



## Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:15 to 2:00pm

and

3:00 to 4:00pm

## Dates to Remember

Senior Benchmark  
Exams

17 - 23 August

Teacher Only Day

29 August

Science Fair

2 September

Blossom Day

9 September

Cnr Grove & Windsor Avenue,  
PO Box 346,  
Hastings 4156,  
Hawke's Bay,  
New Zealand

Telephone: +64 6 878 7139  
Facsimile: +64 6 878 7937  
Email: [admin@karamu.school.nz](mailto:admin@karamu.school.nz)

[www.karamu.school.nz](http://www.karamu.school.nz)

## INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE CAMP

On the 16 June I travelled to Gottingen Germany as the sole New Zealand student, selected by the Royal Society of New Zealand to attend the June/July XLAB (Experimental Laboratory for Young People) International Science Camp.

Here I, in the company of 18 other students from around the world, was able to immerse myself in Neurophysiology, Molecular Neurobiology and Anatomy. It was from here I was selected as one of three students to spend a week at the Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine which has resulted in my innate interest in Neuroscience to develop into a passion. Being in this environment and understanding how my skills as a scientist will grow, develop and be challenged were great learning experiences for me.

This was the opportunity of a life time for me, not simply because of the experience I was gaining as a scientist but also the experience I was gaining as a global citizen.



Emma Bone - Front row second from the right

Throughout the three week course I was the only New Zealand person at the camp having to adapt to the varying cultures of the other students that were there.

I came to realise that often we New Zealanders don't see as far beyond our small country as we should. From each different person on the camp I learnt something different and I created a different relationship. Something I believe is such an important skill for us to learn as our country becomes more and more multi-cultural.

I had the absolute time of my life on this trip but it would not have been possible without the support of Karamu High School, the Royal Society of New Zealand and most importantly my teachers. Without these people I would have never even thought the opportunity was possible but I have learnt that anything is possible for a Karamu student if they just put their mind to it.

Emma Bone  
Year 13

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled"*

Plutarch

Dear Parents

Another term is well underway and with only nine weeks in the term we have a full schedule ahead of us. Senior benchmark exams, winter sports tournament week, University Open Days, Blossom Day, The Japan Trip, class field trips and House Music just to name a few illustrates the dynamic and exciting environment we have here at Karamu High School.

The recent winter cold snap brought with it a timely reminder about our preparedness for such events. At assembly I addressed this issue with our students and challenged them to discuss this with their families and whanau.

With the end of the winter sports season approaching I would like to thank the many volunteers that help support, coach and manage our teams. There have been some fantastic results which cannot be achieved without your commitment and sacrifice. To the players, please do not lose sight of this and ensure that you also acknowledge this as your teams wind up their seasons.

Michael Leitch  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM



*"Intelligence plus character - that is the true goal of education"*

Martin Luther King Jr

It has been pleasing to see the way our Senior students have approached their Benchmark Examinations. These examinations give a very good indication of areas where the students can improve. Students should reflect on each question when their papers are returned and determine why they are not getting the results they expected. Is the reason for their result not reading the question properly, not understanding the question, making a silly mistake or not knowing how to do the question? By classifying their errors the students can more easily see why they are making mistakes.

Consistent effort for the rest of the year can significantly change the state of NCEA results. Students should plan regular revision, set deadlines to complete portfolios, take advantage of further assessment opportunities, make use of the tutoring opportunities at the Homework Centre or extra time in the art room after school.

On Tuesday 13 September Level One Mathematics students will have their NCEA External Algebra Examination. NCEA external examinations start on Wednesday 9 November. The NCEA timetable is available at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/> Portfolios for Visual Arts and Technology subjects must be completed early in Term Three.

We encourage students to set high goals. Students should be aiming to gain Merit or Excellence Course (Subject) Endorsements in one or more subjects. This requires 14 Merit or Excellence credits including 3 credits from externals.

June Clark  
Deputy Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As we enter into Week 5 of Term Three most winter sports codes are coming to an end. It is pleasing to see how well represented we have been in all codes with mixed results. I am pleased with the commitment of our students to their respective team. I would also take this opportunity to thank all the parent coaches and managers. You people are a valuable asset to our school community.

Research indicates that anyone hoping to achieve their potential must attend school on a regular basis. To this end our bottom line on attendance is aimed at 85%. This figure does not differentiate between illness and family holidays as students are away from class. I have calculated a percentage for all students attending Karamu and I have been impressed with the students interest in their figure. We have seen some pleasing improvements in a target group of students who have been well below the 85% mark.

Wayne Wooster  
Deputy Principal



*"Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you"*

Robert Fulghum

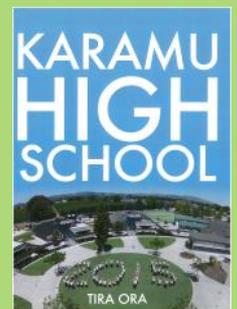
## CONGRATULATIONS MS ROBERTS

Congratulations to Ms Andrea Roberts who is one of only four secondary school Science teachers in New Zealand to receive a scholarship from the Maurice Wilkins Centre to attend the Molecular Biology Conference in Nelson at the end of August.

Ms Roberts is a passionate biologist and has been instrumental in developing such initiatives as the Karamu 'Green Team' and more recently the 'Curious Minds Project' involving a number of senior students working with Landcare Research around the discovery of new biological species.

At the conference Ms Roberts will be working alongside some of New Zealand's leading researchers and be exposed to cutting edge research from both national and international scientists.

This scholarship is testament to Ms Roberts hard work and ongoing commitment to learning which will continue to inspire the next generation of scientists.



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

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

## BLAZERS

Year 12 and 13 students can wear the school blazer as part of their uniform.

These can be purchased through the School Uniform Shop for \$165.00.

The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday during term time, 1:15 to 2:00pm and 3:00 to 4:00pm.



## CYCLING

The Secondary School's Cycling Championships were held over the weekend of 3- 4 July. All boys performed exceptionally well.

This is reflected in the results:

Senior Boys Time Trial	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam Thorpe-Loversuch, Cadell Heney, Luke Shaw, Jacob Coady
Junior Boys Time Trial	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jamie Hollway, Mack Coady, Mauro Cattaneo
1 <sup>st</sup> Under 20 Road Race		Sam Thorpe-Loversuch
1 <sup>st</sup> Under 17 Road Race		Luke Shaw
4 <sup>th</sup> Under 17 Road Race		Jacob Coady
3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 15 Road Race		Jamie Hollway
4 <sup>th</sup> Under 15 Road Race		Mack Coady
5 <sup>th</sup> Under 15 Road Race		Mauro Cattaneo

Luke Shaw has recently competed in the North Island Secondary Championships and both he and Sam Thorpe-Loversuch are competing in the New Zealand Secondary Championships in September.

All the boys have experienced riding with the Ramblers Cycling Club. Sam is in the A Grade, Luke in B Grade, Jacob D Grade, Jamie F Grade, (which he is winning) and Mack and Ethan are the top two riders in G Grade.



Part of the Karamu High School Cycling Team  
in their Team Colours.

