



POWHIRI

Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:15 to 1:45pm

and

3:00 - 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 21 February
Student ID Photos

Friday 24 February
Swimming Sports

Wednesday 8 March
Year 9 Parent Evening

Friday 10 March
Athletics Sports

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The first Friday of term began with a powhiri to welcome all new students and staff into the Karamu whanau. The powhiri was held outdoors on the turf circle under the shelter of Te Tira O Karamu, our sculpture.

Senior students Janine Kahukura and Jazzmin Te Huia lead the new students and staff members.

Mr Leitch welcomed everyone to the Karamu whanau and spoke about the importance of making the most of the opportunities offered at school. He also announced the Head Students for 2017, Holly Davison (Head Girl), Toby Hunter (Head Boy), Hannah Hemi-Robinson (Deputy Head Girl) and Reuben Lyndon (Deputy Head Boy)

Mr Leitch then lead the Head Students in raising the school flag to mark the beginning of the academic year at Karamu.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit"

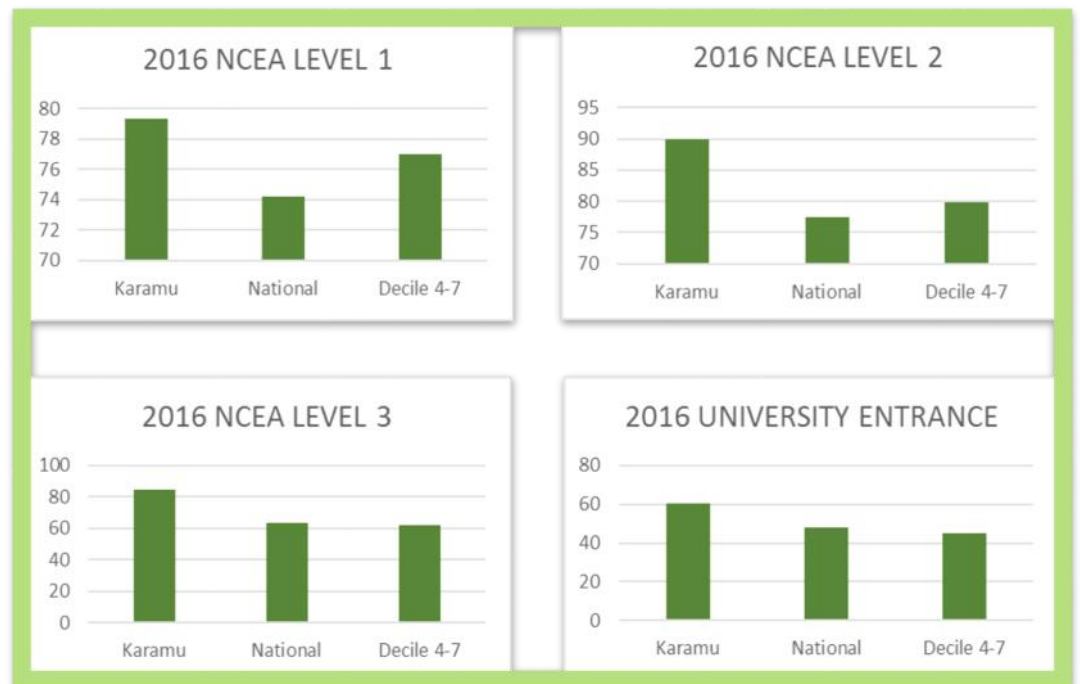
Aristotle

It is with great pleasure I write to you in this the first newsletter of the year.

I would like to begin by extending a warm welcome to all of our new students, whanau and teaching staff that have joined the Karamu community in 2017.

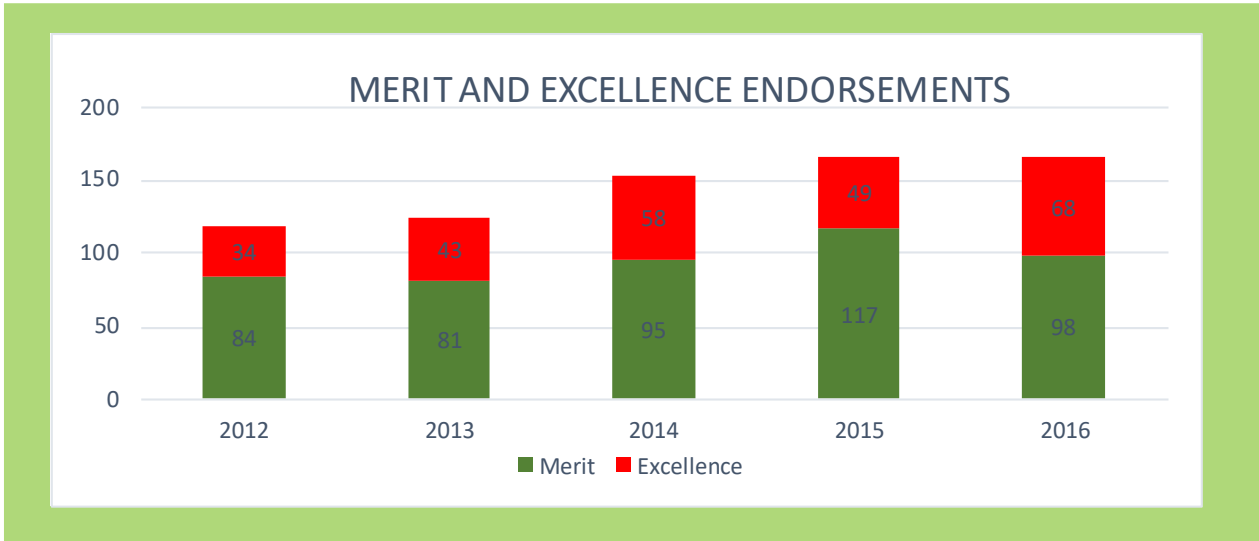
This year we welcome 212 new Year 9 students as well as a number of students joining us in the other year levels. This has resulted in another strong roll of 890 students and the school's zoning policy needing to be implemented to off-set the pressure of demand from within the Hastings District. I have once again been very impressed with the new students who have joined us this year, and I look forward to meeting you all as the term progresses.

Every year we take this opportunity to report the academic success of our students to our parents and the wider community. The 2016 NCEA results were released in mid-January and I am pleased to report that Karamu High School has once again performed above and in most cases well above both the National averages and Decile 4-7 schools averages at all levels.



Analysis of these results is ongoing and we are constantly looking at how we can be more effective in raising the achievement of all students. I would like to congratulate our senior students who achieved NCEA at their respective levels and encourage our current students to use these results as motivation to raise the bar even higher in 2017.

In addition to these results in 2016 we again equalled the highest numbers of level endorsements of 166 for Karamu High School. The pleasing aspect to note was the increase in our excellence endorsements which have risen from 29.5% to 41%. In seven years, our students have more than doubled the number of Merit and Excellence endorsements, which is simply outstanding. We also saw a new record number of students receiving their 100 Club badge. To gain a 100 Club badge requires a student to get straight excellences in a subject. The first 100 Club badges were awarded in 2009 and totalled six; last year our students earned nearly eight times that number with 46.



It is important to understand that the data we provide to our school community is “Roll Based Data” which counts **all** students on our roll and provides the only true and honest picture of how well all our students are doing. This clearly demonstrates our commitment to all of our students in encouraging them to achieve to their own personal potential, whatever that may be. Some schools opt to report “Participation Based Data” which gives discretion over which students are counted (based on the number of credits the student is enrolled in).

Finally, I would also like to thank our existing parents for your continued support. Through your reinforcement of our high expectations around attendance, behaviour and uniform we are able to provide a fantastic environment for your sons and daughters to thrive in. Our students do a fine job of appreciating this and have made a great start to the year in this regard.

We look forward to, what promises to be, another outstanding year for Karamu High School.

Regards
Michael Leitch
Principal



"Success is no accident it is hardwork, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all love what you are doing"

Pele

Deputy Principal - Curriculum and Assessment

It has been a real pleasure for our Deans to meet with our Year 12 and 13 students and their parents as they reflect on their past year, discuss their career aspirations, set goals and confirm appropriate subjects for this year. I would like to thank the parents for making time available for this important process.

As another year begins and a new group of students begin NCEA it is important to reflect on the strategies that are essential for success in NCEA. Of prime importance is a very high level of attendance. It is worth remembering that a student who has 80% attendance is effectively missing one period of each subject a week. This immediately makes learning difficult. Research shows that students with over 90% attendance have a much greater chance of success.

Homework needs to become a regular event for all high school students. Students will not succeed well unless they are actively going over their work between lessons and checking their understanding. This means summarising key points into an exercise book or onto flash cards explaining the key points as they do so.

Year 9 and 10 students will have some benchmark testing later this month to give us some base line data for the year.

June Clark



"Life isn't meant to be easy its meant to be lived. Sometimes happy other times rough... But with every up and down you learn lessons that make you strong."

Tejas Patel

Deputy Principal - Student Management

It has been a very smooth start to the year. All students have presented in tip top shape. This all helps to maintain our high standards.

A few reminders:

- Karamu High School roman sandals are black
- If you are picking your son/daughter up at the end of the day in Beatson Road, can you please make a left hand turn **only**
- Please stop at all pedestrian crossings, especially near Parkvale Primary
- All students are to stay at school during lunchtimes. Year 13 students have special privileges
- If your son/daughter brings a vehicle to school it must be registered with me
- Please name all jerseys and jackets on the inside labels

If you have any issues regarding your son/daughter's safety or bullying issues please contact me.

Wayne Wooster



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

Edgar Degas

Deputy Principal

It is great to see the junior students especially the new Year 9's settling into the academic year. It is important that they get into good routines and make sure they keep up to speed with their work. As this is a new environment and way of working, it is expected that some students will need help and it is important that they ask for help if needed from either their teacher or one of the senior students.

With the change to high school also comes the opportunity to use devices around school and in the classroom for learning purposes. Over the next weeks the Year 9's will be going through their induction on the use and responsibilities of using technology at school and further information will be coming home with them. At this stage we do not require students to bring their own laptops however they are more than welcome to do so as long as they follow the agreed guidelines.

Finally as many students bike to and from school I would encourage them to be safe and road wise so they arrive with us everyday and return to you safely. They must wear a helmet and obey the rules of the road and the school.

Damien Hollands

KARAMU VALUES

Our vision, Proudly Karamu, Proudly Hastings, Proudly Learning provides a clear and concise set of outcomes for both our staff and students to aspire to.

Our vision however is underpinned by a set of values which we as a community have identified as the key to fulfilling our vision. In 2017 greater emphasis will be placed on acknowledging students who display our values both inside and outside the classroom.

W hanaungatanga - Positive relationships, Collaboration, Respect and School pride

E xcellence – Fulfilling potential, Acceleration of learning

L eadership – Initiative, Self-management, Honesty, Integrity, Reliability

C reativity – Thinking skills, Innovation, Imagination, Problem solving, Academic risk taking

O vercoming Adversity – Perseverance, Resilience

M anaakitanga – Hospitality, Welcoming, Engaging

E mbracing Diversity – Accepting differences, Inclusive

By acknowledging and reinforcing these values at home as well as at school, we believe that all students at Karamu High School will fulfil our vision. I encourage you to discuss these values with your sons and/or daughters. Check their understanding and ask for examples of where they have demonstrated them recently.

STUDENT ID PHOTOS

On Tuesday 21 February, student ID photos will be taken. The opportunity to purchase an ID card is optional but open to all Year levels at Karamu High School.

The ID cards will cost \$6.00. Students must have \$6.00 cash with them on Tuesday to have an ID card issued.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

With the new Health and Safety rules now in force, all students will need to bring their black leather school shoes to wear on the days they have Science and when they do their Technology option.

YEAR 11 STUDENT CONFERENCES

This year we will be instigating Student Achievement Conferences at Year 11 as part of our Academic Counselling Programme. This meeting will allow the family, whanau and the school to work together to help your son/daughter.

The conferences will be led by your son/daughter with the support of his/her form mentor. Areas of discussion will include:

- What is NCEA?
- Where am I at with my learning
- Support for learning at school and at home
- Goals for the future

11MAC and 11HGL conferences will be on Tuesday 28 February. You should have received booking information via e-mail or alternatively it should arrive in the mail in the coming days.

All other Year 11 classes' conferences will be on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 March and their information will be sent later in the term.

All students and their families and/or a whanau member are expected to attend so please highlight these dates in your calendar.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS



*Back row: Brett Wardrope, Lutz Weber, Elijah Martin
Front row: Jillian Harrison, Brooke McGill, Meghann Corbett, Ben Reay, Bruce Tetley
Absent: Julie Bewick*

Karamu have a number of new staff this year due to staff moving to new challenges and a growing roll.

Brett Wardrope (English)

Mr Wardrope returns to New Zealand after spending the last 10 years at Harrow International School in Bangkok teaching English. Originally from Auckland Mr Wardrope moved to Hawke's Bay in 2000 where he has taught at both Hastings Boys High School and Napier Boys High School.

Elijah Martin (Technology)

Mr Martin joins us as a first year teacher in the Technology Faculty. Originally from Taihape but educated here in the Hawke's Bay at Napier Boys High School, before completing his qualifications through EIT.

A keen sportsman, Mr Martin is playing Premier Rugby for Napier Tech. He has also represented New Zealand as a member of the New Zealand Secondary School Volleyball team.

Ben Reay (Chemistry)

Comes to us from Avondale College in Auckland where he has taught Chemistry, Science and Horticulture for the past 10 years.

Mr Reay enjoys the outdoors and has been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Programme. He also has a keen interest in Martial Arts.

Lutz Weber (Food Technology)

Joins us from Hastings Intermediate where he has been teaching for the past six years. Mr Weber will have the added advantage of knowing a fair few of our students having taught many of them previously. Before coming to New Zealand in 2010 Mr Weber worked extensively in the Hospitality Industry in Germany, Switzerland and England as a Chef.

Bruce Tetley (Physics & Mathematics)

Mr Tetley also joins us from Auckland where he has spent the majority of his career at Auckland University as a Technical Officer and Laboratory Manager in the Chemical and Engineering and Optometry faculties respectively. In between these roles he also taught Physics for five years at Avondale College.

Julie Bewick (Science)

Mrs Bewick joins us in a part time capacity in the Science and Mathematics Faculties. Mrs Bewick has a background in Science specializing in Biology.

Brooke McGill (Sports coordinator/Food Technician)

Mrs McGill joins us in a joint role of Sports coordinator and Food Technology Assistant. Mrs McGill has held various administration roles in the private sector as well as in Early Childhood Education.

Jillian Harrison (Science Technician)

Mrs Harrison joins the Science Faculty as a part time Science Technician. Her career has been predominantly in the wine making and hospitality industry.

Meghann Corbett (Part Time Teacher Aide)

Miss Corbett will join the learning support team as a part time Teacher Aide. Miss Corbett completed her Sport and Recreation degree before heading overseas. She is a keen canoe polo player and has already begun coaching Karamu teams this year.

YEAR 9 BIG DAY OUT

As a transition to High School, each Year 9 form class has day of activities and team building at the Pakowhai Reserve. The classes go out in pairs with their form teachers, the deans and senior students. Many of our seniors remember 'The Big Day Out' as one of their best experiences at Karamu, as will many of the students who went out this year.



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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