KARAMU HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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**Uniform Shop Hours**

Wednesdays

1:15 to 1:45pm

and

3:00 to 4:00pm

**Dates to Remember**

1 June
Big Sing
East Coast Region

6 June
Queen's Birthday

11 June
Edible Fashion Awards

13 June
HB Regional Chamber Music

30 June
Year 13 Cabaret

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# POWHIRI FOR NEW PRINCIPAL

Kia ora

I would like to begin by saying what an honour it is to be appointed as the Principal of Karamu High School. I would like to acknowledge the support of the Board of Trustees, and express my gratitude in the confidence that they have shown in me to lead this great school. I would also like to thank both teaching and support staff that I have worked with over the past 16 months in welcoming me into the Karamu community. I was very humbled by your reaction to the announcement of my appointment at the end of last term and I look forward to continuing to work alongside you all.

I have been teaching now for 18 years both in New Zealand and overseas and I have loved the diverse nature of the different roles I have been able to perform. I have always loved my time in the classroom working with the students but also enjoy the challenges that come with the management side of school life. Like any career teaching has its ups and downs, but it is a very rewarding and exciting profession to be involved in and I can honestly say I have never had any regrets in choosing this as my career path.

I enjoy the challenge of working with young people and seeing the growth and development of students in the schools that I have worked in. It does give you great sense pride to see the success of ex-students as they move on to fulfill their dreams and ambitions and to have contributed to that in some way.

Schools are places of tremendous opportunity and there is no better example of that than here at Karamu High School. We have a fantastic school filled with fantastic people and we must continue to grow and aspire to achieve great things for our students moving forward.

Our vision Proudly Karamu, Proudly Hastings, Proudly Learning remains the cornerstone to our ongoing growth and success. I will continue to lead this school that is true to this vision and provides the best educational outcomes for all of our students.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world "*

*Nelson Mandela*

Welcome to the first newsletter of term two. I hope that parents and students enjoyed some quality time together and are refreshed and ready for another busy term ahead.

The winter sports season is now underway and it is fantastic to see Karamu High School being represented in a number of codes across the board. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers for helping coach manage and transport our teams. Without your ongoing support we would not be able to have so many of our students involved in activities that are critical in developing well rounded individuals.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind both the students and parents of their responsibilities in representing the school at all fixtures. All students must be in the correct uniform and abide by the fair play code at all times. Please remember:

**THESE ARE KIDS**
**IT'S A GAME**
**THE COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS**
**THE REFEREES ARE HUMAN**
**THIS IS NOT THE WORLD CUP**

Although sports and extra-curricular activities play an important part to our students lives, our number one priority is focusing on the academic progress of our students. For the senior students, there will be opportunities to gain a number of credits through their internal assessments. It is vital that our students manage their time effectively and ensure that every assessment submitted is their best work. All students need to aim for achieving Merit and Excellence credits and be unwavering in pursuit of this goal.

**"Success is no accident – it is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all love what you are doing" – Pele**

Later in the term both our senior and junior students will receive a mid-year report which will benchmark their progress. Following this there is an opportunity for you to attend our report evenings. Critical to your son/daughter's ongoing success is your involvement in their learning by taking this opportunity to develop the home/school partnership. Please make this report evening a priority for you and your student. You will receive information about booking appointments when the reports are sent.

Throughout this newsletter you will read a number of outstanding achievements of our students. We are very proud of these achievements and love to acknowledge their success. If your son or daughter is involved in activities outside of school, we always love to know of their achievements. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any stage.

Michael Leitch
Principal

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*

*Francis of Assisi*

I would like to thank the students and parents who have made a great effort with uniform and punctuality so far this term. It is important that students arrive at school on time and ready to learn. With this there are a very few students who need to focus on being on site before 8.30 ready to go to first period in the correct uniform.

As we have most of our students coming to and from school on foot or cycle their safety is paramount. To aid in a safe journey to and from school it is important that students and caregivers follow the guidelines around picking up and dropping off students. Designated areas for pick up of students are Beatson Road or across the road at Windsor Park on the Grove Road side. It is also important that cars leaving Beatson Road turn left when exiting.

At Karamu High School we pride ourselves on being well presented and this relies on students coming to school in the correct uniform. This includes the journey to and from school. We do have a full uniform for winter including a jacket and scarf and these are the only ones to be worn by our students. If you have any inquires about uniform and the purchase thereof, please contact our school office. Once again thank you for your efforts so far this term.

Damien Hollands
Acting Deputy Principal

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

An important factor in NCEA success is meeting assessment deadlines. Each subject has set milestone check points and assessment dates which are detailed in the assessment calendars on the Karamu High School website, www.karamu.school.nz. This user-friendly site allows both students and parents to keep up to date with assessment dates.

Students who fail to meet milestones to an acceptable standard will be required to catch up the work in the supervised Homework Centre. Those who do not meet assessment deadlines will not gain credits for the NCEA Standard. It is very disappointing when students miss out on credits because they did not meet a deadline. Continuing to not meet deadlines will result in intervention meetings with parents. Milestones are used by the school and NZQA to ensure authenticity – that the work is the student's own.

Kamar Portal on the school website shows attendance, NCEA credits and whether the student has met milestones in each subject. Students and parents from last year can use the password they have. Year 9 parents will receive their password in the next couple of weeks. Before the end of the term parents will receive interim reports that give a clear indication how well their son/daughter has settled into their academic programme.

June Clark
Deputy Principal

*"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow ."*

*Anthony J. D'Angelo*

# ANTARCTIC VOYAGE

My voyage down south! In January this year I was fortunate to be part of the student voyage crew to the Sub Antarctic with the Sir Peter Blake Trust.

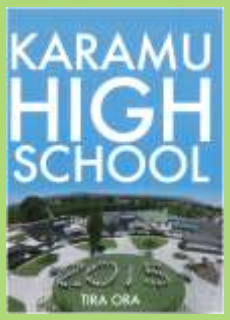
Travelling on the Navy HMNZS Otago meant learning the way of the Navy, participating in drills, cooking in the galley, bird watching from the bridge and getting woken up to the wakey wakey whistle. I loved life on ship, even when the Southern Ocean greeted us with eight metre swells. After five days of sailing we reached the Auckland Islands where we were based for four days.

Here we participated in scientific research alongside professors from universities around New Zealand. This included plankton counting, bird watches, soil samples and water tests. These observations will be used as base line research to investigate the effect of climate change. Work that I am proud to have been involved with. Our final stop was at Endoby Island, positioned 560km south of Stewart Island, which is home to a sea lion and albatross colony. This was a magical sight to witness.

But one of the most important things I learnt on this voyage was how beautiful New Zealand is. I was able to see untouched land which has inspired me to study environmental science and biology next year.

Isla Christensen

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




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

# CURIOUS MINDS

Emma Bone and Kate Jacobs with the new *Candida* species

Phase two of the Curious Minds: discovering new life was recently undertaken by ten Karamu High School students (and students from two other schools), who travelled to Landcare Research in Auckland to meet the new species we discovered.

Isla Christensen

After flying to Auckland and settling in to Willow Park Christian Camp the afternoon of day one was spent exploring the War Memorial Museum. Day two was spent at Landcare Research where we got to look at many of the samples we had collected from White Pine Bush under the microscopes.

We also learnt how to subculture fungi whilst using aseptic techniques. This is the process used to isolate and grow the new species we found from any other present.

Ana Marks

Caleb Brothers

## FARADAY CENTRE

Recently the students in 10LHA attended a workshop on Electricity at the Faraday Centre in Napier.

Students followed in the footsteps of great scientists such as Benjamin Franklin, Alessandro Volta, Michael Faraday, Thomas Edison and Nicola Tesla, whose curiosity and scientific experiments made it possible to generate electricity and light up our world.

Jacob Bull and Mana Wichman

Hands-on activities provided opportunities for exploring the basic principles of electricity and magnetism, and students also investigated how electricity can be generated using wind, water, sunlight and fossil fuels.

## CYCLING SUCCESS

The Cambridge National Secondary Schools Festival of Cycling was held over the weekend of Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May in the Waikato.

Sam Thorpe-Loversuch who represented Karamu had a successful weekend. He placed 1st in the U19 3k Hill Climb, 1st U19 47k Road Race, and 2nd in Track. This placed him 1st overall in U19 Boys.

Sam Thorpe-Loversuch

## CLAY TARGET SHOOTING - TAUPO

The Clay Target team of Mitchell Davis 12JUC, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe 10JMO, Daniel Stuart 10YDO, Max Crossan 10YDO and Cameron Spargo 10YDO, travelled to Taupo on Thursday 12 May to compete against schools from the Auckland and Waikato regions. There were 203 competitors at the shoot.

Cameron Spargo, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe, Daniel Stuart & Max Crossan

Mitchell Davis started well with a possible 20/20 in the first event and the junior members of the team followed his lead with outstanding results for Oliver Wiggins-Crowe 10/10 and Max Crossan 9/10 in the Single Barrel event.

The team travels to Palmerston North on Sunday 22 May to begin their campaign in the Central and Lower North Island circuit of six shoots building up to North Islands in July and Nationals in September.

# SENIOR GIRLS CANOE POLO

At the end of Term One the Karamu High School Senior Girls Canoe Polo team travelled to Palmerston North to compete in New Zealand Secondary Schools Nationals.

The standard of competition in A Grade was very high, and Karamu held their own in a fierce pool of competitors. Karamu High School emerged from pool play undefeated playing Horowhenua College, Taradale High School, Palmerston North Girls' High School and Havelock North High School. In the final they came up against Havelock North in a re-match from pool play, coming away victors 8 – 3, to be crowned National Champions.

Back row: Miss J Bolton, Michaela Horsefield, Phoebe Hinton, Madison Gaiger
Front row: Kendal Gowan, Amy Saunders, Sharnie O'Connor and Tia Lewis

Their coach and current staff member Mrs Julie Bolton was very proud of the teams achievement, acknowledging the girls work ethic, determination and commitment to the early morning trainings and fitness work throughout the season.

Stand out players in the team included Captain, Madison Gaiger, who is currently in the New Zealand U21 Squad, and Phoebe Hinton, their goalie, who worked so well under pressure and should be immensely proud of her efforts.

The team would like to thank all those involved in training and supporting them, including Erin Bolton, Meghann Corbett, Greg Ross, Karen and Matt Saunders, Adie Grove, all the parents and the boys team who came down and supported them on the day. Madison Gaiger, Michaela Horsefield and Sharnie O'Connor were selected in the New Zealand Secondary School Tournament team, a high honour for the young girls who worked so hard.

Madison Gaiger was recently named in the New Zealand U21 Womens Canoe Polo team competing in the World Championships in Italy this year.

Madison will travel to Italy in August with the team and has started fundraising to help with the significant costs (approx. $14,000) associated with this event.

Madison has set up a 'Give a Little' page to help cover costs. If you would like to support Madison please go to www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/help4madison99

# KI O RAHI NATIONALS

He mihi manahau ki nga manu hakahaka, nga manawa titi o te Taakaro me te hoea nei i te waka eke noa. Whaia nga iti kahurangi, ururoatia, he toa takitini.

It was an outstanding Ki o Rahi 2016 season for our Karamu teams.

In the Hawke's Bay/Ngati Kahungunu Regional Competition we were able to field three teams; a mixed team, a boys and a girls team. Both the boys and girls team came first in the round robin competition. The mixed team played with heart and spirit and placed 6th overall.

For the first time a tournament was held to determine the two schools that would represent our region in the Ki o Rahi National Championship. All schools who played in the tournament played outstandingly. It was such a tough competition and forced our Karamu Mixed A team to play with skill, determination, and heart. Fortunately the team won and we represented Hawke's Bay/ Kahungunu at the Ki o Rahi National Championship.

The Ki o Rahi National Championship heralds the two top teams in twelve regions from Aotearoa. The calibre was extremely high. This year our Karamu team made it to the top tier for the first time; the championship pool; the top eight schools vying for first place; a position we had always narrowly missed out on. In the end out of 24 schools we placed 6th overall. Although it was not 1st, we were very pleased with the result.

Most Valuable Player for the National Ki o Rahi team was Jacob Horua-Kershaw, a well-deserved title for his work on and off the field.

Congratulations to Cortez Te Pou for being selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Maori team.

Also, to the co-captains, Yvaan Hapuku-Lambert and Talon Robinson, you both did an exceptional job in leading all the teams this season, also special mention to Saelem Watson and Sam Walton-Sexton for the experience, leadership and support they gave to the captains and the team.

Back: Saelem Watson, Riley Walton-Sexton, Karauria Akurangi, Connor Auckram, Jacob Horua-Kershaw, Hagar Keepa, Sam Walton-Sexton, Ondre Hapuku-Lambert
Middle: Mohi Beckham, Raegan Robinson, Nastashia Ngawhika, Hineawe Crawford, Jorjia Walford-Bennett, Erana-Kawa Whatarau, Cortez Te Pou, Supreme Smith
Front: Talon Robinson and Yvaan Hapuku-Lambert

# GUYS AND DOLLS

Week 10 of Term One saw the culmination of months of hard work by many students and staff as the cast and crew put on a very successful version of Guys and Dolls.

Toby Hunter, Ashlee Cunningham-Johnson, Ailsa Laurie and Mikel O'Connell, the four main actors, made the story and the show come alive with their interpretations of their characters.

Many students were also able to showcase a variety of artistic talents in backstage roles, such as set painting, costume design and makeup. Well done for a huge co-operative effort!