



KARAMU
HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

March 2017

Congratulations to our Student Leaders 2017

Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays
1:15 - 1:45pm
and
3:00 - 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

April 7 - 9
Junior Rugby Trip
Gisborne

April 10
ANZAC Assembly

April 13
Last Day of Term

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Head Students

L – R: Reuben Lyndon (Deputy Head Boy), Holly Davison (Head Girl), Toby Hunter (Head Boy), Hannah Hemi-Robinson (Deputy Head Girl)



Performing Arts Leaders

L – R: Niko Slade and Tate Gorton

There are more 2017 Leaders photographs inside.

From the Principal



"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world"

Malala Yousafzai

We are now over half way through the first term and it has been fantastic to see the energy and enthusiasm in which our students and staff have approached the year. Karamu is a dynamic and exciting environment that is a constant hive of activity. In the past three weeks alone we have held one of our big House events in Swimming Sports, we have had students competing in Canoe Polo, Tennis, Cricket, Volleyball, Athletics, as well as Paddle Camp, Photography Camp, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions to name but a few. There really is never a better time in any young person's life to get involved and make the most of the opportunities available.

I would also like to thank and congratulate our students who participated in Te Matatini and the Relay for Life. Both of these events are significant for our region and reflect our vision of Proudly Karamu and Proudly Hastings. The feedback from the public has been extremely positive and a real credit to you all.

On Wednesday 8 March we held our annual Year 9 meet the teacher evening. Thank you to all the parents, whanau and students who attended. It is always great to meet with you and to get your feedback on how your son's and/or daughters have transitioned into their new school. In my presentation to the parents, I reiterated some key messages, and felt that it was pertinent that I share these with our whole community in this newsletter.

The teenage transition is a crucial time in any young person's life. We tread a fine line as parents and teachers of developing independence yet having to set firm and fair guidelines and provide ongoing support. We as a school need to ensure that we work closely with families and whanau to ensure our messages support each other in raising our children to achieve their potential. So how can you help?

Be informed - Read newsletters, discuss reports, check the website and parent portal to follow attendance, listen carefully to your child, inquire everyday as to what your sons and daughters are learning, what they are excelling at and what they are struggling with.

Be involved and stay actively involved – Please always make it a priority to attend all report evenings and school events. If you can, put your name forward to coach and manage sports teams and/or cultural groups. We need and value your contribution so please do not hesitate to come forward and offer your skills and expertise.

Set high expectations – Encourage and acknowledge positive interactions, check their uniform as they leave each day and get home, ensure homework is completed and finally, and most importantly, please don't condone absences. We know student attendance strongly correlates to success so every day missed is critical.

This is not a definitive list, but it is what we believe, makes up some of the key elements in achieving fantastic outcomes for our students.

Michael Leitch

Deputy Principal

It is important that the school sends information to parents including newsletters and other material. If you have received this by post and now have an email address please contact the school to have this updated.

As you are aware Athletics was cancelled and these cancellations and important events are notified through our webpage and Karamu App. The Karamu App is an easy way for students and parents to receive important messages and reminders as soon as they are available.

Sports coaches will also be rolling the use of the Karamu app across all winter sports especially as we head into winter and the possibilities of wet weather cancellations. Parents will also be able to subscribe to the individual teams.

I would encourage you to download the Karamu App from either google play for Android or the app store for Apple phones.

Damien Hollands



"I am seeking. I am striving. I am in it with all my heart."

Vincent van Gogh

Deputy Principal—Curriculum and Assessment

Term One has been a busy academic term for our students. Year 9 and 10 have had a series of PAT and MIDYIS tests which provide us with a range of school wide data so that we can best help the students.

It has been really pleasing to see our Year 11 parents participate in the Student Achievement Conferences. This is a very valuable meeting where the students have reflected and set goals for their NCEA year.

Our NCEA students are now coming up to assessments in a number of their subjects. The type of assessment varies between subjects but what is clear is that achieving to their potential requires determination and commitment. This means that students need to make time for regular homework and “chunk” away at what is required, planning to meet the deadline. Students should expect the work to be more difficult than last year. Students need to take time to process the work. The key is not to give up and not to stress, instead seek help.

The school provides a number of places where students can get help in what they need to do or to clarify their understanding. Our five academic leaders are running Homework Club each Tuesday and Thursday for students who want a quiet place to do homework after school or want help in any of their subjects. If students can't go at these times and would like a tutor group they should talk to the Year 13 Academic Leaders. A number of teachers are running tutorial sessions during lunch-times. In addition their teachers will provide help once they realise a student is having difficulty. The key thing is to ask. The Deans can put students in contact with the most appropriate person.

On our updated Karamu Website under Academic, NCEA, are a series of documents such as NCEA for Parents and Students, Extension Forms, Appeals, NCEA Exam Timetable for 2017 and financial information for 2017. Students who for very legitimate reasons cannot meet deadlines should complete the Extension Form with evidence of their work and take it to their teacher and apply for an extension.

Later this month we will have completed our Progress Reports. Reports will be posted to families. These reports will not have comments but will provide information on organizational skills, homework, class attitude and effort and participation. If parents require further information about how their son/daughter has settled into school this year we invite you to phone the level dean.

June Clark



“Believe you can and you're halfway there.”

Theodore Roosevelt

Karamu Sports

On Wednesday 1 March we had a record number of students signing up to play winter sports. The sports we have available for this year are Badminton, Basketball, Canoe Polo, Clay Target Shooting, Cross Country, Football, Hockey, Ki O Rahi, Netball, (for girls only), Orienteering, Rugby and Squash.

All winter sports will start trialling and training from Week 7 on, ready for competition start in Term Two.

Students who have missed out on registering for a sport can still do so by contacting Mr Blake. We are still processing the costs of all the sports. The school does its best to help out by subsidising each sport.

Although we have great staff support, at this time we would like to extend a welcome to all those that would love to help out with coaching, managing and transporting our sports people, by contacting the school on 878 7139, leave your details and Mr Blake will make contact.

Celebrating our NCEA Successes

Each year, Karamu celebrates the success of exam candidates by holding a special assembly to honour those who achieved a merit or excellence endorsement. Parents and friends are invited to see the certificates and cups awarded. Students who receive an excellence endorsement are also awarded with silver academic honours badges.



L to R:- Benjamin Colquhoun - Cup for Best NCEA Results from Year 10, Ezra Cash - Cup for Best NCEA Results at Level 3, Holly Davison - Cup for Best NCEA Results at Level 2 and Jaime Mossman - Cup for Best NCEA Results at Level 1.



Hundred Club badges are awarded to students who receive 100% excellence credits in a subject, on the first attempt.

Back row: Ashleigh Thorpe-Loversuch L1 Geography, Jack Chamberlain L2 Digital Technologies, Cameron Young L1 Drama, English Acc., History, Tate Gorton L2 Drama, History, Oliver Chamberlain L2 Digital Technologies, Phoebe Hinton L2 Physical Education.

Third row: Tayah-Daisy Coleman L2 Photography, Jaime Mossman L1 English, History, Science Acc. & L2 Photography, Reece Sullivan L1 Visual Arts, Reuben Lyndon L2 Physical Education, Kate Jones L2 History, Amy Griffiths L1 Drama, Abigail Masengi L1 Science Acc.

Second row: Caitlin Mannell L1 DVC, Shinae Lawrence L2 Photography, Benjamin Colquhoun L1 Science, Toby Hunter L2 Drama, Bethany Cox L2 Geography, Holly Davison L2 Photography & L2 English

Front row: Suitte Presbitero L2 Japanese, Georgia Hopkins L2 DVC, Geography, Cayli Corlett L2 Painting, Michaela Horsefield L2 Physical Education, Ella McKay L2 DVC, L2 Sculpture, Scarlett Garvey L2 Design

Absent: Solomon Bakker-Reynolds L2 Photography, Nicholas Palmer L1 Physical Education

Level 1 Excellence Endorsements



Back row (L-R): Hannah Norfolk, Cameron Young, Jacob McNeil, Ashleigh Thorpe-Loversuch, Caitlin Mannell

Third row (L-R): Tia Lewis, Michaela Edwards, Liam Robson, Jaime Mossman, Jayden Taylor, Laura Burns

Second row (L-R): Acacia Fairweather, Taylor Thorpe-Loversuch, Jasper Temburu, Ana Marks, Bayley Baxter-Kirby, Amy Griffiths

Front row (L-R): Amy Saunders, Ryley Clark, Sahibpreet Kaur, Camryn Toki, Melinda Pope, Abigail Masengi

Absent: Nicholas Palmer

Level 2 Excellence Endorsements



Back row (L-R): Harrison Keefe, Oliver Chamberlain, Tate Gorton, Josiah Barlow, Jack Chamberlain, Phoebe Hinton

Third row (L-R): Emily Hammond, Bianca Southey, Martha Wilson, Reuben Lyndon, Kate Jones, Tayah-Daisy Coleman, Bethany Cox

Second row (L-R): Shinae Lawrence, Michaela Horsefield, Niko Slade, Kevin Karnbach, Benjamin Revell, Toby Hunter, Holly Davison

Front row (L-R): Scarlett Garvey, Sage Templeton, Kassie Mercer, Hannah Hemi-Robinson, Ella McKay, Georgia Hopkins

Level 2 Merit Endorsements



Back row (L-R): Taiki Yoshino, Ethan Hakopa, Neils Clayton, Caleb Brothers, Jacob Fraser, Mathew Lindsay

Third row (L-R): Amy Burns, Ruby Mawley, Kirsten Rutten, Kiara Pledger, Kingsley Robertson, Briana Hasler, Shannon Singer

Second row (L-R): Gabriella Wilson, Harrison Compton, Kyle Burlace, Sem Hoogendoorn, Khalais Waerea, Kody Giddens

Front row (L-R): Suite Presbitero, Rachael Hagenow, Ashleigh Clay-Nicol, Cayli Corlett, Olivia Abelson

Absent: Caitlin Carr, Kate van Ingen, Emily Burton, Georgina McCallum



Level 1 Merit Endorsements

Back row (L-R): Keagan Klempel, Jorge Fothergill, Alyssa McKenzie, Millie Hannam, Khalael Uelese, Solomon Bakker-Reynolds, Shani Ross, Havila Brown, Hunter Durrant, Karsyn Wylie, Ngaire Tonihi

Third row (L-R): Annie Wykes, Paige Morgan, Kate Jarvis, Ashlee Cunningham-Johnson, Reanna Browning, Lennon Chenery, Sharnie O'Connor, Mikayla Harrison-Franco, Gustav Hendricks, Claire Barrett, Mia Sutton, Charley Ropitini, Mackenzie Sullivan, Shannon Minogue

Second row (L-R): Jacob Coady, Benjamin Winterson, Tanner McGhie-McIntyre, Henry Hosford, Todd Culver, Joshua Matthews, Romayne Araia, Taine Doyle, James Gowan, Luke Kupa, Alexander Ngui, Cyprus Kendrick

Front row (L-R): Rhiannon Eaves, Jessica Horsefield, Caitlin Robin, Jahnna Boden, Renee Blackman, Edith Nee Harland, Chontelle Leitch, Caitlin Nicol, Hannah Foulkes, Amethyst-Rose Halford, Portia Sutherland, Reece Sullivan

Absent: Azariah Sebley-Newton, Quinn Heeney, Sara Hazelwood, Maja Sanders, Emily Coppel

NCEA Achievements at Year 13 (2016)



Year 13 Scholarship Winners

There were 16 Merit endorsements gained by last year's Level 3 students, as well as 15 Excellence endorsements.

There were 10 Hundred Club badges gained by Level 3 students: Caitlyn Clark (History), Isla Christensen (Biology), Ezra Cash (Biology, Geography, Calculus & Physics), Shanae Mullooly (Photography), Sam Thorpe-Loversuch (Geography), Mason Templeton (Biology)

L-R: Zoe Hannay, Caitlin Clark, Ezra Cash, Isla Christensen, Georgia Boyes, Ella McKay



Caitlin Clark and Ezra Cash

There are a number of cups and scholarships that are not awarded until after NCEA results are released in January.

The Karamu High School Arts and Humanities Scholarship for Tertiary Study and the Cup for Level 3 Humanities was awarded to Caitlin Clark.

The Joan Wiffen Memorial Science Scholarship for Tertiary Study and the Cup for Level Three Sciences, was awarded to Ezra Cash.

Ezra, who was last year's Dux, also won the Karamu High School Cup for Best Level 3 NCEA results.

Year 10 NCEA Successes

A number of students in the Year 10 Accelerate programme gained Merit and Excellence subject endorsements in Mathematics, Science or Social Studies. Benjamin Colquhoun received the Cup for Best NCEA Results from Year 10.



Year 10 NCEA Subject Endorsements

Back row (L-R): Thomas Steinmann (M Science, E Social Studies), Tadhg Stephens (M Mathematics, E Social Studies), Te Au Skipworth (M Mathematics), Jayden Griffiths (M Mathematics, Social Studies), Reon McKeesick (M Science) Samuel Raggett (M Science), Isaac Hinton (M Mathematics, Science, Social Studies), Tyler Boyes (M Science, E Social Studies), Amelia Hunt (M Science), Amber Flashoff (M Mathematics, Science, Social Studies).

Middle row (L-R) Meg Ryan (M Social Studies), Darian Culver (M Science), Social Studies), Benjamin Colquhoun (E Mathematics, Science, Social Studies), Lachlan Costello (M Mathematics, Social Studies), Jake Snow (M Mathematics), Liam Walker (M Mathematics, Science), Kahurangi Stevens (M Social Studies) Dean Polak (M Science, E Mathematics), Ethany Gibson (M Mathematics, Science, E Social Studies), Cortez Te Pou (M Social Studies), Lucy McKay (M Mathematics, Science, Social Studies)

Front row (L-R): Jacinta Foreman (M Mathematics, Science, Social Studies), Jasmine Fannin (M Social Studies), Xanthia Coombe (M Social Studies, Science, E Mathematics), Sophie Williams (M Mathematics, Science, E Social Studies), Felicity Johnstone (M Social Studies), Rhian Hanara (M Science) Lucy McCallum (M Social Studies), Rilee Prebensen (M Social Studies), Lian Hontalba (M Social Studies),

Absent: Dylan Bagley (M Science, Social Studies), Liam Byers (M Science)

M denotes a Merit Subject Endorsement, E denotes an Excellence Subject Endorsement

Karamu Green Team

On Saturday 4 March the Karamu Green Team attended the annual Awatoto beach clean-up held by Hawke's Bay Regional Youth Council. It was our first event of the year and it was great to see such a large turnout.

We kitted up with gloves and buckets at 9:00am to clean all the rubbish we could, we also learnt about the restoration project and the historic importance of the area, as it was the lagoon where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in Hawke's Bay.



Members of the Karamu Green Team at Awatoto

The Green Team were Proudly Karamu and Proudly Hastings, making up the largest group of the clean-up crew of over 100 community members. It is encouraging that the amount of rubbish found at this spot each

year is steadily decreasing. This year the community collected 580kg of rubbish; in 2016, 650kg was collected and in 2015, 760kg was collected.

Student Leaders 2017



(L-R): Phoebe Hinton, Mathew Lindsay, Michaela Horsefield



Harrison Keefe and Janine Kahukura



L-R): Jadah Elers, Gabriella Wilson, Liam Frost, Martha Wilson, Daniel O'Donoghue, Keelia Johnston, Kyle Burlace, Luke Sinclair, Dylan Huata-Lucas, Kody Giddens, Benjamin Revell, Ethan Hakopa, Emily Hammond, Bianca Southey, Ashleigh Clay-Nicol, Georgina McCallum



(L-R): Kate Jones, Shinae Lawrence, Josiah Barlow, Nathan Bryers, Liam Davies, Taiki Yoshino, Kassie Mercer



L-R): Scarlett Garvey, Tayah-Daisy Coleman, Oliver Chamberlain, Bethany Cox, Ella McKay

Te Awa River Group

Recently the Te Awa group left in the early hours of the morning to travel to Victoria University to attend an App development workshop. The purpose of the trip was for students to design an App for the collection of data.

This group of students will be carrying out a collection of tests on the Ngaruroro River to test its health. The App will enable them to instantly see trends in the form of graphs and tables, as well as safely store their data.

The experience was very valuable and the knowledge will hopefully be able to be used by others in the school in the future.

Jahvarliann Pemberton-Kohiti and Rhys Tamanui really took to the App making and received prizes for the Apps they made.



L-R): Jahvarliann Pemberton-Kohiti and Rhys Tamanui

Relay For Life

On Saturday 4 March a group of 52 members of the Karamu community (students & staff) participated in the Cancer Society's biggest annual fundraising event – Relay for Life 2017. This year's relay was held at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park.

We had a fantastic team of Year 13 Leaders who kept things running smoothly throughout the day. The baton had to be moving around the track for the 12 hours of the event (from 11:00am to 11:00pm) while a lot of other creative and competitive events were going on around the park.

Leading up to the event the members of our Karamu team put together fundraising bake sales at school and also rallied around their personal connections for some individual fundraising. All together our team raised a total of \$1146.90. This is a fabulous effort from our team and we already have ideas and plans on how to increase this for next year.

During the event we participated in the secondary school's tug of war competition and retained our title as champions of the Co-Ed school category. We also constructed a Tie fighter costume as part of the Star Wars themed newspaper costume challenge completed by all teams at the event.

It was a wonderfully successful event again this year and raises money for a very worthwhile and necessary cause within our local community. A huge thank you to all those students and staff involved in the event and also to all those who contributed to our fundraising efforts. It is much appreciated.



Swimming Sports

The swimming sports were held in near perfect conditions at Frimley Aquatic Centre on Friday 24 February. Another fantastic day was had by all with a combination of competitive and fun events for the whole school to get involved in. These days are tremendous days to build House spirit and enjoy a bit of friendly rivalry. A big thank you goes out again to Mr Ross and his team who always continue to evolve and develop these days to make them truly special and memorable events for all students.

	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Senior Girls	Senior Boys
1st	Jade Edmonds	Michael Garland	Emily Burton	Matthew Jones
2nd	Georgia Wilson	Adam Brookes	Jadah Elers	Josh Matthews
3rd	Tiana Edwards	Ethan Popplewell	Melinda Pope	Travis Eaton

Congratulations to Tukituki who won the House Swimming Cup for 2017.

1st	Tukituki	930
2nd	Te Mata	840
3rd	Heretaunga	795
4th	Kaweka	735



If You Have Concerns

If you are a **student** and you have a concern...

If your concern is about...	You should first see....	If not resolved, then ...	And if still not resolved....
Your learning , e.g. classwork and assessment	Your teacher	Your Dean	Mrs Clark Deputy Principal Curriculum & Assessment
A discipline problem , e.g. a detention	The teacher who gave you the detention	Your Dean	Mr Wooster Deputy Principal Student Management
A pastoral issue , e.g. bullying, attendance	Your form teacher	Your Dean	Mr Wooster or Mrs Hart Guidance Counsellor

If you are a **parent** and you have a concern...

If your concern is about...	You should first see...	If not resolved, then ...	And if still not resolved ...
A learning problem , e.g. classwork and assessment	The Dean	Mrs Clark Deputy Principal Curriculum and Assessment	Mr Leitch Principal
A discipline problem , e.g. a detention	The Dean	Mr Wooster Deputy Principal Student Management	
A pastoral issue , e.g. bullying, attendance	The Dean	Mr Wooster or Mrs Hart Guidance Counsellor	
A financial issue relating to any account or charge	Either Mrs Gray or Mrs Clarke in the Office	Mrs Hantler Principal's PA	

At Karamu High School, our year level deans play an important role in the pastoral care of your sons and daughters. Our year level deans for 2017 are listed below for your information. Please email your son or daughter's dean or phone 878 7139 and leave a message, if you wish to contact them.



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