



Uniform Shop Hours

Start of year hours

Tuesday 24 January

to

Friday 3 February

9:00am—4:00pm

Dates to Remember

23 - 27 January

Senior Course
confirmation

31 January

Teacher Only Day

1 February

Years 10, 11 and 12

8.30 am — 12 noon

2 February

Years 9 and 13

8.30 am — 12 noon

3 February

All school in
Normal timetable
begins

6 February

Waitangi Day

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Congratulations to our 2016 Dux

On 5 December we held our Senior Prize-giving. Deputy Head Boy Ezra Cash was announced Dux for 2016. Ezra who recently sat New Zealand Scholarship examinations in Chemistry, Calculus, Physics and Geography gained first place in all of his Level Three subjects – Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Calculus and Geography.

This year Ezra won an Outstanding Award in the Senior Project section of the 2016 Hawke's Bay Science Fair and enjoyed the challenges of Outward Bound. Ezra plays football for the school and is a member of *Coro Notabile* the schools auditioned choir. Over the last two years Ezra has run his own tutorial groups. Ezra's hobbies include woodwork, piano, football and weight lifting.

Ezra has received a \$20,000 University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship for 2017. He will study Biomedical Sciences with the intention of specialising in Orthopedic Surgery.

Our other prestigious academic awards for the evening went to Mason Templeton as Proxime Accessit (runner up to Dux) and Deputy Head Girl Georgia Boyes for General Excellence.

It was a fantastic celebration of success and achievement of our students in academic, sporting and cultural fields. Congratulations to all award recipients on the evening.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"All the top achievers I know are life-long learners. Looking for new skills, insights, and ideas."

Dennis Waitley



"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the ark, but professionals built the Titanic."

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The last few weeks have flown by since my last report. Our junior school have completed the year in a positive manner and have ensured that we can all head into a well-earned break on a high note.

Our prizegivings were again a great celebration of achievement across the school and were a fantastic reflection of the talent that our students possess. I also know that there will be a number of our families that will be proud of their own sons and daughters achievements through the feedback received in the end of year reports. As families it is important to acknowledge the individual success of all students no matter how big or small, as this could be the catalyst to future success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, whanau and wider community. Our success is a direct reflection of your ongoing support. Our community values and understands the importance of education and learning and along with our core values we will continue to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our akonga (students).

We look forward to 2017 with great excitement as we continue to build the momentum of achievement. As part of our strategic plan we will look at ways we can continue to integrate technology into the classroom. One of our Year 9 classes will be part of a BYoL (Bring Your own Laptop) pilot, with the intention of expanding this across the school in the following years.

Next year we will also introduce 'Student Achievement Conferences' at Year 11. These conferences will be student led and require the commitment of all families and whanau in supporting the achievement of your son/daughter.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back here in the New Year.

Michael Leitch
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

The 2017 academic year is just around the corner and once again our roll will be at capacity. This again reflects the high regard in which Karamu High School is held. If for any reason your family circumstances change and your son/daughter will not be returning please contact the school office immediately.

In the middle of January you will receive, by post a letter giving you the beginning of year arrangements for 2017. The school year starts on Wednesday 1 February with Year 10, 11 and 12 students returning and Year 9 and 13 on Thursday 2 February.

In the week 23 – 27 January there are subject interviews for all Year 12 and 13 students. Further information will be enclosed with your letter. It is important that all these students, with a caregiver, have an interview during this week.

On Tuesday 17 January NCEA results go on-line. It is important that students have registered and know how to LOGIN to get their results before the release date. Access to the LOGIN can be made via the NZQA Home Page.

Year 9 and 10 reports have been posted. These give a very good overview of the successes of the year and also where improvements can be made. It has been very pleasing to see the positive way that our Year 9 and 10 students have approached their studies over the last weeks.

June Clark
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The Academic year has come to a close for the Year 9 students with the annual Year 9 Big Day In. The day gives the students the opportunity to experience different ways of learning and to meet different teachers and work together as a form class. The workshops range from working in the virtual world through to engineering challenges. As the students moved from workshop to workshop they were supported and photographed by our current Year 10 leaders.

Each class also rehearsed and recorded a music track with all students picking up an instrument and contributing to the final recording. The vote for this was done by students liking the clips on facebook and the winning class had lunch supplied before tabloids on the last Tuesday. This initiative allows students to show strengths in leadership and practical skills they sometimes do not get recognised for during the year.

A big thanks goes out to all the Year 9 students for having a go throughout the day and to all the teachers for putting on a fun-filled day.

Damien Hollands
Deputy Principal



*"Everything you can
imagine is real"*

Pablo Picasso

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Recipients of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Medals with co-ordinator Mrs Kirsty van Rijk. From the left: Isla Christensen, Ella McKay, Caitlin Clark and Emma Bone.

YEAR 13 UNIFORM SHOES

Year 13 students for 2017 must wear the appropriate footwear as part of their Year 13 uniform. Please see examples below.

For the girls this is black leather shoes or sandals with a back strap (no higher than the ankle). In winter, black pantyhose must be worn with appropriate black leather shoes.



For the boys black leather lace-up school shoes or black leather dress shoes with plain black socks.



No jandals, canvas, ankle boots or sports shoes to be worn by any Year 13 student.

2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINE TIRA ORA

For families who have paid the school donation, their son/daughters will be entitled to a copy.

Families who have not paid the school donation will be required to pay \$20 per copy.

We are very proud of the school magazine and it is certainly a keepsake for students to remember their school years.

PROUDLY HASTINGS - CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Karamu High School spirit of giving, shone brightly during the last two weeks of the school year.

The Junior students and staff donated a range of tinned goods and other food items, to the annual "Christmas Cheer Appeal."

The donations were placed under the school Christmas tree, making an impressive display.

The school is always "Proudly Hastings," and it was heart-warming to see the students, families/whanau and staff of the Karamu community, be so caring and think of others at this time of the year.

Thank you for your generosity.



JUNIOR HIGH TABLOIDS

