



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

A very warm welcome back to everyone as we begin Term 4. This is a relatively short Term for our students in Years 11, 12 and 13, with our Elite Senior Prizegiving ceremony on Friday next week (1 November), and NCEA examinations beginning on Tuesday 5 November. Between now and then there is a lot of opportunity for students to be preparing and revising for those important examinations. In addition, we will be offering a number of short courses of teaching, followed by assessments, for students who need extra opportunities to gain the Achievement Standard credits they need to achieve at Levels One, Two or Three. There is more about information about our Short Course programme in this newsletter.

Our students in Years 9 and 10 will sit our internal school examinations in Weeks 5 and 6 of this term, 13 November – 19 November. They will not be on examination leave during this time. These examinations are important for our younger students. They are an opportunity for them to learn how to prepare and revise, and an opportunity to work out their most effective preparation strategies, as well as learning to manage the requirements of a written examination. We are urging all our students in Years 9 and 10 to take these examinations seriously and to put time and effort into their preparation.

We were thrilled and proud to award 35 senior students Elite Kerikeri High School Honours Awards across the Leadership with Service, Sporting and Cultural Cornerstones last week. The first criteria all senior elite achievers must meet is that they are good role models, and our recipients this year most certainly are. Their diverse and outstanding achievements were deserving of our acknowledgement, and the hard work, commitment and sacrifice that led to these accomplishments provide great examples for other students to emulate.

Our Elite Senior Prizegiving on Friday 1 November at 11.30am will once again be a highlight of the school year as we come together to acknowledge and celebrate the exceptional performance and achievement of so many of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students across the Four Cornerstones, and most especially the Academic Cornerstone. We extend a warm invitation to all parents, whānau, caregivers and friends of the School to this special occasion. Because Senior Prizegiving involves all our staff, normal classes will not run that day for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, and students in those year levels who come to school that day will be supervised by our relief teachers.

We are looking forward to working hard alongside all our students through the coming weeks of Term 4, and enjoying the extracurricular opportunities the improved weather affords our Junior students.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Mike Clent
Principal

Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Jessie Davis** (Year 11) and **Ko Te Temepara (Tiwai) Apiata** (Year 10) who competed at the **2024 IVF Va'a Waka Ama World Sprint Championships** in Hawaii during August with the following results:

J19 V12 500m – Silver
J16 V12 500m – Gold
J16 V6 1000m – Silver

Congratulations to **Jessie Davis** who placed 8th in the J16 World Elite Championship V1 500m race.

Congratulations to **Jessie Davis** and **Ko Te Temepara (Tiwai) Apiata** who competed at the 2024 Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals earlier this month with the following results:

Jessie Davis

J16 W6 8-10km – Gold
J19 W6 10-16km – Bronze
J16 W1 8-10km - 16th

Ko Te Temepara (Tiwai) Apiata

J16 W2 8-10km – Gold
J16 W6 Mixed 8-10km – Silver
J16 W1 8-10km - 18th



Congratulations to **Ko Te Temepara (Tiwai) Apiata** (Year 10) who has been selected for the U16 Volleyball Squad to represent Aotearoa Māori Poirewa in September 2025 to compete in the Asian National Qualifiers Tournament in Thailand.

Congratulations to **Charlie Birt** (Year 10) who has been selected to play in the NZSS U16 North Football Team against the NZSS South and NZSS Māori teams in January. From there a NZSS team will be selected.

Congratulations to the following students who have placed in the Term 3 Kerikeri High School Science Fiction Writing Competition:

Year 7 & 8

1st place: **Rosa Gregory** (Year 7)

Year 9 & 10:

1st place: **Indea Ralph** (Year 10)

2nd place: **Isobel Gurau** (Year 9)

Seniors:

1st place: **Skylar Langner** (Year 12)

2nd place: **Sarah Amacker** (Year 13)

3rd place: **Richard Norton** (Year 12)

Congratulations to **Ben Burges** (Year 12) who was placed as national finalist in the 'Life in Motion' section of the Stills Senior Photography competition. Ben is also the national winner of the 'Special Objects' Senior category. Ben takes away a FUJIFILM X-S20 + lens kit.

On Sunday 20th October, Kerikeri High School was proud to host the Te Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools Debating Championships. Kerikeri High School entered eight teams, which included students from Years 9 -13.

Congratulations to the following students. The winners of the Lucy Ellingham Tai Tokerau Trophy for 2024 were Year 12 students **Hayley Bloch-Jorgensen**, **Annaliese Brewer** and **Ella Wade**. Runners-up were **Nate Brewer** (Year 11) and **Hannah Whitehead** (Year 13).

Ella Wade (Year 12) was named Best Speaker of the Tournament.

Lilli-Rose Voakes (Year 12) was named as a Highly Commended Speaker and **Pieter Du Plooy** (Year 11) was named as a Promising Speaker.



Kerikeri High School Elite Honours Awards

Last week we presented Kerikeri High School Elite Honours Awards to students in our Celebration Assembly. Kerikeri High School Honours Awards recognise the 'best of the best' and are regarded as significant recognition of elite achievement and of the hard work, dedication, sacrifice and commitment required to reach these levels of attainment. Congratulations and well done to these recipients, who have been recognised across three of our four cornerstones; Cultural, Sporting and Leadership with Service.

Cultural

Ciara Andrews (Year 13), **Te Kauri Armstrong-Kingi** (Year 12), **Hayley Bloch-Jorgensen** (Year 12), **Kaea Hau** (Year 12), **Declan Matthews** (Year 13), **Layla Molloy** (Year 13), **Ātahikoia Smith** (Year 12), **Ella Wade** (Year 12)

Sporting

Kai Aihara (Year 13), **Sascha Bell** (Year 12), **Lucy Clent** (Year 13), **Kaia Derbyshire** (Year 11), **Ruby Donovan-Flynn** (Year 13), **Bailey Edwards** (Year 12), **Sailor Epiha** (Year 13), **Blake Farmiloe** (Year 12), **Keira Featherstone** (Year 11), **Ezekiel Going** (Year 13), **Grace Gundry** (Year 12), **Mitchell Hayes** (Year 13), **Tanuku Huirama-Moore** (Year 12), **Hunter Kay** (Year 12), **Charlie Klinac** (Year 13), **Tommy Lodge** (Year 11), **Finley McDonald** (Year 11), **Abby McNulty** (Year 13),

Nathaniel Niuloa (Year 13), **Aprilis Pailegututu** (Year 12), **Sunny Perry** (Year 13), **Izzy Robinson** (Year 13), **Michael Roessler** (Year 11), **Henry Rogers** (Year 12), **Lisa Schofield** (Year 11), **Lilli-Rose Voakes** (Year 12), **Harper Wallace** (Year 13)

Leadership With Service

Te Kauri Armstrong-Kingi (Year 12), **Kaea Hau** (Year 12), **Ātahikoia Smith** (Year 12)

Short Courses for Senior Students

From Monday 4 November, we will be providing a number of opportunities to support our senior students to succeed at NCEA Levels One, Two and Three.

Here is the link to the timetable for the [Short Course and Revision Workshops](#)

The timetable will be updated every few days and is posted under the 'What's Happening' tab on the Kerikeri High School website along with the timetable for Senior Examinations.

The aim of the Short Course is to teach relevant content and skills so that students can sit assessments that will help them towards their NCEA achievement. Attendance at all sessions of a Short Course is needed to be eligible for the assessment component. These are shown in red on the timetable, and Revision Workshops are shown in black.

If you have any questions regarding these opportunities, please contact Jane Jarman at JJarman@kerikerihigh.ac.nz

Te Pūherenga Hui at Whitiara Marae

Our local schools (Riverview School, Kerikeri Primary School, Bay of Islands International Academy, Harvest Christian School) have been working with Matua Kipa Munro and hapu members from Ngāti Rēhia to discuss how local history, te reo, tikanga and stories can be woven into school culture and curriculum. The working group, called 'Te Pūherenga' has been creating a range of teaching and learning resources for all kura, kaiako, ākonga, whānau and hapu.

We are holding a Kerikeri-wide whānau hui at Whitiara Marae at 5.30pm on Thursday 14 November. The kaupapa of this hui is to share the mahi from the Te Pūherenga initiative and also to have a kōrero with whānau to develop a shared vision for education in our community. Dr Lisa Watson (Ngāpuhi and Ngātiwai) from the University of Auckland and Mrs Jane Jarman, from Kerikeri High School will facilitate the hui.

Teacher Only Day

Friday 15 November is a Teacher Only Day, and we will not be open for supervision of students. Our staff will be involved in professional learning with time for them to collaborate and work intensively on the important changes coming to NCEA.

School Policies and Procedures

All our school policies and procedures are available for everyone in our school community to access. They can be found at <https://kerikerihigh.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Our Community Username is kerikerihigh and our Community Password is waka.

Topics for review in Term 4 are:
Managing Income and Expenditure
Financial Conflicts of Interest
School Donations and Student Activity Payments
Expenditure
Asset Management and Protection
Property Planning and Maintenance
Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

School Uniform Jackets

Previous style school uniform jackets can be purchased from School Reception for \$50.00 while stocks last.

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

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
International Leavers Graduation – 22 November
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 27 November, in the Boardroom.