 300 Year 12 and 13 students from Northland and Auckland secondary schools. They represented nations that are part of the UN. Students embodied their nation's views and perspectives on current world issues. They took part in Bloc meetings to discuss issues that were important to each of the regions, presenting speeches on two of the four different remits on current world issues, voted on whether remits were to be passed or not, and lobbied for support of remits. Our students were fantastic representatives of their given countries and did Kerikeri High School proud with their professionalism, manner and humour. **Ms Dana Boisen** and **Mrs Kate Montgomerie** accompanied our 12 students. Representing China were **Kosta Silich** (Year 12), **Solomon Dickey** (Year 12) and **Jack Laird** (Year 12). Representing Kenya were **Annaliese Brewer** (Year 12), **Michelle Horsfall** (Year 12) and **Mia Brown** (Year 12). Representing Venezuela were **Freya Holland** (Year 13), **Sophie Ludbrook** (Year 13) and **Lilli-Rose Voakes** (Year 12).

Congratulations to **Annaliese Brewer** (Year 12) who was judged the most engaging speaker of the event.



Year 9 - Online Friendships, Safety and Citizenship

Helped young people reflect on how technology influences their lives. The presentation encouraged them to become positive cyber citizens and to seek a healthy balance between the online and offline worlds. Text bullying, online addiction and cyber safety were covered.

Year 10 - Drugs, Alcohol, and Peer Pressure

Attitude addressed the issues that cause people to make poor decisions, and gave ideas on how to assess risks, make better decisions, deal with peer pressure, and overcome addictions.

Year 11 - Choices, Resilience, and Self-esteem

This presentation offered practical advice on how to get through the hard chapters of life and delivered the 'life messages' teenagers need to grow mental and emotional resilience. It covered the importance of making positive decisions, and how to build the four cornerstones of a meaningful life.

Year 12 - Building and Maintaining Healthy Relationships

This was a guide to building and maintaining healthy relationships, offering ideas on dealing with peer pressure and coping with break-ups.

Year 13 - Mental Wellbeing

This was a basic overview of how the brain works and a survival kit for handling stress, depression, and the tough times in life. This presentation aimed to normalise common mental health issues and give practical solutions of how to get help.

## Junior SAVE Group

Students from the Junior SAVE group went with **Miss Kate Crawford** to Rolands Wood in Week 3 to weed, plant and remove Moth Plants from the area.



## Attitude Day

Attitude is a team of talented communicators who are passionate about the wellbeing of young people. Since the mid-1990s Attitude presenters have been informing, inspiring and entertaining students across New Zealand.

Last week the Attitude team gave the following presentations to our Year 9 – 13 students.



They collected 69 Moth Plant roots and 7 pods from the area, saving many trees from strangulation. A big thanks to these students for their mahi!

Kerikeri High School continued our mahi alongside 'The Friends of the Wairoa Stream'. As well as planting native trees, it is important that we clear invasive weeds to give young saplings a chance to grow tall enough to shade them out. This group of Year 7's from the SAVE rōopu, along with **Mrs Sarah Davis**, rescued over 120 trees in two hours whilst learning about different native species and the invasive weeds that threaten them.



Last month a group of Junior SAVE students accompanied by **Mr Andy Willis** and **Ms Mo Fitzpatrick**, had the opportunity to go sailing in the Bay of Islands on the yacht Carino with staff from the Carino Marine Education Trust. It was a beautiful day and the students participated in a range of environmental and scientific activities. They used binoculars to spot wildlife, did a plankton trawl, viewed microorganisms under the microscope, learned about plastic in the ocean and created a dolphin awareness poster. After lunch and a swim at Pareanui Bay the students hoisted the sails for the return to Paihia.



## Auckland Writers' Festival

This year, two busloads of Kerikeri High School students accompanied by **Mrs Julia Smith**, **Mrs Miriam Collins** and **Ms Mo Fitzpatrick**, travelled to Auckland to attend the Writers' Festival. This event was an amazing opportunity for our students to meet national and international authors and poets, and to inspire their love of reading and writing.



## School App

We use our School App to get urgent messages out to you all in real time and so we strongly encourage you to download it and set it up to notify you when we post to it.

Download our App from the Playstore on Android or the App Store on Apple. Search for School Apps New Zealand and once you have downloaded it you add Kerikeri High School as your school.

From the front page there are several useful links including Absentees, Daily Notices, the School Calendar, and the App pushes out Alerts to you.

If you have the School App you can use the Absentee button to send an absence notification. It gives you the option of either calling Reception or emailing. If you use the email option, the details of your child's absence will go directly to our Attendance staff.



**Download the Kerikeri High School App**

Our School app is an essential communication tool to stay in touch.

- Send absentee notifications
- Find the Daily Notices and school newsletters
- Use our Helpful links
- Receive important alerts - ensure notifications are enabled

Available through the Apple App Store, or the Google Play Store - search for School Apps NZ and select Kerikeri High School.

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## Senior Ball 2024

Our Senior Ball will be held on Saturday 27 July here at school. Tickets are on sale now for Year 13 students and will be on sale for Year 11 and 12 students from Monday 17 June. The cost is \$70.00 and ticket sales will close on Thursday 27 June. Payment for Ball tickets can be made by internet banking. The school banking details are as follows: 12-3091-0120756-00

Please put your student's name and BALL as Reference.

Our Ball is one of the highlights of the school year and we are looking forward to another wonderful evening. Unlimited photographs of the event are available as part of the ticket price.

The Ball Committee is made up of a dedicated group of Year 12s and Year 13s and they are working incredibly hard to make this event special.

Students attending the Ball will receive further information in the first week of Term 3.

## Senior Ball – PTA Request

As always, the PTA will be preparing and serving the delicious supper to our students who attend our Senior Ball. It is a very special night for our students, and we like to make the supper as fabulous as possible. Donations of home baking that we receive from our school community are much appreciated and play an integral part of our

overall supper. We would love items such as brownie, slices, truffles, coconut ice or anything sweet and bite-sized and we can happily supply you a recipe if needed. Baking can be dropped at the School Reception on the afternoon of Friday 26 July or at the Library from 3.00pm on Saturday 17 July.

If you have any queries at all, please email [ptasec@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:ptasec@kerikerihigh.ac.nz)

And a huge thank you in advance for all your support.



## New School Van

Thanks to a significant grant from Pub Charity Limited, we have been able to purchase a new school van. The oldest van in our fleet has served us well for a long time but has been showing signs of wear and tear, and so we are thrilled to be able to replace it with a brand-new vehicle which will carry our students in safety and comfort.





## Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 19 June, in the Boardroom.

## Upcoming Dates

Kerikeri High School Mathex – 18 June  
Board of Trustees Meeting – 19 June  
Transition to Tertiary Evening – 25 June  
Year 11 Drama Performances – 2 and 3 July  
Term 2 Ends – 5 July  
Term 3 Begins – 22 July  
Parent and Whānau Feedback Evening – 23 July  
Senior Ball – 27 July  
Parent and Whānau Feedback Evening – 31 July  
Parent and Whānau Feedback Evening – 8 August  
Options Evening – 13 August  
Mid-term Break - 23 August  
Out-of-Zone Applications Close – 4 September  
Out-of-Zone Ballot – 11 September  
Kerikeri High School 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – 14 September  
New Parents & Whānau Evening – 26 September

## School Uniform Shoppe

Please note this is a further update to the Uniform Shoppe hours, which will take effect next week.

**KERIKERI UNIFORM SHOPPE**

# STORE HOURS

**MONDAY: 12.00PM - 4.00PM**

**WEDNESDAY: 2.00PM - 5.30PM**

**SATURDAY: 9.00AM - 12.00PM**

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## Kerikeri High School 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

With 50 years of history and heritage, and many whānau with generations who have passed through the doors of Kerikeri High School, there is a lot to celebrate and remember. We warmly encourage all former students and staff to gather, catch up and reconnect with old friends, share stories, and celebrate 50 years of Kerikeri High School with us on Saturday 14 September 2024.

Tickets are on sale now and are available from Kerikeri High School Reception or from [50th Jubilee Tickets](#)







Kerikeri High School



# Kerikeri High School 50th Jubilee Celebration

**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**

**1:30 pm - Kerikeri High School Tour**

*Catch-up with old classmates or colleagues  
Tour Kerikeri High School and see what has changed*

**7:00 pm - Evening Celebration**

*Kerikeri Rugby Club, Heritage Bypass, Kerikeri  
Mix and mingle, reconnect and reminisce with old friends or colleagues*

**Tickets: \$50**

*Finger Food and Grazing Tables*

*Cash Bar Available*

*Live Band: Jam Sandwich*

*Tickets available from Kerikeri High School reception  
or email [jubilee@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:jubilee@kerikerihigh.ac.nz) for more information*

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