



Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:15 to 1:45pm

and

3:00 to 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

Term 3 Starts

Monday 25 July

School Photos

10 August

Senior Benchmark
Exams

18 - 23 August

Science Fair

2 September

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NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to announce that on 30 May Mr Damien Hollands was officially appointed to the role of Deputy Principal of Karamu High School. Mr Hollands had been in the acting role since the beginning of the school year.



Mr Hollands began his teaching career here at Karamu in 2008 as a Visual Art and Design teacher. He was appointed to the Head of the Arts Faculty in 2011 where he has successfully developed the faculty into one of the leading areas within the school and across the region.

As a Lead Teacher in ICT across the curriculum, Teacher in Charge of Timetabling as well as his involvement in the National Aspiring Principals' Programme, Mr Hollands has broadened his range of skills and knowledge which will add tremendous value to the management of Karamu High School.

Outside of the classroom Mr Hollands has been heavily involved over the past six years in volleyball. Our students again have been attracted to the sport through his energy and organisational skills. He has managed to balance all of these roles along with the support of his wife Catherine and four children Thomas, Oliver, Maximillian and Maisie, and the students and families that we serve.

We are confident that he will continue to make a significant impact on the ongoing success of the school.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today"

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Dear Parents

With now well over half of the year complete it may be a surprise to many that our senior students only have thirteen school weeks remaining before NCEA exams begin. This reality means that there is increasing pressure on both staff and students as they work toward completing the numerous internal assessments and begin preparing for the external assessments.

A key part to achieving our academic goals for 2016 is our partnership between home and the school. I would encourage you all to talk with your sons and daughters about their progress and engage with them on a regular basis as to what work they have coming up. You may find the calendar on school web site a useful tool to help plan their time and balance their commitments.

I would also remind parents that we have a homework centre based in the library with our academic leaders and staff there to assist on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.

Thank you to all the parents and whanau that attended the parent teacher evenings this term. The feedback that I have received has been very positive and I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet and discuss your son/daughters progress with staff. If you were unable to attend and have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughters Dean to make an appointment.

On Friday 3 June a new Board of Trustees was elected to govern the school over the next three years. I would like to acknowledge the departing Board members Mr Kahu Chadwick, Mr Ian Taylor and Mrs Jan Clothier (Staff Trustee) and thank them for the selfless contribution they have made to Karamu High School Community over a number of years. I would also like to welcome new Trustees Mrs Amy Walford, Mr Jonathan Brookes and Ms Sarah Gunn (Staff Trustee), elected into the vacated positions. I am excited about the new skills and ideas that they will bring to the governance team, which will enable the continued growth and development of Karamu High School into the future.

Karamu High School continues to be a vibrant and positive environment, with the students displaying on a daily basis our vision of what it is to be Proudly Karamu, Proudly Hastings, Proudly Learning. I am looking forward to another exciting Term 3 but in the meantime wish you all a safe and well deserved break.

Michael Leitch
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It may come as a surprise to most senior students that they only have 13 weeks of school to go before they are released for exams and with mock exams commencing in week four of Term 3.

It is important that Year 12 and 13 have a clear academic plan and have set goals for the future. They need to ask questions around what is needed for the years beyond school and their first port of call should be their teachers and the careers advisor. Year 12 students need to realise that their tertiary courses and hostel placements rely on their success at Year 12. Year 11 students have had the careers bus visit the school and they should start to make plans for what they are aiming for over the next two years.

There is ample opportunity for support if students feel they need it, with the academic tutors set up after school and the Arts rooms open as well. Students need to approach their teacher and just turn up to the after school workshops.

With an increasing number of students gaining their restricted and full licences there has also been an increase in the traffic alongside the school. All students driving must adhere to the restrictions of their licences and behave in a mature and safe manner while driving to and from school. With this all students must have their car registered with Mr Wooster before they can drive to school.

Damien Hollands
Deputy Principal



"What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."

Ralph Marston

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT

As we near the end of Term 2 I would like to thank all the parent coaches and managers of our sports teams for your commitment and time. Due to your involvement we have been able to field teams in all grades. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by staff and students.

I have been impressed with the overall attendance of our students. I mentioned in assembly recently that students need to have at least 90% attendance to reach anywhere near their potential. The response to this statement was very pleasing with students wanting to know their attendance rates. There is a definite correlation between attendance and success at all year levels. I would also remind parents to call our 24-hour attendance line (870 6143) if for any reason your son or daughter will not be attending school. It is important that you state the reason for the absence so we can code the absence correctly.

Highlight of last week for the Year 13's was the school Cabaret, which was held for the first time at the Hastings Race Course, Cheval Rooms.

This was a great event where the Year 13's and their partners experienced formal dining and dancing.

This year was our biggest cabaret numbers wise and students were delivered home by bus.



They are a fantastic year group and I enjoyed spending the night at the cabaret with them.

Wayne Wooster
Deputy Principal



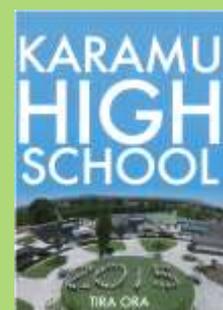
"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson"

Tom Bodett

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mr Jonathan Brookes, Mr Ian Horsefield, Mr Dave de Lange (Chairperson), Mr Michael Leitch (Principal), Dr Les Buckley
Mrs Amy Walford, Mrs Kate Holden, Ms Sarah Gunn (Staff Trustee), Mrs Viv Hantler (Board Secretary)
Absent: Emma Bone (Student Trustee)



The Karamu High School 2015 Yearbook Tira Ora is available in hard copy.

Copies can be purchased from the school office for \$20.00.

CURIOUS MINDS - GANNET COLONY

As part of the year 13 Biology programme at Karamu High School, students were offered the rare opportunity to do research on territoriality in the Australasian Gannet at the Plateau Colony, Cape Kidnappers. The way students investigated this was to look at nest distribution patterns in the colony whilst the birds were absent in their winter feeding grounds. It was hypothesised that because the birds exhibit highly territorial behaviour in terms of protecting the nest that more dominant birds would have a better/safer nest site more toward the centre of the colony and the space in between the nests of more dominant birds would be greater.



Students carrying out research on empty Plateau



Plateau Colony in March with gannets present

Preliminary data appears to support the hypothesis. Students are currently writing up their findings into a report to try and explain the biology behind the pattern they observed.

This valuable and locally relevant learning experience was also special because the students were working with native species on a project that has never been done before. Findings from the students' work will provide insight into these birds breeding biology that DOC, the landowner, tourists and the gannet tour operators are all interested in.

Students will be able to share their experience with family and friends to increase everyone's understanding and love of these fascinating birds. This project also has the added bonus of giving students a sense of being part of something important for understanding our biodiversity in Hawke's Bay and being kaitiakitanga for this iconic site.

A big thank you to DOC staff Robyn, Moana and Denise, for all the help with gaining the permit for the students to work at the site; Gannet Overland Safari and Gannet Beach Adventures for taking us to the site and for sharing your valuable knowledge with the students; Kris Sheppard for giving us permission from the landowner to access the site out of season; Mr Ross and Ms Gunn for ensuring student safety at the site.

9NFI SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP

9NFI Social Studies had a wonderful day out in the Hastings community with Miss Redwood, Mr Read and Mr Cottrell. The purpose of the trip was to learn more about the services provided by the Hastings District Council as part of their Local Government studies.

Starting with a visit to the Hastings District Council, the class heard from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and enjoyed a morning tea.



Creating amazing constructions out of thousands of pieces of white Lego at the Hastings City Art Gallery was certainly a fun stop. Next, a talk about the cultural importance of the Nga Pou o Heretaunga at Civic Square and then onto Hastings Emergency Management. Students learnt about the natural hazards in the Hastings community and learnt valuable information about how to better prepare themselves and their families in the event of a disaster.

After sharing lunch on a fabulous mid-winter, sunny day in Hastings, we made our way to the Hastings Animal Welfare Centre. Previously known as the Hastings Pound, it underwent a name change and facelift, and students viewed the improvements and heard about how to better look after their four-legged friends!

The highlight of the trip was meeting Mayor Yule and seeing his spacious office. Not only were our students Proudly Hastings, they were Proudly Karamu and Proudly Learning.

AIMEE FISHER OUR OLYMPIAN

Friday 27 May will be a day that a lot of Karamu Students will find hard to forget. To have a visit from ex-student, ex-sports leader and current Hawke's Bay Sports Person of the Year, current World Kayak Champion Aimee Fisher shared her journey and sports story with our assembly.

It is hard to explain what an honour and a privilege it is for Karamu to have Aimee engaging with students before she tackles the biggest sporting event in the world and the biggest of her career. The former Karamu High School student first represented New Zealand as a teenager and is still the youngest in the kayak team at 21 years of age. She is one of five New Zealand kayakers making her debut in Rio.

Aimee spoke about finding that one thing that makes you tick, about work ethic and never giving up. She also spoke highly about the importance of fun and making the most of the downtime you get. The students of Karamu will no doubt take on board what was said by Aimee and use the advice to the best of their ability. We are proud of what Aimee has achieved and wish her well in what she is about to encounter. The visit ended with a Karakia/Waiata by *Nga Korimako*. As said previously, a visit hard to forget.



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HEALTH EXPO

10JMO and 10AWH travelled to the Memorial Hospital to attend an expo with the focus on careers in the Health sector. The students found the experience both interesting and informative. Some students have aspirations to pursue a career in the health sciences.

This initiative by the HB District Health Board to showcase the variety of jobs available in the health sector is part of a national drive to make students aware of the importance of the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Historically a number of students from Karamu have gone on to pursue careers in the health sciences.



Te Au Skipworth suturing a pig trotter at the expo



Students listening to a St John Ambulance Officer

MAORI GAMES



Year 9 students Amber Hollings-Haddon and Romona Wainohu competing in 'Hipitoitoi', one of the Maori games being played at the thirteenth Annual Maori Games Tournament in Hastings on 22 June 2016.

Refereeing the game is former Karamu High School pupil Tamehana Ngataierua.

KARAMU GREEN TEAM

Twelve students from the Karamu Green Team represented the school in the HBRC Youth Environmental Council Green Games. This is a new student lead initiative promoting environmental education in the Bay.

Teams from Karamu, Hastings Girls' High, Taradale High and Napier Girls' took part in the Games. The day started with a series of activities whereby students learnt the background information and then carried out related games/activities. Activities ranged from predator identification and control, to plastic pollution and the oceans to natural disasters.

All schools were put into mixed teams for the day. Just prior to lunch these teams did a skills/scavenger/orienteering type activity where the team that included our Karamu Boys came away with a win. They were most excited to get subway vouchers!

The afternoon was spent identifying risks to our natural world and brainstorming potential solutions. It was a great day that the youth council should be proud of. Mia Braddock and Portia Sutherland are members of this council and did the school proud.



BIG SING 2016

This year's NZCF Big Sing Competition was held on 1 June at the Waiapu Cathedral in Napier. We had four choirs entered this year with our newly formed male choir 'Coro de Ninos' joining *Nga Korimako*, *Ultimately Vocal* and *Coro Notabile*.



Back: Toby Hunter, Nick Palmer, Liam Davies, Mackenzie Vercoe, Ezra Cash, Taiki Yoshino
Middle: Henry Hosford, Alex Ngui, Phoebe Hinton, Khalael Uelese, Romayne Araia, Sophie Wells, Charlotte Rameka, Amber Flashoff, Jessica Shoemark
Front: Lian Hontalba, Caitlin Clark, Madison Gaiger, Romona Wainohu, Rachael Hagenow, Ailsa Laurie, Jeriel Sajan

This year had the largest number of participating choirs ever for the East Coast Region with 32 choirs from fourteen secondary schools from Central Hawke's Bay all the way up to Gisborne. Each of the choirs is required to perform three songs of differing styles to compete. The categories are a NZ composition, a choral piece and then a piece of your own choice.

All four of our choirs performed extremely well and represented Karamu with great pride. Coro Notabile received special mention from the adjudicator for their performance of Tim Finn's 'Six Months In A Leaky Boat' arranged for choir.

This year's adjudicator mentioned how exciting it was to see schools at the event with several competing choirs as this is a great sign that choir, and music itself, is alive and well in these schools.

Huge thanks go to Carol Della Barca (Director of Coro Notabile) for her time, expertise and enthusiasm again this year.

Also big thanks Sharlena Maui for taking over the direction of *Nga Korimako* and Sarah Bryant and Sally Rutgers as the accompanists for *Ultimately Vocal* and *Coro de Ninos*.

WHO DO YOU SEE IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN OR A COMPLAINT?

If you are a student and have a concern

If the concern is about,	You should first see,	If not resolved, then,	And if still not resolved,
<i>Your learning, including class work and assessment . . .</i>	Your teacher	Your Dean	Mrs Clark Deputy Principal Curriculum & Assessment
<i>A discipline problem, including a detention or punishment</i>	The teacher or person who gave you the detention	Your Dean	Mr Wooster Deputy Principal Student Management
<i>A pastoral issue, including attendance, bullying</i>	Form Teacher	Your Dean	Mr Wooster or Mrs Hart (Guidance Counsellor)

If you feel uncomfortable about seeing any of the people listed above, or you consider it to be a very serious matter, then you should see the Guidance Counsellor (Mrs Hart), **or** you may ask your parent to raise your concern for you, in which case the steps below should be followed.

If you are a parent and have a concern

If the concern is about,	You should first see,	If not resolved, then,	And if still not resolved,
<i>Your child's learning, including class work and assessment . . .</i>	The Dean	Mrs Clark	Mr M Leitch <i>And if not resolved, a formal complaint can be made to the Board of Trustees</i>
<i>A discipline problem relating to your child, including a detention or punishment</i>	The Dean	Mr Wooster	
<i>A pastoral issue relating to your child, including attendance, bullying . . .</i>	The Dean	Mr Wooster	
<i>A financial issue relating to any account or charge</i>	Either Mrs Gray or Mrs Clarke in the Office	Mrs Hantler	

Note: If your concern is serious, then you should raise it directly with the Principal, Mr Leitch.

Most concerns can be raised verbally, if you wish you may have a support person with you.