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Kerikeri, Bay of Islands
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2025 Senior Elite Prizegiving

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 Manakō
Embraced by the school of Te Kerikeri
Behold, the essential life force

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou

Students in Years 11, 12, and 13 are now well into their NCEA examinations. It is encouraging to see so many of our senior students taking advantage of the extra revision opportunities offered across the school as part of their final preparations.

Our recent Senior Elite Prizegiving was a fantastic occasion for our school community, celebrating a diverse range of elite achievements across the Four Cornerstones. There were many special moments for our Year 13 students as their time with us draws to a close. The speeches from our Head Students, Solomon Dickey and Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi, were heartfelt and inspiring. The acknowledgements by Te Pou o Manakō and our wider audience for our award winners were powerful, and the haka performed by our Prefects for our Head Students - and later for our Proxime Accessit and Dux - were poignant.

Congratulations to all our award recipients, and especially to Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi and Kosta Silich, who were jointly awarded the PTA Prize for Proxime Accessit, and to Lilli-Rose Voakes, who received the Rotary Prize for Dux.

For our students in Years 7–10, there are still four important weeks of learning before the holiday break. Every day of attendance matters, and every hour of learning makes a difference. Next week, students in Years 9 and 10 will sit their end-of-year examinations. I encourage everyone to use their time wisely and revise thoroughly. Great revision is more than reading notes - it requires active engagement with content. Summarise concepts in your own words, teach others to reinforce your learning, and use retrieval techniques such as flashcards. Break study sessions into short intervals to improve retention, use visual tools like mind maps and diagrams to simplify complex ideas, and mix subjects during study sessions to ensure all areas are covered.

Finally, our Strategic Plan for the next three years has been completed and ratified by our Board of Trustees. It is available on our school website. As a school, we remain firmly and proudly committed to honouring our Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and ensuring all of our students can walk confidently and securely as New Zealanders in both Te Ao Māori and Te Ao Pākehā.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Mike Clent
Principal

Student Achievements

Congratulations to our Deputy Head Girl **Lilli-Rose Voakes,** who was awarded our most elite prize, the Rotary Prize for Dux of Kerikeri High School, and to our Head Girl **Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi** and Deputy Head Boy **Kosta Silich** who jointly were awarded the prestigious PTA Prize for Proxime Accessit at our Senior Prizegiving. These were well deserved and well received awards, recognising outstanding elite achievement across the Four Cornerstones over many years.

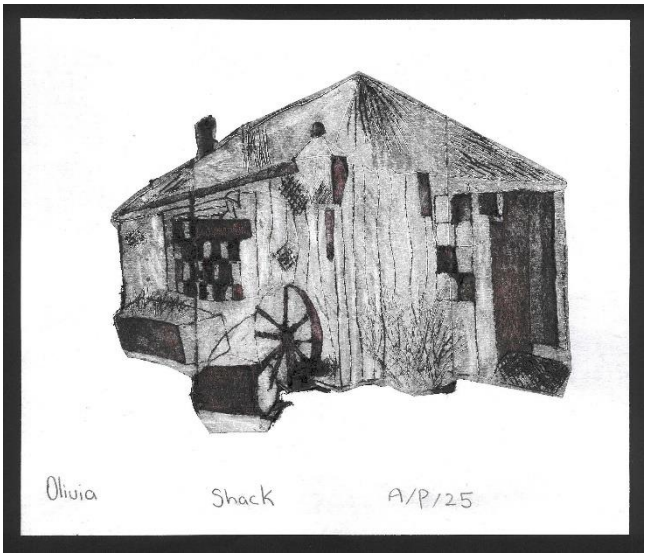
Congratulations to the Year 13 Kerikeri High School students who attended the 2025 YES Northland Regional Awards. The following business teams were in the top 8 in the region and were given the opportunity to pitch for the YES Northland Company of the Year - **Ben Burges** (Foto Lab), **Lucy Davidson** and **Casper Viding** (Tidy Trips) and **Kosta Silich** (Kosta Silich Music). On the night Kerikeri High School students took home four regional trophies. **Ben Burges** won the North Power Award for Excellence in Technology, **Lucy Davidson** and **Casper Viding** won the Deloitte Award for Excellence in Business Management, **Kosta Silich** won the Weaver Food Group Award for Sustainability and **Nikita Underwood** (The Calm Collective) won the YES Northland Award for Innovation and Growth Potential.

Congratulations to **Dillan Blithe-Drake** (Year 12) who received a Sporting Honours Award at the Celebration Assembly and whose name was mistakenly omitted from the list of Honours' Recipients in the last Newsletter.

Congratulations to **Hadley Browne** (Year 10), **Pheonix Dalton** (Year 9), **Emily Godwin** (Year 10), **Jack Mounter** (Year 10) and **Aaryan Puthran** (Year 10) who represented Kerikeri High School at the Spelling Bee Regionals in Whangārei.

Congratulations to the following Kerikeri High School students who were placed in the recent Waimate North Show Art Competition.

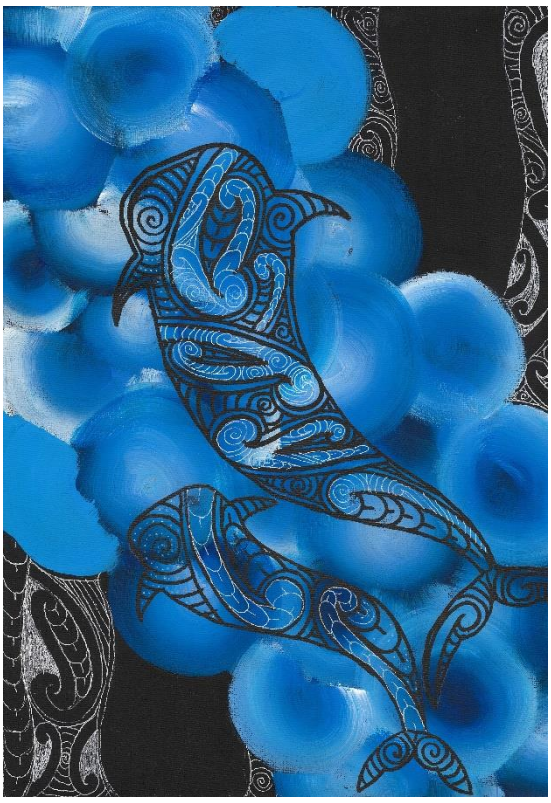
1st in Print - **Olivia Brownie** (Year 9)



2nd in Print - **Ava Wylie** (Year 10)

3rd in Print - **Taj-Mia Kingi** (Year 9)

1st in Māori Artwork - **Paige Ashby-Tane** (Year 11)



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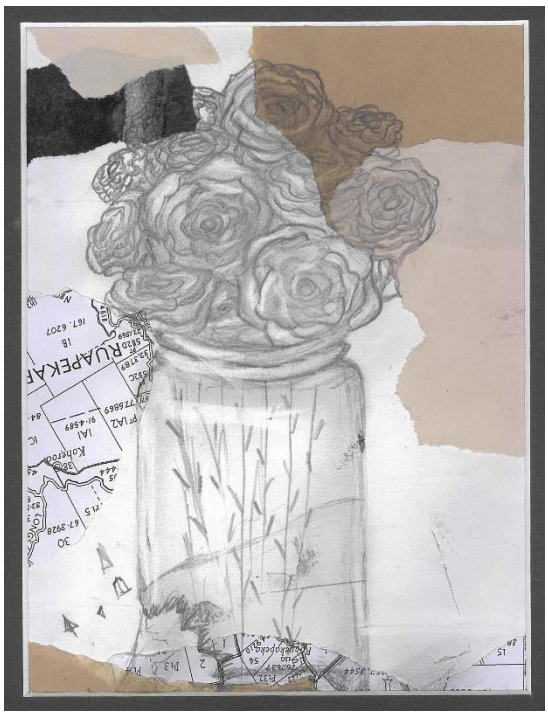
3rd in Mixed Media - **Hannah Williams** (Year 9)



Sporting Roundup

Year 8
Harlow Vlaardingerbroeks has been selected for the Te Tai Tokerau U14 Girls Touch Squad for the 2025/2026 representative season.

Year 9
Cassidy Mangi-Kahle has been selected for the Te Tai Tokerau U14 Boys Touch Squad for the 2025/2026 representative season.

Year 10
Tara Perry has been selected to play in the Northland Districts U16 and Northland District U19 Emerging Rangatahi Cricket Teams and the Northland IPC Beach Volleyball Team.

Grace Steenkamp has been selected to play in the Northland IPC Beach Volleyball Team.

Year 11
Charlie Birt has been selected for the Napier U19 Football Squad.

Eva Steenkamp has been selected for the Te Tai Tokerau U18 Girls Touch Team.

Year 12
Kaavin Kapua, **Phoenix Matthews** and **Waina Te Pouakai** have been selected for the Te Tai Tokerau U18 Boys Touch Team.

Michael Roessler has been selected for the Napier U19 Football Squad.

Year 13
Te Kauri Armstrong Kingi has been selected for the Northland Future Kauri Rugby Squad.

Rongoa Mata-Ariki has been selected for the Northland Future Taniwha Squad.

Silvester Bell-Bowers played in the Northland Golf Team, winning the 2025 Ralph Cup at the Dunes Golf Course in Matarangi.

Armistice Day Commemoration

Students from Kerikeri High School and Springbank School participated in the Armistice Day commemoration service, held this week at the Memorial Wall on the Kerikeri Domain. Year 10 students **Sam Barker** and **Amalfi Robinson** laid a wreath on behalf of Kerikeri High School. **Maks Gvardijancic** (Year 9) was the bugler for The Last Post and Reveille and **Hunter McInnes** (Year 12) was one of the bagpipers for the service.

Kerikeri High School Year Level Prizegivings

We warmly invite parents, whānau and caregivers to come and celebrate the success of our students in Years 7-10 on the dates and times below. Te Hui Whakanui – A Celebration of Success ceremonies will run for approximately one hour and will take place in the school auditorium.

Year 10 10.00am Tuesday 9 December 2025
Year 8 12.00pm Tuesday 9 December 2025

Year 9 10.00am Wednesday 10 December 2025
Year 7 12.00pm Wednesday 10 December 2025

Normal classes for the other year levels will run on each day.

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 Senior Prizegiving Programme

Prizegiving Sponsors

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

Armstrong Lawn Care
Attest Investment Trust
Clarks Coachlines
Donaldson's Surveyors
Dr Josh Aird
Fonterra
Haigh Workman
House of Fundraising
Kainui Pack & Cool Ltd
Kerikeri High School Board of Trustees
Kerikeri High School PTA
Law North Ltd
Mr and Mrs Williams
Mrs Shirley Tubbs
New Era Technology
Northland Office Products
OCS Ltd
PhotoLife
Precision Badges Ltd
Rotary Club of Kerikeri
Seeka Ltd
The Graveson Family
Thomson Survey
Top Energy Ltd

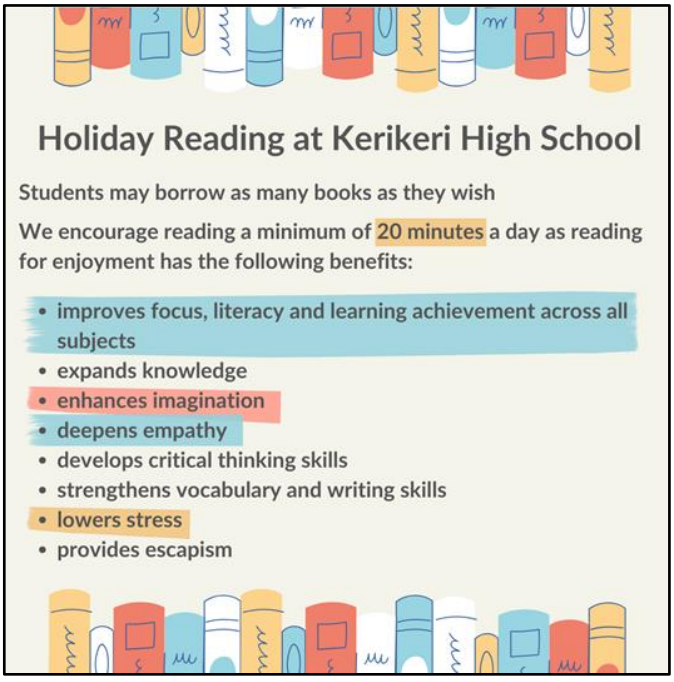
Thank you to **Baker Boys Nursery** for generously loaning plants for the Prizegiving event.

2025 School Magazine

The 2025 School Magazine is full of school events and student achievements from throughout the year. It includes every Form Class photo and is in full colour. You can purchase a hard copy for $10 from School Reception from Wednesday 26 November. It will also be available for viewing along with previous year's Magazines on the Kerikeri High School website on the 'About Us' page School Magazine

Kerikeri High School Library

We would like to acknowledge and celebrate our Student Librarians who have helped out in the library for three terms. They provide an essential service in promoting a reading culture in our school.



Non-Returning Students

If your student will not be returning in 2026, please email enrol@kerikerihigh.ac.nz to let us know.

School Uniform Donations

If your Year 12 student would like to donate their uniform to school, it would be gratefully received. Any donations of school uniform can be dropped off to Reception.

School Uniform Jackets

The old-style school jackets can be purchased for $40.00 from school Reception. All sizes from 8 – 4XL are available with limited numbers of size 8 and 10.

International Student Host Families

Thank you to all our existing host families.
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

Please view our International Department promotional videos on our School website.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 26 November, in the Boardroom.

Upcoming Dates

NCEA Exams – 4 - 28 November
Year 9 and 10 Exams – 18 - 21 November
Board Meeting – 26 November
Graduation Dinner – 25 November
International Graduation – 28 November
Year 10 and Year 8 Te Whakanui – Celebration of Success – 9 December
Year 9 and Year 7 Te Whakanui – Celebration of Success – 10 December

COACHING OPPORTUNITIES AT KKHS 2026

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORT?
DO YOU WANT TO INSPIRE YOUNG ATHLETES AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR SPORTING JOURNEY?
KKHS IS LOOKING FOR DEDICATED COACHES FOR ALL CODES, ESPECIALLY BASKETBALL, BOYS VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS RUGBY AND NETBALL - ALL GRADES!
WHY COACH AT KKHS?

- **WORK WITH ENTHUSIASTIC AND TALENTED STUDENTS**
- **HELP DEVELOP SKILLS, TEAMWORK, AND SPORTSMANSHIP**
- **BE PART OF A SUPPORTIVE AND DYNAMIC SPORTS COMMUNITY**
- **FLEXIBLE COACHING SCHEDULES TO FIT YOUR AVAILABILITY**
- **OPPORTUNITY TO UPSKILL VIA NZ COACHING PROGRAMMES**

WE WELCOME COACHES OF ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS! WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO OR EAGER TO LEARN, YOUR COMMITMENT CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.
INTERESTED? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

CONTACT US TODAY TO FIND OUT MORE AND JOIN THE KKHS SPORTS WHĀNAU - EMAIL: BWILSON@KERIKERIHIGH.AC.NZ

UMPIRING OPPORTUNITIES AT KKHS 2026

LOVE THE GAME?
BECOME AN UMPIRE!
BE PART OF THE ACTION, DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND GIVE BACK TO SPORT.
WHETHER YOU'RE EXPERIENCED OR JUST STARTING OUT, WE'LL SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

WHY UMPIRE AT KKHS?

- **BE PART OF THE ACTION WHILE DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS**
- **SUPPORT FAIR PLAY, TEAMWORK, AND SPORTSMANSHIP**
- **JOIN A SUPPORTIVE AND DYNAMIC SPORTS COMMUNITY**
- **FLEXIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO FIT YOUR AVAILABILITY**
- **GAIN EXPERIENCE AND UPSKILL THROUGH NZ UMPIRING PROGRAMMES**

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MOVIE FUNDRAISER

Saturday 29th November

10:30am

Disney ZOOTOPIA 2

Come watch the next installment of Zootopia and help us raise money for students travelling on the Spanish Language Immersion Trip.

TICKETS: $25 each, includes entry and popcorn