



Kerikeri High School

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# NEWSLETTER

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

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## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou

As another school year comes to an end, we always reflect on the year that was and look forward to the year ahead. My reflections of 2025 for Kerikeri High School are positive, and I have enjoyed watching so much effort and commitment being put into so many activities and pursuits in and out of classrooms, right across the Four Cornerstones. Students and staff, and our many wonderful parent volunteers have been busy! There's a lot to be proud of and we've had a lot celebrate. Ngā mihi nui and kia manawanui Kerikeri High School.

Of course, there are also things to work on and improve and as we look towards 2026, we are committed to the mahi ahead, striving to improve outcomes for all, to close equity gaps where they exist and to do all we can to support every student to pursue personal excellence.

2025 has also been a year which has seen some of the most significant proposed changes in education in generations. This year external change has been constant, far reaching and it has been rapid. There will inevitably be a wide range of differing views on the nature, scope and pace of this change, but one thing I believe we will all agree on is that a lot is being asked of our teachers. I want to again acknowledge our staff for the mahi, dedication and commitment they put into their professional lives every day. I am proud of the whole Kerikeri High School team, and the work that we do.

Our school and Board's position on the proposal to remove the Board of Trustees' obligation to give effect to Te Tiriti has been unequivocal, and I am so proud that it has been so well received in our community. As political rhetoric about this change increases, I want to be clear that no pressure or coercion was applied to either me or our Board of Trustees by any groups, unions or individuals. We took and hold a position on this issue which we know is right for our kura.

Mr Hal Walker has been one of our Deputy Principals since 2019. Recently he has made the decision to return to the classroom, and in 2026 Mr Walker will return to teaching. I want to thank Mr Walker for his dedication and contribution to the leadership of our school over the last six years. While we will miss his leadership, we gain back an experienced and outstanding classroom teacher, and I'm so pleased Mr Walker remains on our staff team.

I'm also pleased to share that following a thorough recruitment process that attracted a significant number of strong candidates, we have appointed Miss Jezena Gilmore to our vacant Deputy Principal position. Miss Gilmore comes to us from Whangaparāoa College, and we welcomed her formally to Kerikeri High School with pōwhiri on Thursday 4 December, prior to her start with us at the beginning of 2026.

Like everyone, I'm looking forward to summer and the Christmas break, and time with family and those closest to us. However, I'm also excited and looking forward to 2026, and to the opportunities to keep moving our school moving forward.

I wish you all a very safe, relaxed and happy summer period, a Merry Christmas and for those of you who get it, a well-deserved break.

Ngā mihi nui



Mike Clent  
Principal

## Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Camille Courdurie** (Year 13) and **Lucie Muller** (Year 11) who placed 2nd in the inaugural video competition held by the Embajada de España (Spanish Embassy) with their video titled *Ratatouille en espiral*.

Congratulations to **Eva Van Schaik** (Year 9) and **Bayley Wood** (Year 9) who placed 3rd in the National STANZA Video Competition in the Year 9/10 section with their video *Ven con nosotros* which showcased Kerikeri in Spanish.

Congratulations to **Kate Graham** (Year 11) who received an honourable mention in the WriteWise nationwide essay competition. Kate's essay has been published on the WriteWise website.

Congratulations to Year 10 students **Lily Horgan** and **Amalfi Robinson** who placed 2nd in the NSSA Northland Junior Beach Volleyball Pairs Tournament at Okaihau College.



Congratulations to **Tana Baty** (Year 10) and **Carlito-Rey Maregele** (Year 12) who competed at the NZSS Athletics competition in Hastings. Both boys recorded personal bests in 100m, 200m and also for the triple jump for Carlito-Rey.



Congratulations to **Zach Trautz** (Year 12) who has been part of the 2025 Schools Cycling Focus Group. This group of 14 riders across a range of ages and cycling codes provides valuable feedback, ideas and actions to enhance the schools cycling programme.

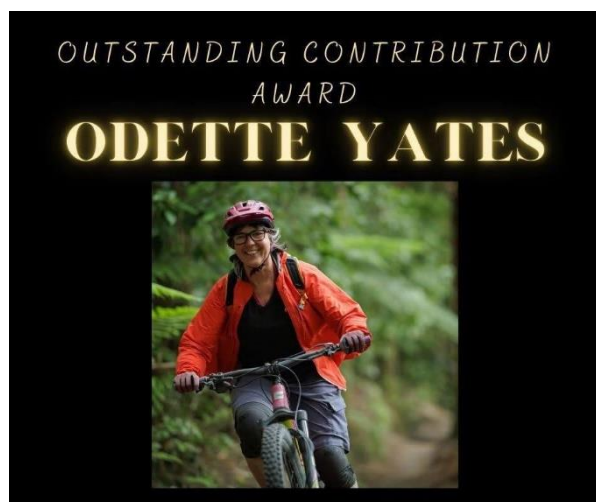


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## Staff Achievement

Congratulations to **Mrs Odette Yates** who has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to schools cycling through her support of the Kerikeri High School Mountain Bike programme and her work with riders at the White Hills MTB Park, teaching students how to read the course and ride safely, and supporting riders at NISS and NZSS events.



## Year Level Hui Whakanui – Celebration of Success

Thank you to the parents and whānau who supported their Year 7 – 10 students at our Year Level Hui Whakanui – Celebration of Success ceremonies, where students were recognised for their sporting, cultural and academic achievements.

Students who participated across all Kerikeri High School's Four Cornerstones (Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Leadership with Service) were also recognised at the ceremonies with a 'Four Cornerstone Award' for their outstanding participation in 2025.

The programmes listing the recipients of awards can be viewed here:

[Year 7 Te Hui Whakanui – A Celebration of Success](#)

[Year 8 Te Hui Whakanui – A Celebration of Success](#)

[Year 9 Te Hui Whakanui – A Celebration of Success](#)

[Year 10 Te Hui Whakanui – A Celebration of Success](#)

## Staff Farewells

As the school year closes, we say farewell and thank you to several staff members who are retiring or moving on to other opportunities. Some have been at Kerikeri High School for a long time and others more briefly – all have made an impact and a contribution. **Mrs Bronwyn Thompson, Mr Malcom Bignell, Mrs Anna Mabilin, Mrs Kirsty Hutchinson, Miss Anneke Price and Miss Kaea Te Rangi.** We wish them all the very best for what's ahead.

## 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 \$10.00 from school Reception in the new year. It is also available for viewing along with previous year's Magazines on the Kerikeri High School website on the 'About Us' page [School Magazine](#)

Copies of the 2024 School Magazine are also available from school Reception for \$5.00.

## Year 10 Drama

Year 10 Drama students devised two Children's Theatre pieces called 'Just Add Colour' and 'Two Truths and a Spoon' which were based on reinforcing good values. The students performed them for Year 1 students from Kerikeri Primary School, who joined in with the engaging storytelling and interactive experience.





## School Leavers and their Student Accounts

A reminder for Year 13 students and any other students leaving Kerikeri High School that their access to the school network, FACTS and 365 will end at the end of the year. Their accounts will be deleted and anything they have saved locally (P drives) or in 365 (OneDrive) will be deleted as well. If they have anything they want to keep they need to make their own copies onto some form of personal storage while they still have access up until approximately 22nd December.

Please ensure you log into NZQA and change your school email to a personal email for future use.

## Reception Holiday Hours

School Reception will be closed from Thursday 11 December 2025 and will reopen 9.00am on Monday 19 January 2026 for all your queries and enrolments. For new enrolments we ask you apply online at [Kerikeri High School](#). If you would like to make an appointment to meet the Year Level Dean, please book online for our [Enrolments Day](#)

## School Stationery Lists

Year level stationery lists for 2026 are available on our website [Stationery Lists 2026](#)

## Class of 2025 Time Capsules

Year 7 students have a tradition of making 'Time Capsules' which are sealed and stored until they graduate in Year 13. This year we have lots of uncollected Time Capsules, as the students have left before Year 13. If your child was in Year 7 in 2019 and has not been at school this year in Year 13, please pop into Reception to collect their Time Capsule before the end of the year.

## Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be at 5.30pm on 25 February 2026, in the Boardroom.

## Upcoming Dates 2026

First day for Year 7 and Year 13 - 2 February  
First day for Year 8 and Year 12 - 3 February  
First day for Years 9, 10 and 11 - 4 February

## MMR Vaccination – Protecting Our School Community

Measles is spreading in Aotearoa and has already affected our school. It's a serious illness that spreads easily and can impact both children and adults. Two doses of the MMR vaccine after 12 months of age protect 99% of people from measles. Currently, about 22% of our students do not have a record of full MMR immunisation. If your child is not fully immunised or you're unsure, please check and update their records. The MMR vaccine is free for anyone under 18 and safe to receive even if you're unsure of previous doses.

Getting immunised helps keep everyone safe and reduces disruption to learning - students with two recorded doses won't need to stay home if exposed to measles.

For more information or to book a vaccine:  
Visit Healthpoint  
Call 0800 28 29 26  
Or talk to your GP or local health provider

Thank you for helping protect our school community.

## Free Dental Care – Act Before 18

All young people in Aotearoa are entitled to free dental care until their 18th birthday. Regular check-ups prevent problems and keep smiles healthy for life.

Book now if your child hasn't had a recent dental visit:

Call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583) or contact your local dental service.

For more information, visit: Health NZ – Free Dental Care

## 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](mailto:accommodation@kerikerihigh.ac.nz)

Please view our [International Department](#) promotional videos on our School website.

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## 2026 STORE HOURS

**JANUARY**

MON	12TH	CLOSED
TUES	13TH	10.00AM - 2.00PM
WED	14TH	CLOSED
THUR	15TH	12.00PM - 4.00PM
FRI	16TH	CLOSED
SAT	17TH	10.00AM - 2.00PM
SUN	18TH	CLOSED
MON	19TH	10.00AM - 3.00PM
TUES	20TH	10.00AM - 3.00PM
WED	21ST	CLOSED
THUR	22ND	10.00AM - 3.00PM
FRI	23RD	CLOSED
SAT	24TH	10.00AM - 2.00PM
SUN	25TH	CLOSED
MON	26TH	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUES	27TH	10.00AM - 3.00PM
WED	28TH	10.00AM - 3.00PM
THUR	29TH	10.00AM - 3.00PM
FRI	30TH	10.00AM - 2.00PM
SAT	31ST	10.00AM - 2.00PM

**FEBRUARY**

SUN	1ST	CLOSED
MON	2ND	12.00PM - 4.00PM
TUES	3RD	12.00PM - 4.00PM
WED	4TH	12.00PM - 4.00PM
THUR	5TH	CLOSED
FRI	6TH	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
SAT	7TH	12.00PM - 3.00PM
SUN	8TH	CLOSED

KERIKERI UNIFORM SHOPPE

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DEC 2025

LAST DAY OPEN

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JAN 2026

FIRST DAY OPEN

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