



### Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays  
1:15 to 2:00pm  
and  
3:00 to 4:00pm

### Dates to Remember

Junior Exams  
27 Oct - 1 Nov

Year 13 Farewell  
Assembly  
7 November

NCEA Exams  
9 Nov - 2 Dec

Senior Prizegiving  
1 December

Junior Prizegiving/  
End of Term 4  
14 December

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## WORLD CANOE POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

In May, I was chosen to represent New Zealand in the U21 Canoe Polo team traveling to Italy to compete in the World Canoe Polo Championships. We left New Zealand in August for Ghent where we participated in the Gekko Tournament against other woman's teams and gained third place.



From here we headed to leper and competed in the De Paddel Tournament and placed second to an incredible team from Great Britain. After spending a week training in Rome we headed to Sicily for the

World Championships. We played nine games, only losing one game to the champions (Germany) and placed third winning a Bronze medal. It was an amazing experience and I am very proud to belong to such a beautiful country.

Madison Gaiger, Year 13

## BLOSSOM DAY



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



“To succeed, you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you”

Tony Dorsett



I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

Douglas Adams

Dear Parents

Another very busy term has come to an end and we are all looking forward to a well-earned break as we approach the business end of the academic year. With Benchmark exams now completed and reports on their way it is vital for our senior students to use the holiday break to prepare thoroughly for the end of year examinations. I have no doubt that for those that are willing to make the short term sacrifice they will reap the rewards in time to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their ongoing support and commitment of the students. The additional tutorials and classes they provide ensure that our students have the best opportunities of success. It is a team effort and we are all grateful of the skills, guidance and expertise you provide.

Blossom Day was another huge success and it was great to see the school enter the spirit of the occasion. We will finish the term with House Music, and again I look forward to seeing another quality competition which celebrates all that is great about this school.

Our Karamu students continue to achieve remarkable results in a range of disciplines and this newsletter is just a sample of these. Whether it be Madison Gaiger representing New Zealand U21's at the World Canoe Polo Championships, the fantastic results of our Scientists in the local Hawke's Bay competitions or our fantastic student body raising funds for local charity we can be truly proud of the caliber of students that we continue to produce here at Karamu High School.

Have a great, relaxing spring break and we all look forward to seeing you next term.

Michael Leitch  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

Senior Reports have been posted. It is important that reports are used to reflect on progress and credits. I urge you to carefully read the comments on what are the next steps for success. Students need to set goals to gain credits but also to gain Merit and Excellence Endorsements and Course Endorsements.

At the beginning of next term all Visual Arts, Technology and DVC Portfolios of work have a hand - in date that the students have been advised of. This date is non-negotiable, so students will need to work over the holidays to ensure they have quality work ready.

In the first two days of the holidays we have teachers at school to help senior students who are behind in their work. Students with incomplete assessments, a further re-assessment opportunity to complete or who are clearly in danger of not succeeding have been given letters giving details of Spring School. This is valuable catch up time.

Parents and students are reminded that the Homework Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school with students and teachers ready to assist students. Next term subjects will also be organizing their own tutorials. It is essential that students attend and ask questions to help their understanding.

The most important part in preparing for examinations is independent study and active revision. I encourage students to use the Active Revision techniques of **READING** over their notes followed by **WRITING** the key points either onto flash cards or into a revision exercise book with an **EXPLANATION** of the key points and then following this by practicing questions.

The NZQA Website has a valuable source of NCEA papers and marking schedules that are invaluable for revision. The first NCEA examination is on Wednesday 9 November this is only 21 school days from the beginning of Term 4.

Year 9 and 10 students have two hour examinations in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies from 27 October - 1 November. Teachers will advise the students what to revise. Junior students should also use Active Revision techniques in their revision at home.

June Clark  
Deputy Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As the year comes to an end it is important that the students look after their physical and mental wellbeing.

It is crucial that they understand the importance of good nutrition and rest and the effect this will have on their energy levels leading into the last part of the year. Awareness that both fellow students, staff, friends and family may at times be tired and they should do their best to be tolerant and understanding of others around them at this time of the year.

On another note it was great to see how many students are cycling to school in our recent survey and I am positive that this form of exercise gets students in a great frame of mind to start the day. It is important however that they use the bike lanes provided and clip their helmets and lock their bikes up at school.

As many students are required to do work at home, just a reminder that they can download the latest version of Microsoft Office, including word, powerpoint and excel for free using their student login for as long as they are a student at Karamu High School.

If they have any issues with this, they can contact me at school.

Damien Hollands  
Deputy Principal



"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see"

Degas

## DANCE NZ MADE REGIONALS & NATIONALS

Twenty one of our students competed in the Dance NZ Regional Competition on Friday 5 August at the beautiful Napier Memorial Theatre. They were Michaela Pearse, Bailee Kennedy, Rangimarie Harrison, Ashleigh Clay-Nicol, Emerald Flavell, Jayde Badger, Jorja Connell, Brookelyn Kennedy, Georgia Boyes, Charlotte Rameka, Emily Coppell, Jaime Mossman, Ana Marks, Bethany Cox, Briar Fraser, Hannah Norfolk, Amy Griffin, Tia Ward, Libby O'Hanlon, Erika Balestie Diaz and Hope McClelland.



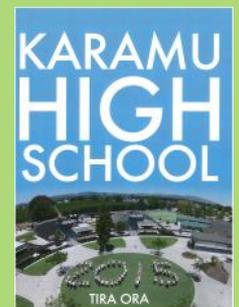
Karamu entered both a Hip Hop and Contemporary Dance in the Open Division. The Hip Hop dance placed first and contemporary second.

This success was followed by the Hip Hop dance winning the overall competition prize. Michaela Pearse also won an award for her choreography of this dance.

Charlotte Rameka choreographed the junior contemporary and Georgia Boyes choreographed the open contemporary. The open contemporary was up against some tough competition but their high level of skill and artistic abilities put them ahead of other schools.

The junior contemporary entry placed second. The dancers performed this dance with excellent technical and interpretative skills. Their timing was awesome. The entries were student led and the dancers rehearsed for many weeks to ensure the high performance standard clearly evident on the night. The costuming and make-up were fantastic and really enhanced the performances.

The Hip Hop Team went on to gain third place in the open division at the Nationals held in Palmerston North on the weekend of 17 September 2016.



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

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

## SCIENCE FAIR

The Hawke's Bay Science and Technology Fair took place over the week of 27 August - 3 September. Students across the region in Years 7 to 13 took part in four events; Science Projects, Titration Competition, Technology Challenge and Science Quiz. This event celebrates the importance of an early understanding of science and its ever increasing influence on our daily lives.

Twenty-five students from Karamu worked hard to complete science fair projects and present their findings to scientists on the judging panel. The valuable investigation and communication skills developed by our science students were rewarded with prizes received by ten of our students.

Karamu High School hosted the Science Quiz attended by groups from 24 different schools. We are grateful to our generous sponsors, Pipfruit New Zealand, and the many staff and students who helped with making the event an enjoyable one. The quiz challenged even the teachers with obscure and interesting questions about science.

A team of junior scientists and a team of senior chemists travelled to EIT to compete in the Technology Challenge and Titration Competition, respectively. The junior science team chosen to compete in the Regional Competition were the winners of the Technology Challenge held in our junior science classes.



*Back row: Benjamin Colquhoun, Ezra Cash, Mason Templeton, Taylor Fletcher-Epplett, Holly Davison, Hannah Hansen  
Front row: Jessica Shoemark, Jacinta Foreman, Lexi Trotter, Tia Tahau, Hazel Millar, Sophie Jones, Scarlet Garvey  
Absent: Bethany Cox*

### **In the Project Section: -**

Senior Section - Ezra Cash and Mason Templeton – Outstanding Award

Senior Section - Scarlet Garvey – Highly Commended Award and the Winner of The University Of Otago Prize which is an all-expenses paid attendance at “Hands on Science” at Otago University in January 2017.

From Year 10 - Benjamin Colquhoun and Jacinta Foreman – Highly Commended

From Year 9 - Lexi Trotter - Outstanding Award, Tia Tahau - Highly Commended Award

Jessica Shoemark, Hannah Hansen/Hazel Millar and Sophie Jones - Commended Awards.

### **In the Titration Competition: -**

Second place was awarded to Bethany Cox, Holly Davison and Taylor Epplett-Fletcher.