

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

The positive and bright start for Term 3 has been overshadowed by the very sad passing of one of our Kerikeri High School staff members, and former student, Mrs Rachel Cameron. Rachel's brave health battle came to an end on Wednesday last week, and our school whānau is mourning. Our thoughts and aroha are with the Cameron, Armstrong, Webb and Kingi whānau, and everyone in the wider community who has been affected by this sad news.

Moe mai rā e Rachel

Hoki atu koe ki nga matua tupuna kua wehe

Haere, haere, hoki atu

Our School Ball was held at the end of the first week of Term and it was fantastic night; themed as Narnia (photos on cover and video link in Newsletter), and an outstanding success once again. Our wider school community comes together to provide this opportunity for our students in a range of ways, from helping with hair, nails and makeup, ball gowns and suits, hosting alcohol free pre-Balls and the opportunities to take those special group and family photos, dropping students off in style in a range of vehicles, and assisting our outstanding PTA with the incredible supper. Our students were outstanding throughout the evening, enjoying a great night, and acting respectfully and appropriately. I was so impressed, and our staff greatly appreciated the genuine thanks so many students gave us as they left the Auditorium.

I want to make a special mention and thanks to our Year 13 Dean **Mrs Jessica Lowe** and our Assistant Principal **Miss Dana Boisen** who led the Ball Committee in planning, organising and setting up the Ball. They were supported by a number of staff members, including Year 11 Dean **Mr Paul Boardman**, and Year 12 Dean **Mrs Roz Clent**, and a dedicated and very hard-working group of Year 12 and 13 students on the Ball Committee. The work that went in over the school holiday break to set the Ball up was extensive.

I want to also acknowledge the PTA and make special mention of long serving members **Mrs Karen Grenside** and **Mrs Shelley Ellicott** who have given years of service to the PTA and the Ball supper organisation. Thank you, Karen and Shelly, for all you have done for Kerikeri High School. And ngā mihi nui to everyone for all the mahi that went in to make the Ball so special.

When I initially prepared my comments for this Newsletter the situation with staff sickness and illness was not as significant as it has subsequently become. Rostering students home this week is the last thing I wanted to be doing, however the levels of staff absence due to sickness, and the variable availability of our dedicated Relief Teachers has meant we are operating beyond capacity to keep all our classes running. My hope is that the rostering home will be a circuit breaker that gives us some breathing space. I want to acknowledge how hard our teachers are working and thank them for stepping in to cover for absent colleagues so often.

We have deliberately not rostered home our Year 7 and 8 students as we are aware of the impact their supervision would have on parents' work commitments; we have also avoided rostering home Year 11, who have a heavy assessment schedule currently in the new Level One NCEA environment.

Thank you everyone for your understanding, this is a difficult situation to navigate, and we hope that we can return to business as usual very quickly.

Ngā mihi nui



Mike Clent  
**Principal**

## Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the first Kerikeri High School Science Fiction Writing Competition:

Year 7 and 8

1st **Dani Kirkby-McCloy** (Year 8)

Year 9 and 10

1st **Finn Hofer** (Year 9)

2nd **Indea Ralph** (Year 10)

3rd **Lucia Skellon** (Year 9)

Seniors

1st **Craig Wilson** (Year 11)

2nd **Tyler Keehn** (Year 11)

3rd **Alexandra McDonald** (Year 11)

Congratulations to **Ciara Andrews** (Year 13), **Charlie Klinac** (Year 13) and **Kosta Silich** (Year 12) who represented Kerikeri High School at The National Secondary School Auctioneering competition held at the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand in Auckland, with **Kosta Silich** winning the national title.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for Northland Representative Rugby teams:

U18 Boys – **Kai Aihara** (Year 13), **Ezekiel Going** (Year 13), **Rongoa Mata-Ariki** (Year 12), **Nathaniel Niuloa** (Year 13) and **Harper Wallace** (Year 13).

U18 Girls - **Lucy Clent** (Year 13), **Abby McNulty** (Year 13), **Hinemoa Messent** (Year 12), **Alexis Moyle** (Year 13), **Aprilis Pailegututu** (Year 12) and **Winter Whiu** (Year 12).

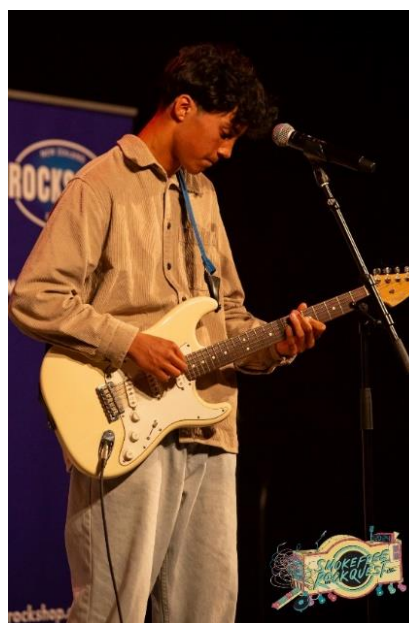
U17 Boys (Vikings) – **Mitchell Hayes** (Year 13), **Hunter Kay** (Year 12) and **Charlie Klinac** (Year 13).

U16 Girls – **Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi** (Year 12), **Suraya Kingi** (Year 10), **Eva Steenkamp** (Year 10) and **Phoebe Vreede** (Year 10).

Congratulations to Year 12 students **Freddy Jarman** and **Jack Laird** who entered an original song in the Play-it-Strange 'Peace Song' competition, called 'Talk is Cheap' referencing the Palestinian conflict. Out of hundreds of entries they placed in the top 6 and have earned an all-expenses-paid day in an Auckland recording studio

to capture their song for inclusion on the Play it Strange compilation album.

Congratulations to **Kosta Silich** (Year 12) who after being placed 2nd in the regional competition for Rockquest, was invited to submit a video of three original songs to the Rockquest judges panel for consideration to be included in the Top 30 National Acts (Bands and Solo/Duos). Kosta recorded and submitted three brand new songs and has been included in the Nationwide Top 30 Acts. It is Kerikeri High School's most successful result from a musical act.



Congratulations to the two teams from Kerikeri High School that competed in the Northland Chess Championships earlier this month, against 15 teams from across the region. The Senior Team comprised of **Charlie Klinac** (Year 13) (Captain), **Ashton Baker** (Year 12), **Dylan Duff** (Year 13), **Freddy Jarman** (Year 12) and **Blaine Kaihe** (Year 13) placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The Junior Chess Team made up of Year 9 students **Angus Henwood** (Captain), **Jack Mounter**, **Aaron Rutherford**, **James Stuart** and **Toby Sorensen** (Year 7) competed in the Senior Division and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations **Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi** (Year 12) and **Ikaroa Armstrong Kingi** (Year 10) who competed in the annual Ngā Manu Kōrero regional speech competition held at Northland College last week.

**Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi** spoke in the Korimako-Senior English section and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Kōrero Tene-Impromptu Speech, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Prepared Speech and 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall.



Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who represented Kerikeri High School at the Northland Mathex Competition and were placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the event.

Champions - **Jaxon Hendrikse**, **Finn Hofer**, **Swara Kharche** and **Finn Spitters**

Runners up - **Lily Horgan**, **Ezra McNaught**, **Jack Mounter** and **Tara Perry**.

Congratulations to Year 13 students **Ciara Andrews**, **Lucy Clent**, **Charlie Klinac**, **Braeden Leung** and **Hannah Whitehead**, who were successful in reaching the final of the Lions Ambassador Speech Competition, held in Ōkaihau this week. The finalists had to submit a written application, participate in a panel interview and then deliver a speech in front of Lions Club members and their families. **Ciara Andrews** placed

2<sup>nd</sup>, winning a \$300 scholarship and **Braeden Leung** placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, winning a \$200 scholarship.



Congratulations to Year 9 students **Indy Isherwood**, **Finn Hofer** and **Ethan Powrie** who won the Regional heat of the Year 9 Readers Cup competition. These students will be heading to the Nationals in Auckland later in the term.



Congratulations to the Clay Target team that competed in Dargaville last month. **Hadley Todd** (Year 11) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Single Rise. **Lincoln Talbot** (Year 12) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Single Barrel. **Jacob** (Year 10) competed in the shootout for Junior Boys Points score and came 4<sup>th</sup>. Our A Squad came 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of nine teams.



## Staff Achievements

Congratulations to our Principal, **Mr Mike Clent**, who has been awarded a Scholarship to attend the Harvard Principals' Centre Leadership Programme in Sydney in January 2025.

Congratulations to staff members **Whaea Tania Peters Hei-Hei** and **Matua Piripi Silich** who have respectively been appointed as Ngāti Rēhia Trustees on the Kerikeri Primary School and Riverview School Boards of Trustees.

A correction to the name of the award presented to **Mrs Helen Fitzsimmons**, Homestay Manager for our International Students, at the national SIEBA (Schools International Education Business Association) Conference. Helen's award was for Outstanding Service to Accommodation and Student Welfare.

## Staff Farewells

At the end of Term 3 we acknowledged and said farewell to three departing staff members. Mrs Carol Atkinson has retired from her position in the Guidance Department. Mrs Stacey Sturge was farewelled from the Hospitality Department and is taking a break from teaching to spend more time with her young family, and Mrs Charlotte Merrygold has taken a position teaching in Hamilton. We thank them for the service and commitment to our students, and we wish them all the very best for their new adventures.

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed Ms Komisi Bloomfield to the Guidance Department, Mr Jimmy Thomas to the Science Department, and we welcomed back Mr Noel McRae to the Hospitality Department.

## Matariki Staff Celebration

On Thursday 27 June we held our inaugural Matariki Staff Celebration; our Hospitality Department, led by Mr Neil Brazier provided an exquisite and outstanding menu of local delicacies for our staff to enjoy.

The food was prepared by Senior Hospitality students under Neil's guidance.

This was a fantastic opportunity not only to celebrate Matariki but also for our staff to come together informally and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and convivial setting as we came towards the end of a busy term.



## Year 12 OPC

In the last school holidays, a group of Year 12 students spent five days at the Hillary Outdoors Centre at National Park near Turangi. They were challenged with a variety of activities including high ropes, caving and kayaking in amazing clear water, all with the theme of building resilience. A highlight for the group was their overnight excursion up Mount Ruapehu, where they slept above the snowline and woke to a stunning sunrise.





## Premier Netball Team

As a fundraising event for our trip to compete in the UNISS Netball Tournament during Winter Tournament week, our Premier Netball team organised and ran a successful 2-day netball clinic during the school holidays. 35 Year 7 and 8 students took part. The clinic included skill development, drills, netball games, and team bonding.



## Senior Ball

The following link will take you to a video walkthrough of the amazing 'Narnia' setting for our [Senior Ball](#) showcasing the mahi and creativity of Mrs Jess Lowe and the staff and students who supported her in creating a very special night for our Senior students.

## eDNA Testing

A group of Kerikeri High School Year 13 students became forensic detectives earlier this year, sampling the Wairoa Stream and Kerikeri River for eDNA. Just like criminals leave DNA at the site of a crime, organisms living in or alongside the Wairoa Stream shed DNA into the waterway. The environmental DNA (eDNA) collected can be analysed and matched to a library of DNA to identify what organisms are present. Native species deemed to be at risk were detected including, kāeo (freshwater mussels), torrent fish and tuna (long finned eels). An invasive species, Gambusia (mosquito fish) was also detected. The students would like to thank Kerikeri Rotary members for helping fund several eDNA kits.



## Year 11 Life and Environment Science

Last month Life and Environment Science students worked with Rod Brown and Friends of the Wairoa Stream, helping to plant over 400 riparian plant species along the Te Tahawai Stream situated at the end of Mill Lane. The aim is to restore the mauri of this tributary of the Wairoa Stream. The students were accompanied by Environmental Engineer Jonathan Cousins from Vision Consulting Engineers and **Sunny Perry** (Year 13). The students received instruction on taking soil core samples and assisted in taking water samples of

both the Te Tahawai and Wairoa streams for sediment analysis back in the classroom. Students would like to thank Vision Consulting Engineers, Sunny Perry and Friends of the Wairoa stream for this learning opportunity.



## Year 13 Drama Performance

The Year 13 final drama performance is happening soon, and you do not want to miss it! Our talented Year 13 class have been working exceptionally hard to put on a spectacular show for the public. Heavenly Bodies is an adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet' with **Tiana Morris** as our lead girl Verona, and **Jamie Walker** as our lead guy Hugo.

The performance is happening at the Kerikeri High School Auditorium on Tuesday 20th August 7.00pm and Wednesday 21st August 7.00pm.

Tickets are available at the Kerikeri High School Reception from 12 August, \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

## Rostering Home

As explained in the email sent to families last week, our Rostering Home schedule for the week beginning Monday 12 August is:

Monday 12 August **Year 10** rostered home  
Tuesday 13 August **Year 12** rostered home  
Wednesday 14 August **Year 9** rostered home  
Thursday 15 August **Year 13** rostered home  
Friday 16 August – we will continue to monitor our staffing levels and reliever availability closely and if we need to roster students home on Friday we will advise our community of this at the earliest opportunity next week.

## Options Evening

We welcome parents and students of Years 8 – 12 to the Options Evening on Tuesday 13 August from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

There will be displays throughout the school where teaching staff will be available to provide information about their Department's options/subjects.

Maps of the school will be available from Reception on Options Evening.

Students are required to make their subject choices between Tuesday 13 August and Monday 26 August.

Option choices will be made online using a web page portal. Access to option choices will be available through a personal password, which will be sent to each student's school email address.

## NCEA Information Evening

NCEA or the National Certificate of Educational Achievement is the main qualification sat by secondary school students in New Zealand.

Join us in the Library on **Tuesday 13 August** at 7:00pm at the conclusion of the Options Evening for a presentation about how NCEA works, the recent changes, and what they mean for our students.

Presented by Daniel Wise, our NZQA Principal's Nominee, this will be of particular interest to Year 10 families who as Year 11 students in 2025 will be working towards NCEA Level 1.

## School Policies

All our school policies are publicly available and can be accessed here: [Kerikeri High School Policies](#)

Our Community Username is: kerikerihigh

And our Community Password is: waka

Topics that are being nationally reviewed in Term 3 are:

- Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Media
- Performance Management
- Professional Development
- Protected Disclosure
- Staff Conduct
- Staff Leave

SchoolDocs has recently reviewed and made changes to the following topics:

- Inclusive School Culture
- Bullying and Harassment
- Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Student Attendance

## Kerikeri High School 50th Jubilee

There are just 5 weeks until our celebration weekend marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Kerikeri High School. The Jubilee Reunion for former students and staff is on Saturday 14 September. Tickets are on sale now and are available from Kerikeri High School

Reception or online at [50th Jubilee Tickets](#)

No door sales will be available. Please purchase your tickets soon to help with catering organisation.

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.

## Mid-Term Break

Kerikeri High School will be closed for Mid-Term Break on Friday 23 August.

## Fern Fuel for Schools

We would like to thank the following members of the community who are supporting Kerikeri High School through the Fern Fuel for Schools initiative.

Baker Boys Wholesale Nurserymen Limited  
Bay of Islands Golf Club  
Brema Stock Ltd  
CR & SM Johnsen Trust  
Otaha Station

## Upcoming Dates

Options Evening – 13 August  
NCEA Information Evening – 13 August  
Mid-term Break - 23 August  
Out-of-Zone Applications – open very shortly, refer to our website to apply  
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  
Term 3 Ends – 27 September

## Te Whatu Ora Health Service – Student Details

We have been asked by the North Team from the Oral Health Service to provide the following details for our students. They have requested student names, DOB, year level, ethnicity, gender, and contact details.

The purpose of collecting this information is so they can check how many students are enrolled with the NDHB Dental Service and how many children are due to be seen by the School Dental Service.

**If you would like to opt out of sharing your child's details**, please email

[enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:enquiries@kerikerihigh.ac.nz) before Thursday 15 August.

## Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 11 September 2024, in the Boardroom.





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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