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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

This is our final Newsletter before the school holidays begin, and I want to take the opportunity to wish all our students and staff my best wishes for a safe and refreshing break. Term 3 has been extremely busy across the school with so many successful major events including the Senior Ball, Science Fair, Music and Drama performances, a large number of winter sports including Tournament Week and AIMS Games participation, trips to the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and on Steinlager 2 with The New Zealand Sailing Trust, various Drama and Musical productions and Performances, and Young Enterprise Scheme Market Days just to mention a few. And all of that before we consider the very busy learning that is happening in all our classrooms across the school.

For our Senior students Term 3 is always big. Teaching programmes inevitably head into their assessment phases, and workload pressure builds. And for the first time, this has extended into our Year 10 programmes with the introduction of the Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy.

Everyone is ready for the change of pace the holiday break provides. Hopefully there is time for students to reflect on where they are at so far this year, to have some down time to refresh, and then to refocus and come back into Term 4 with energy and commitment to reach their goals and achieve their very best.

I want to also acknowledge our hard-working staff. There is a huge amount of change happening in Education at the moment, and this has significantly increased workloads and expectations for teachers. Collectively we have done everything we can to keep ourselves up to date with the changes we face, and I acknowledge our teachers for their ongoing mahi and commitment to the students in their care. I know they are also ready for a change of pace and routine that the holiday break brings.

Looking ahead to Term 4, for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 there will only be three weeks of timetabled lessons before Senior Prizegiving on Friday 1 November; in fact, that means 13 school days of lessons, when Labour Weekend and the Prizegiving Ceremony are factored in. This break therefore is an important opportunity to not only refresh but to put some serious time into preparing for the very important NCEA external examinations. Time and preparation invested in study now will be invaluable as those examinations get closer.

Thank you also parents and whānau for your support and for everything you do to support your children, and to work with us. Together we are a great school community.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Mike Clent
Principal

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Solomon Dickey** (Year 12) who was elected by Year 9 – Year 13 students as the new Student Trustee on our Board of Trustees.

Earlier this term **Laine Tai** (Year 13) represented Kerikeri High School and Young Enterprise at the NZ Business Hall of Fame awards dinner in Auckland. Laine read the bio for Sir Ian Taylor who was inducted that evening.



Congratulations to **Hayley Bloch-Jorgenson** (Year 12) placed 3rd in the Level 2 category of the STANZA National Spanish Speech Competition with a speech in Spanish about a wall mural titled “Pedro Luján and his Dog” which previously could be found in the streets of Buenos Aires.

Congratulations to **Nixon Edwards** (Year 10), **Grace Gundry** (Year 12) and **Tommy Lodge** (Year 11) who have been selected to represent Northland at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Surfing competition in Dunedin in the second week of the October school holidays. They will be competing with nine other surfers from Northland in the icy Otago waters to see which New Zealand team will score the most points to win the New Zealand team’s title. Grace will be surfing in the Under 18 Girls category while Tommy and Nixon will be in the Under 16 Boys.

Tournament Week

In Week 7 we sent five school teams off around the North Island to represent Kerikeri High School at the annual Tournament Week competitions.

U15 Ruby Team competed in Whangarei and placed 3rd.

Football Boys First XI travelled to Napier and placed 5th.

Football Girls First XI competed in Auckland and placed 8th.

Mixed Hockey team travelled to Whakatane and placed 12th.

Premier Netball side competed in the highly competitive UNISS B Grade in Auckland and maintained their ranking in this division.

AIMS Games

In Week 8 we sent three school teams and three individual competitors to Tauranga to represent Kerikeri High School at the annual AIMS Games

This was the first year we have sent a Girls’ Football Team, which placed 23rd and the Boys’ football Team placed in 58th place.

Girls Netball team finished middle of the B Grade.

Our Recent School Lockdown

Unfortunately for the second time this year we were recently forced into a schoolwide lockdown. I have already shared details of what led to each of those situations, and I appreciate all the positive feedback we had regarding how we managed and communicated about those difficult moments. Thank you for your support.

In the rare times we face such circumstances, our processes include doing our very best to communicate with our school community as much as possible about what is going on. Initially we endeavour to notify parents and whānau via our school app, and via email. Often, we may not have sufficient information available to notify you with details, but you can be assured we will be doing everything to keep our students and staff safe.

We subsequently notify everyone as soon as possible when the lockdown is lifted, which typically requires Police advice to do so. Again, we may not be in a position to share details with you when we send that notification. We do and will continue to do our best to share with you as much detail as we can as soon as we can following any lockdown situation.

While a school is in lockdown, it is usually not possible to answer phones. Nor are we allowed to let anyone except Police come into the school. I want to thank our school community for responding so positively to our efforts to keep everyone safe two weeks ago. Our students responded calmly, swiftly and without fuss, and our staff were outstanding in gathering everyone up and looking after them. And we received a lot of very positive and grateful feedback from parents both for the process we followed and of the care we took.

Special acknowledgment of the staff members who put themselves in harm's way and talked down some very angry and aggressive young people.

Year 8 Dean

We would like to acknowledge **Miss Tara Penney** who has been acting Year Level Dean this term. Tara has done wonderful mahi throughout the term supporting our Year 8 students and their teachers. We welcome back Matua Jordan Westerlund who is resuming his role as Year 8 Dean for the remainder of the year.

Te wiki o te reo Māori



AKE AKE AKE
A FOREVER LANGUAGE
KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

During Week 9 our kura celebrated Te wiki o te reo Māori. Our Student WAKA Team planned daily activities to provide opportunities for everyone to use Te Reo Māori.

Rāhina/ Monday: Kī-o-rahi on the field
Rātū/ Tuesday: Poi making in the Library
Rāapa/ Wednesday: Kī-o-rahi on the field
Rāpare/ Thursday: Quiz in the Library

Kiwi Cup Tour

Thank you to sailing students **Lydia Burgess** (Year 9), **Liam Curtis** (Year 10), **William Edwards** (Year 11), **Sienna Orchiston** (Year 11) and **Kyle Munford** (Year 11) whose selection to represent Kerikeri Cruising Club in the inaugural Toyota Kiwi Cup Regatta in the school holidays, led to Kerikeri High School being one of only 10 schools across the motu to host the America's Cup tour.



It was very special to welcome the 'Kiwi Cup Tour' Team and the America's Cup to Kerikeri High School and for our students to have the opportunity to see up close this historic sporting trophy. Our school has a close association with the 'Cup' - we have three former students who are part Team New Zealand's sailing team who will be defending the Cup in Barcelona next month - Blair Tuke, Andy Maloney and Marius Van Der Pol, and other former students scattered across Cup teams and event organisation in various roles.

Children's Theatre Performance

Year 11 Drama and Year 12 Entertainment and Event Technology students welcomed the Kerikeri Kindergarten into the Drama studio to see devised Children's Theatre performances. These were based around the values of mahi tika or fairness and doing the right thing.



Senior Prizegiving

A reminder our Senior Elite Prizegiving is on Friday 1 November at 11:30am. We warmly invite all parents, whānau and friends of the school to join us as we celebrate the elite and outstanding achievements of our senior students in 2024.

Normal classes for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will not run on this day.

Upcoming Dates

- Term 3 Ends – 27 September
- Term 4 Starts – 14 October
- Enrolment Evening -17 October
- Labour Day – 28 October
- Senior Prizegiving – 1 November
- NCEA Exams – 5 - 29 November
- Year 9 and 10 Exams – 13 -19 November
- Teacher Only Day – 15 November
- Board Meeting – 23 October
- Graduation Dinner – 26 November
- Board Meeting – 27 November
- Year 10 and Year 8 Prizegiving – 11 December
- Year 9 and Year 7 Prizegiving -12 December

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 23 October, in the Boardroom.



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Tuckshops Annual Feedback Survey - 2024

If you haven't already done so, please complete our survey.

The Survey closes
3.00pm on 29 September.