



Term 3, Week 9, 14 September, 2023

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★ Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau

★ The Board of Trustees, assisted by some senior staff, have put in a great deal of work
★ in searching for and **appointing a new principal** to take over the leadership of our
★ school from the start of 2024. You can read more about the successful person in the
★ Board announcement. I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Board
★ on behalf of the whole school community, for the huge amount of work that they
★ have done in the process of making this appointment. It has required a significant
★ amount of work, time, and emotional energy, and is very much appreciated.

★ **Kapa Haka Festival:** This event was held at the Whitiara Marae on 31 August, and co-hosted by Riverview School and Ngāti Rēhia. It was a fantastic success, and our own two rōpū performances were outstanding. I want to thank Mrs Heihei and other staff that did so much to prepare our children, who performed so admirably. I also want to acknowledge the many parents and members of our community, who worked so hard, not only with fundraising for the costs to run this event, but also working tirelessly on the day with stage set-up, food preparation and delivery, running all aspects of the event on the day, and packing up afterwards. It was a marvellous team effort and our parents demonstrated the HEARTWISE values of our school in so many ways. THANK YOU!

★ **Speech Competition:** Congratulations to those students who represented their classes in the Years 5 and 6 Speech Competition last week. The winners' names are listed later in this newsletter.

★ **Jibbitz:** These are the little attachable items that can be worn on Crocs footwear. In the last newsletter, I explained that the school recommends that children not bring these to school, as they can be the target of theft, bartering, arguing, disputes, etc., and that school staff will not spend time trying to sort these issues out or tracking down missing jibbitz. I am pleased that this policy is working pretty well and the issues are few, but there have been incidents, especially in the junior school, with tears and upset. I repeat the school's recommendation that these not come to school, but leave the decision to each family as to what you do.

★ The PTA has been working very hard to organise a new format for this week's **Disco on Friday** evening, which is more environmentally responsive; their approach and hard work is very much appreciated. Enjoy the evening!

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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)/HEARTWISE

So far this year, almost 2000 Waka charts and certificates have been presented to ākonga/students by Mrs Ayr and Mr Bowron. Once all of the students in a class complete a chart of a leg (e.g. once they all get Leg 1 Waka 2), that class earns a puzzle piece for their HEARTWISE jigsaw (you can see these on display in most classroom windows). That puzzle piece then entitles the class to choose a reward; this reward must meet three criteria:

- The reward must occur inside school grounds;
- It must cost nothing; and
- It must be for one learning block if a Leg 1 reward (Leg 2 rewards earn two learning blocks).

At the moment, most classes are working towards completing Leg 1.

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for your school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE, and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear you get, so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! All stickers/cut-outs need to be collected before **22 September 2023** for us to participate. Students can call into the office and collect a form to keep at home.



Senior Speech Contest Placings

This competition, held on Wednesday 6 September, was, once again, a closely-fought contest, with a diverse range of topics from *The Best Heavy Metal Band* to *The Perfect Ice-cream Size*. All of the speakers did an excellent job, with the Year 6 contestants being particularly impressive, making judging extremely difficult. Ella Parker (Kerikeri High School Head Prefect) and Ariella Ripohau (Deputy Head Prefect) did a great job as judges.

Finalists were: Isla Ah Dar, Joey van Schaik, Amiya-Lee Arama, Owen Brothers, Vita Hill, and Monique Shrubshall (**Year 5**). The **Year 6 finalists** were Braxton Thomson, Isis Pikel, Rasmus Birt, Aria Stott, Holly Baker, and Cameron Hyde. The top two place-getters at each year level will represent the school tonight at the *2023 McLeod's Junior Speech Challenge*, run by the Rotary Club of Kerikeri.



Left to right: Vita Hill 1st Year 5, Rasmus Birt 1st Year 6, Joey van Schaik 2nd Year 5, and Braxton Thomson 2nd Year 6

Final Placings were:

Year 5

1st Vita Hill R17
2nd Joey van Schaik R14

Year 6

1st Rasmus Birt R15
2nd Braxton Thomson R13

Certificates to the 1st and 2nd placegetters will be presented at Week 10's assembly.



Left to right: Owen Brothers, Monique Shrubshall, Aria Stott, Holly Baker, Vita Hill, Joey van Schaik, Isis Pikel, Amiya-Lee Arama, Cameron Hyde, Rasmus Birt, Braxton Thomson, and Isla Ah Dar.

EVENT FOR PARENTS
AND CAREGIVERS



SUPPORTING TAMARIKI WITH ANXIETY

Worry and anxiety is normal, but when it takes over, it can get in the way of enjoying and participating in life.

As parents, we need to know how to help our children manage their worries, and recognize when and where to get help.

At this engaging and practical presentation, you will learn what makes children anxious, about the signs of anxiety, and what you can do to help your child deal with their worries and manage their anxiety.



**Presented by Cat Levine
from Think and Be Me**

**14 SEPTEMBER - 7.00PM
KERIKERI PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
\$10pp ENTRY - (PAY CASH AT THE DOOR)**



**KERIKERI TENNIS
CLUB**

OPEN DAY

COME AND PLAY

PICKLEBALL

TENNIS

**SAT 23
SEPTEMBER
10AM - 2PM
KIDS AND ADULTS
FREE COACHING**

PICKLEBALL:

ALL AGES WELCOME
BETWEEN 10AM - 2PM

MEET OUR COACHES

TENNIS

GUY DE VILLIERS

PICKLEBALL

CLARE REDWARD

TENNIS:

10.15AM - 11.00AM
UNDER 9 JUNIORS

11AM - 11.45AM
9+ JUNIORS

12PM - 2PM
ADULTS

8 HARMONY LANE

Waipapa, Kerikeri

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