



## NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:15 to 1:45pm

and

3:00 - 4:00pm

### Dates to Remember

**Open Evening**

**Wednesday 24 May**

**6:30pm**

**Big Sing**

**Wednesday 31 May**

**Queen's Birthday**

**Monday 5 June**

**Senior Report Evening**

**Wednesday 21 June**

**Thursday 29 June**

**Year 13 Cabaret**

**Wednesday 5 July**

**Junior Report Evening**

**Friday 7 July**

**Last Day Term 2**

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It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Mrs Dionne Thomas (nee MacLeod) to Karamu High School as the new Deputy Principal starting this term.

Mrs Thomas has a long association with the school dating back to January 1988 when she first attended as a student. Following her time at Karamu Mrs Thomas headed south to the University of Otago where she completed a Physical Education Degree and Teaching Diploma before making her way back to Karamu High School where she taught from 1998 – 2000.

Over the past fifteen years Mrs Thomas has worked at Woodford House where she held a number of teaching positions and was promoted to Assistant Principal in 2011. Passion and commitment to learning saw Mrs Thomas return to her own studies in 2013 where she completed her Masters in Educational Leadership through Massey University.



As a keen sportswoman, Mrs Thomas has been heavily involved in Netball and Volleyball in particular. Her involvement as a player, coach, manager and now administrator (Board member of Hawke's Bay Netball) will be a real asset to Karamu High School. She has also taken up the role of working alongside and supporting our student leaders, particularly the Academic leaders, in assisting with the Homework Centre and Senior Academic Institute.

Mrs Thomas is married to husband Phil and has three sons; Ben (26), Daniel (23) a student at Karamu from 2006-2010 and Josh (12). In addition to all of this, Mrs Thomas has maintained a strong connection to the Haumoana and Clifton communities and is passionate about the environmental issues facing these communities.

We are excited to have Mrs Thomas join the Senior Management Team at Karamu High School, helping lead both staff and students to a high level of academic success through her expertise and enthusiasm.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*"Everyone who remembers his own education remembers teachers, not methods and techniques. The teacher is the heart of the educational system."*

Sidney Hook



*"There is nothing worse than a sharp image of a fuzzy concept."*

Ansel Adams

Kia ora

On the last day of Term 1 we finished with a special assembly to farewell Mrs June Clark. It was a fantastic tribute and one which Mrs Clark was very moved and humbled by.

During Term 1 we appointed Mrs Dionne Thomas as Mrs Clark's replacement. We were very impressed by the interest in the position and caliber of applicants that applied. Mrs Thomas's teaching and administrative experience as well as her knowledge of our local community made her an ideal candidate and impressed those on the appointment committee. We are delighted to have Mrs Thomas on board and know she will continue to add to our growing momentum.

At the start of Week 2 we welcomed thirty-two of our Science and History students back following their three week trip through Europe. These experiences are for many, life changing and are a result of many people's hard work and sacrifice to offer these opportunities to our students. Many thanks go to the staff Mr Beaumont, Ms Gunn, Ms Torrey (ex-Staff), Mrs McDonald and Mr Belz for making all of this possible.

Winter sports season is now well underway. We have seen an increase in the number of students participating in a range of codes, which is great to see. A big thank you to all of our parents who put themselves forward to coach and manage teams as without your ongoing support it would not be possible. Please remember as players and spectators you are representing the school and our values, and we ask that you conduct yourself in accordance with the 'Fair Play' principles.

Finally, I'd like to welcome all of the new students and their whanau to Karamu High School. As you have seen for yourselves and as evidenced throughout this newsletter it is an exciting and vibrant place to learn and work and we know you will make the most of what Karamu has to offer.

Proudly Karamu, Proudly Hastings, Proudly Learning

Michael Leitch

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The BYOL (bring your own laptop) pilot class is well into its second term. The students feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and they have enjoyed the opportunities to extend their learning through access to digital devices. This pilot has involved the students having access to their laptops both at school and at home. The initiative was to give continuous access to a laptop to enable students to access information and extend their opportunities to learn.



Currently any student is welcome to bring their own laptop to school and has access to wifi and a range of free software needed to complete tasks. We still have a fantastic infrastructure of school owned computers so students without a laptop have the same opportunities while at school. Many schools are working towards laptops being part of the student's requirements for school. At this stage, we do not have a requirement for your son or daughter to supply their own laptop. We would however like you to give us some feedback on your views and experiences around this topic through the link below.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/byolkhs>

Damien Hollands

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

Introducing myself to the school at the beginning of this Term I spoke about being the best "you", you can be. However, to produce this kind of personal excellence taking personal responsibility is key and at home you can help by guiding our students to have:

Quality uninterrupted sleep of approximately nine hours, with consistent bed times;

No more than two hours of recreational screen time a day;

An accumulation of at least one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity;

These are part of recent updated guidelines released by the Ministry of Health NZ (2017) for 5 - 17 year olds to encourage school-aged children and young people to sit less, move more and sleep well.

Knowing students' academic requirements is also important. The tools available to them such as the KAMAR App, the Karamu High School App (for webmail) and website (for the Assessment Calendar) and the NZQA App are also important for them to be able to communicate in this highly digital world. Many teachers are also moving towards having their courses on Office 365 and communicating via email. Reports will also be distributed to all year levels this term and if comments and results are not what students strive for perhaps one can ask – 'Are you using all tools available to you?'

I will continually encourage you to engage in active conversations about your son or daughter's learning and for seniors this also includes what learning might occur when they leave Karamu.

On Tuesday 23 May all Year 13's will be attending the Hawkes Bay Careers Expo at PGA and this often begins rich discussions around 'next steps' for beyond the school gates.

I am very excited about being back at Karamu and look forward to joining you in your son and/or daughter's learning journey.

***He waka eke noa – We are all in this together***

Dionne Thomas



*"If we did all the things we are capable of, we would likely astound ourselves"*

Thomas A Edison

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT

It has been a very good start to Term 2. We are now in full winter uniform which means socks and shoes for the boys and socks/pantyhose and shoes for the girls. Naming school jerseys and jackets is recommended as any named items lost are returned to the student by the school office. Unnamed uniform goes into lost property.

Winter sport is now well under way, with an increase in student numbers swelling the number of teams in individual codes. Once chosen for a team students must attend all training sessions and games. If students are unwell or not able attend they must let their coach or the teacher in charge of their code know.

It is a busy time ahead with our Open Evening on Wednesday 24 May. I look forward to meeting many of the Year 8 siblings who will be attending next year.

This term we also have the Year 13 Cabaret which will be held at the Cheval Rooms, Hastings Racecourse on Thursday 29 June. This is one of the highlights of the year for the Year 13 students.

With the colder weather comes illness for many students. If your son/daughter is away from school for any reason please ring the school attendance line on 870 6143 (24 hour line) and leave a brief message stating your son/daughters name and the reason for the absence.

Your co-operation in this is much appreciated.

Wayne Wooster



*"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."*

Milton Berle

# HISTORY TRIP TO EUROPE

Imagine driving through the peaceful fields around Ypres in Belgium knowing that 100 years earlier this area was where there were over 18,000 New Zealand casualties in World War 1. One week later we were in the Nuremburg Rally Grounds standing in the exact spot Hitler stood to address thousands of his Nazi followers. Bringing History alive is the reason Karamu has just made its fifth successful History trip to Europe.

On Good Friday Mrs McDonald, Mr Belz and fourteen Year 12 and 13 students started a fantastic trip that covered eight countries in twenty-two days.

Students were excited to see and explore so many famous places for themselves; Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye, the Tower of London, the Globe Theatre, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery, the British Museum, the Imperial War Museum...and that was only some of the places we visited in our 6 days in London! We became expert at climbing stairs to experience wonderful views such as looking over London from Tower Bridge and Monument, seeing the Ypres Salient from the belfry of the Flanders Field Museum, and viewing the Vatican City and Rome from the dome of St Peter's, although of course when we had the chance we took the lifts ( the Eiffel Tower) or the train ( Victoria Peak in Hong Kong.) We also spent a lot of time underground; the tube in London, the WW1 tunnels of Arras in France, the Paris catacombs, Hitler's bunkers under his Berghof in the Bavarian Alps and the 500 year old salt mine in Berchtesgaden. As well as the museums, churches and famous sights of the big cities of London, Paris, Rome and Hong Kong we also visited the smaller towns of Ypres in Belgium; Rothenburg, Nuremburg, Dachau and Berchtesgaden in Germany and Salzburg in Austria. For each person every place had its own appeal and every destination was a favourite for someone in the group.

All the things that make a trip memorable were in our favour. The weather was mostly fine and when it did get cold it did it properly and we had snow for our visit to Dachau and our day in the Bavarian Alps at Berchtesgaden. Our accommodation was comfortable, warm and in some great locations, our breakfasts were wonderful and our dinners were always interesting with only one bad experience, being very sad pizzas on our first night in London but fittingly ending on a high with the most magnificent margherita pizzas on our last night in Rome. We travelled by plane, train and coach plus a lot of walking - this last transport method did cause a few complaints at the start as students got used to my fast walking pace! The students discovered that the crazy looking tube map for London is actually easy to follow once you get the hang of it and they then found it easy to work out the metro maps once we were in Paris and Rome. For some, multi-national foods were eagerly compared to the New Zealand equivalents whether it was McDonalds burgers (some better, some worse) or Fanta (yellow in Europe) but it was great to see the students enjoy the local food although the jury's still out on whether snails get a tick of approval.

The students on the trip were fantastic and did everything that was asked of them. It's a steep learning curve spending three weeks overseas, and sharing a room, with people you didn't know well beforehand, travelling through countries where people don't speak English and where things are very different from back in New Zealand. That is what makes it so exciting and is why nearly every one of the students has caught the travel bug and is keen to go back. Of course, being a Tourism teacher as well as a History teacher, awakening a love of travel was always an ulterior motive!



Back (L-R) Harrison Compton, Cameron Young, Sem Hoogendoorn, Jacob Fraser, Shannon Singer, Emerald Flavell, Sharnie O'Connor, Destyne Flanders, Jahna Boden, MacKenzie Chase, Sasha Attwood-Groom  
Front (L-R) Mrs McDonald, Liam Frost, Tate Gorton, Mr Belz, Tegan Winter

## SCIENCE TRIP TO EUROPE

The Science trip to Europe proved to be informative and successful. Students were given the opportunity to see cutting edge international science experiments in Germany, Switzerland and France.

The three most impressive things were:-

**BMW Rutenberg plant (GERMANY):** This factory manufactures 900 cars per day (Six different models with individual customer requirements), covers 140 hectares, operates 24/7, employs 10,000 workers and approximately 3000 robots.

**Large Hadron Collider (SWITZERLAND):** 27 km long particle accelerator, accelerates particles to 99.9996% the speed of light before colliding them into each other. Scientists are trying to discover the elementary particles that existed at the time of the Big Bang. We were particularly impressed by the sheer size and cost of the equipment used to collect data. The CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid) which is one of the data collecting sites is 100 metres below ground and weighs 14000 tonnes. We were the first NZ students to visit this site.

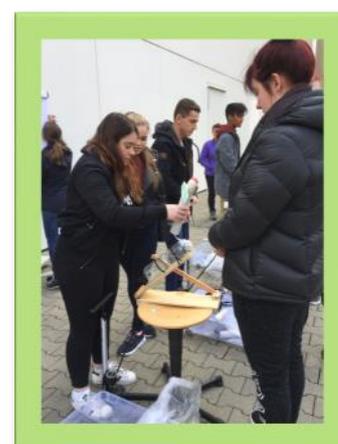
**Technorama (SWITZERLAND):** Hands on interactive science museum. Students were involved in a projectile motion workshop.

**Nuclear Fusion Reactor (FRANCE):** The first full scale prototype fusion reactor is being built in Aix en Provence (south of France). This is using the same principle as the sun to produce energy on Earth. If successful it could produce a phenomenal amount of 'clean' energy with no radioactive wastes.

We also visited science museums, tour sites and of course went shopping.



Back (L-R): Caitlin Mannell, Melinda Pope, Ana Marks, Phoebe Hinton, Emily Hammond, Monique Boyd, Amethyst-Rose Halford, Kirsten Rutten, Keagan Klempel, Sara Hazelwood, James Gowan, Shani Ross, Logan Wells  
Front (L-R): Michaela Horsfield, Mathew Lindsay, Samantha Richards, Ethan Hakopa, Jorge Fothergill



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### Nick Palmer

Named sole Hawke's Bay athlete in the 11 strong Athletics New Zealand Team for the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas.

## SHEILA WINN REGIONAL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Tate Gorton and Hannah Hemi-Robinson took part in the Sheila Winn Regional Shakespeare Festival on Thursday 6 April. They performed very well amidst some strong competition.

Tate really impressed the adjudicator as the Porter from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. He was selected as Hawke's Bay's direct entry for the National Shakespeare Schools Production NSSP which is to be held in Wellington from 1-9 October. During this week, he will attend workshops, study scenes from three of Shakespeare's plays, and perform in one of them.



*Tate Gorton in his role as the Porter from Shakespeare's Macbeth*

From here, he could be selected to go to Shakespeare's Globe in London for further training next year. This is an outstanding achievement and a great opportunity for Tate.

## TE RAU KARAMU - KAPA HAKA



Raturoa Vercoe - Male Leader

On Friday 12 May Te Rau Karamu performed at the Kapa Haka Festival in Napier. The students delivered an outstanding performance and received a Haka from present and past members of Karamu High School in the audience.



## CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

The Clay Target Shooting Team of Daniel Stuart, Cameron Spargo, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe, Max Crossan and Jesse Kereru competed at Taupo last Thursday 11 May.

There were 160 shooters from about twenty-five schools. The top shooter in our team was Daniel with 86 points out of a possible 90 points. This made him 8<sup>th</sup> out of the 160 shooters. Max was close behind with 84 out of 90, making him 14<sup>th</sup> out of 160. The team came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 33 teams. This was a solid start to the season and now we move on to Palmerston North on Sunday 28 May.

Daniel, Cameron and Max are heading off to the South Island Secondary School Championships in Dunedin at the end of Term 2.

Congratulations to Mitchell Davis who left school last year but has qualified, with the highest score, for the New Zealand Junior Team.

Cameron Spargo has also been shooting at open events this year and he was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the C Grade Ball Trap event at the North Island Championships. At the Wellington Provincial Championships he was 3<sup>rd</sup> in B Grade Minis, Single Barrel and 1<sup>st</sup> in B Grade Single Rise.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



Back (L-R): Jaime Mossman (Silver), Meg Ryan (Bronze), Ethany Gibson (Bronze), Lucy McKay (Bronze)  
 Front (L-R): Portia Sutherland (Silver), Melinda Pope (Silver), Lian Hontalba (Bronze)  
 Absent: Ben Colquhoun (Bronze), Josiah Barlow (Silver), Millie Hannam (Silver) and Holly Davison (Silver)

## YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

The Year 12 Hospitality class were able to learn and practice how to fillet fresh fish and later cook the fish in the deep fryer as part of the unit standard they are working on. The fresh gurnard was kindly donated by Star Fish.



Campbell McGrannachan (left) and Tyla-Rose Halton (right) filleting the fresh fish during the Hospitality lesson.

