



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 DUX

Uniform Shop Hours

Start of year hours

Tuesday 23 January

to

Friday 3 February

9:00am—3:30pm

Dates to Remember

22 - 25 January

Senior Course
confirmation

29 January

Teacher Only Day

30 January

Years 10, 11 and 12

8.30 am — 12 noon

31 January

Years 9 and 13

8.30 am — 12 noon

1 February

All school in
Normal timetable
begins

6 February

Waitangi Day

Bethany Cox was announced Dux of Karamu High School at the Senior Prizegiving on 5 December 2017. Bethany who recently sat New Zealand Scholarship examinations in Biology, Statistics and Geography gained first place in Level 3 Geography, Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics with Statistics, with a Distinction award in Calculus. She also received the Somerville Cup for best overall Level 3 Mathematics student and the Michael Hill Jeweller watch for the Dux.

This year Bethany won the senior project section of the 2017 Hawke's Bay Science Fair and was nominated for the Prime Minister's Future Science Award. While not the winner of this award, she was one of two highly commended and selected to represent New Zealand at the Taiwan International Science Fair in January next year.

Bethany has involved herself in the cultural life of school, including both Stage Challenge and debating. She has also been an academic tutor to juniors and a strong member of the Academic Leadership group this year.

Bethany has received a \$20,000 University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship for 2018. She will study a Bachelor of Science with the intention of further study or research in the area of Environmental Science.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*"Work hard, stay positive,
and get up early. It's the
best part of the day"*

George Allen Sr.



*"The most important thing is
to try and inspire people so
that they can be great in
whatever they want to do"*

Kobe Bryant

On 12 December Karamu Junior High completed the year in a positive manner and have ensured that we can all head into a well-earned break on a high note.

Our prizegivings were again a great celebration of achievement across the school and were a fantastic reflection of the talent that our students possess. I also know that there will be a number of our families that will be proud of their own sons and daughter's achievements through the feedback received in the end of year reports. As families it is important to acknowledge the individual success of all students no matter how big or small, as this could be the catalyst to future success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, whanau and wider community. Our success is a direct reflection of your ongoing support. Our community values and understands the importance of education and learning, and along with our core WELCOME values we will continue to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our akonga (students).

We look forward to 2018 with great excitement as we continue to build the momentum of achievement across the school. We have another fantastic group of 215 Year 9 students joining the Karamu family and I know they will add positively to the culture of the school.

Work is already underway on the recladding of the Technology block, re-roofing of the Administration Block and resurfacing of the Gymnasium meaning it will be a busy time on site for the tradesmen. Although we anticipate some work to be completed in Term One we endeavour to ensure there is minimal disruption to learning at the beginning of the new school year.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you back here in the New Year.

Michael Leitch
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

The 2018 academic year is just around the corner and once again our roll will be at capacity. This again reflects the high regard in which Karamu High School is held. If for any reason your family circumstances change and your son/daughter will not be returning please contact the school office immediately.

In the middle of January you will receive, by post a letter giving you the beginning of year arrangements for 2018. The school year starts on Tuesday 31 January with Year 10, 11 and 12 students returning and Year 9 and 13 on Wednesday 31 January.

In the week 22 – 25 January there are course interviews for all Year 12 and 13 students. Further information will be enclosed with your letter. It is important that all these students, with a parent/caregiver, have an interview during this week.

On Tuesday 16 January NCEA results go on-line. It is important that students have registered and know how to LOGIN to get their results before the release date. Access to the LOGIN can be made via the NZQA Home Page.

Year 9 and 10 reports have been posted. These give a very good overview of the successes of the year and also where improvements can be made. It has been very pleasing to see the positive way that our Year 9 and 10 students have approached their studies over the last weeks.

Dionne Thomas
Deputy Principal

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Congratulations to all of our Junior prize winners at this year's Prizegiving. There were a number of outstanding performances across a range of academic, sporting and cultural endeavours. Our prestigious awards this year go to:

Year 9

Beryl De Guzman - General Excellence

Keelan Heesterman - Karamu High School Cup for Academic Excellence (First in Year 9)

Year 10

Tiana Edwards - General Excellence

Jamie Hollway - Karamu High School Cup for Academic Excellence (First in Year 10)



JUNIOR HIGH HOUSE LEADERS



Back row (L - R): Adam Brookes, Flynn Mercer, Rhys Tamanui, Corbyn Te Whaiti, Ondre Hapuku-Lambert
Front row (L - R): Romona Wainohu, Sophie Jones, Lily Burns, Tiana Edwards, Tia Tahau, Meg Lindsay. Erika Balestie Diaz, Romy Luxford
Absent: Alex Weaver, Ellis Fa'alele and Michael Garland

Junior High House Leaders by House:

Heretaunga:	Erika Balestie Diaz, Lily Burns, Flynn Mercer, Alex Weaver
Kaweka:	Tiana Edwards, Ellis Fa'alele, Romy Luxford, Corbyn Te Whaiti
Te Mata:	Adam Brookes, Michael Garland, Sophie Jones, Meg Lindsay
Tukituki:	Ondre Hapuku-Lambert, Tia Tahau, Rhys Tamanui, Romona Wainohu

JUNIOR HIGH TABLOIDS



PROUDLY HASTINGS - CHRISTMAS CHEER

Proudly Hastings – Christmas Cheer

Our Karamu Junior House Leaders once again took the lead in promoting the Hastings District Council Christmas Cheer Appeal.

The recipients of this appeal are nominated by agencies in the Hastings community who work directly with families in need.

By donating items to the appeal junior student gained points for their house. The winning house was Kaweka.

A faculty by faculty competition for “best decorated box” and “outstanding contribution” swell the numbers even further. The winning faculty was administration, with the Arts Faculty a close second.

It was heart-warming to see our students, their families and our staff giving so generously to this cause in demonstrating what it is to be ‘Proudly Hastings’.

