

KARAMU NEWSLETTER

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KAIKOURA WHALE WATCH

Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays 1:20 - 2:00pm

and

3:00 - 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

Term 3 Starts Monday 23 July

Open Evening Tuesday 7 August 6:30pm

Enrolments Close Friday 17 August

Enrolment Confirmation Wednesday 22 August

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On Thursday the 21 June, the Year 13 and Year 12 Business Studies students made the long trek by vehicle to the South Island to view the Kaikoura Whale Watch and learn about how the business grew from its humble beginnings in the 1980's to where it is today providing regular employment to over 50 people during winter and even more in the summer.

The weather gods smiled on us as the road to Kaikoura from Picton had been closed for most of the prior week. But after an uneventful Cook Strait crossing we made our way down State Highway One to eventually arrive at Kaikoura. The Friday morning we woke to a clear day with only 7km winds. After everyone dosed up on Sealeg tablets we were treated to a very smooth sailing and saw our first whale within minutes of arriving at the viewing area. The highlight of the trip was the unusual meeting of two of the Whales "Tutu" and "Tiaki" who then dove together allowing us to get a 'double fluke' picture!

A wonderful experience that was followed by meeting the Whale Watch management who shared with us their many innovations and learnings. Our final trek for the Friday was over to the peninsula to view the local seal population.

Needless to say, Sunday proved just as bright and sunny, albeit rather cold, but our trip back with only a two hour delay at Picton meant that everyone arrived home safe and sound on Saturday night (almost Sunday!).

Many thanks to the parents who allowed their students the rare opportunity to get to the South Island!



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"Mistakes are proof that you're trying"

Ben Francia Digital Marketing Consultant

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora

We are well over half the academic year now completed for our senior students. It has been fantastic to witness all of the hard work and success that our students continue to enjoy and I would like to congratulate both the staff and the students for their efforts.

Most of you will be aware of the NCEA review that is underway this year. I would like to encourage all of our stakeholders to join this conversation. There is further information on how you can do this in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents and whanau that attended the parent teacher evenings this term. The feedback that we have received has been very positive and I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet and discuss your son and/or daughters progress with staff. If you were unable to attend and have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughters Dean to make an appointment.

Through these winter months we always see an increase in the number of absences (both staff and students) due to illness. It is important that students are kept at home in the early phases to prevent the spread of illness. Good hygiene habits like regularly washing your hands, and covering your mouth while coughing or sneezing can also assist in preventing the spread. Please ensure that if for any reason your son/daughter is absent that the school is notified via the school's 24 hour attendance line.

Throughout this term, our senior leaders have presented to our assemblies the Karamu High School Values. I would once again encourage you to discuss these values at home on a regular basis. This consistent reinforcement of messaging helps build understanding and the positive culture we have here at Karamu.

I am looking forward to another exciting term, but in the meantime we wish you all a safe and well deserved winter break.

Michael Leitch



"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself"

Andy Warhol

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As we move closer to 2019 and the increasing use of laptops across the school it is a timely reminder of the benefits on hand for students at Karamu High School. All students have free access to Office 365, which includes five free copies of Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and the full range of Microsoft applications. All New Zealand tertiary providers use Microsoft products as their preferred software, so it is important we offer our students a solid grounding in what they may use in the future. Students also have access to a range of subject specific software available for free. Information on the latter can be found through the subject teacher.

Next year will see the move to all junior students bringing their own laptop. Ideally we would like all students to have access to these tools both at school and at home. We do have a well resourced school and aim for no student to miss out so if any parents do have concerns or questions please contact me.

We always try to inform students of events that occur at school and we would like to thank the community for the positive feedback around the recent lockdown. In these situations we are directed by the police and information should only come from Principal Mr Leitch. We use parents/caregivers email and the school app to communicate and would encourage any parents/caregivers that do not have this loaded to please do so. We also use the app to advise of any cancelations and other important information that we need to get to the community. Download the Karamu app from Google Play or the Apple store.

Regular drills are run for earthquake, fire and lockdown procedures throughout the year. The students always respond in a mature and efficient manner and this was reflected in the recent lockdown and fire evacuation. In the event of a major earthquake where phone communication is down I encourage families to make a plan. Where would you meet? Are there any siblings to pick up from nearby schools? Discuss this with your family.

Damien Hollands

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

Reports/Benchmark Examinations

Reports for all students have now been sent home and uploaded to the KAMAR Portal. Please use the reports as opportunities for discussion at home around next steps in your children's learning, both in the classroom and at home. NCEA Benchmark Examinations (practices for the end of year examinations where results are used if students are ill or otherwise not able to attend) will be held for most courses very early in Term 3. For other courses this is not timely and these will be held later in the year. It is **VERY** important that students prepare the best they possibly can for these. Unfortunately, a large number of students needed to use these results in 2017 and they were poor.

We will be open for Winter School on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 July. Students will be advised of their necessary attendance and a notification sent home.

NCEA Review

NCEA was introduced over 15 years ago and this year the Ministry of Education is reviewing it. You as parents are encouraged to have your say. You can do this by:

Going online to <u>www.conversation.education.govt.nz/NCEA</u> to complete a survey or submit a submission; or post your views on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram **#NCEAReview** or **#NCEAHaveYourSay**

Students have also been encouraged to enter the NCEA Make Your Mark competitions (with over \$35000 worth of prizes up for grabs!).

There are Six Big Opportunities for NCEA up for discussion/proposed that include the redesign of Level One to 40 credits, strengthening of literacy and numeracy components, increased pathways options at Level Two and Three, and the removal of barriers such as NCEA fees and assessment conditions. If you are passionate about any of these or other components of NCEA then get online and have your voice heard.

Dionne Thomas

FAREWELL TO MR BELZ

At the end of this term we will farewell Mr Maurice Belz who is taking a year's leave to join his wife in Adelaide. Mr Belz has worked at Karamu for the past six years in the Social Science Faculty.

He has been instrumental in the success of the Business Studies programme, and always demonstrates a passion and enthusiasm for learning. He has been a keen contributor to the extracurricular life of the school, coaching and managing a range of rugby and cricket teams and Petanque. As a national sporting champion in his own right, he has always been a fiercely keen competitor in whatever he sets his mind on. This has ensured our students have benefitted from his tireless work and commitment to being the best. We wish Mr Belz and his family all the best on their new adventure in Australia.



"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do".

John Wooden

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STUDENT SICKNESS PROCEDURES

With the winter season in full swing I would like to remind all parents and students of the sickness procedures in place at Karamu to facilitate the smooth running of the school day. For health and safety reasons students in the health clinic must be picked up promptly as we have limited space.

If students are feeling unwell at school, they are to get a permission slip from their teacher and come to the office. The office staff will then contact home and arrange for them to be collected. They must not text home to make their own arrangements.

If your son/daughter is unwell please do not send them to school. Please phone the 24 hour attendance line on 870 6143 and leave a brief message stating the reason for the absence, ie unwell, an appointment etc. The reason for the absence is needed to ensure the correct code is entered against your son/daughters attendance record. Please note that if your son/daughter has vomiting or diarrhea they must be free of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

This term Karamu High School has been running a Breakfast Club from Tech 4 twice a week.

We would like to thank Hastings New World for their kind and generous support of our Breakfast Club. They have provided bread, spreads, muffins, fruit, milk and other goodies for our students.

SALON CULINAIRE COOKING COMPETITION

In late May the Karamu High School Competition Cooking Team participated in the Hawke's Bay Salon held at EIT. After many trials and training sessions which included cooking after school, during sports period and at home for family and friends we entered seven of our talented students.

We came away with six medals, four silver and two bronze, and a BEST in Class. Since we are a very young cooking team the signs for the next few years are extremely encouraging. The students are very committed and are already practicing for next year when we hope to qualify for the nationals in Auckland as well.



Back: Milly Neighbours, Grace Mentzer, Lily-Belle Pohatu, Courtney Orviss Front: Cherish-Lee Kyle, Cassia Rosvall, Jess Webb



Cassia Rosvall with two of the judges



Jess Webb and Milly Neighbours

EDIBLE FASHION AWARDS 2018

This year's Edible Fashion Awards saw six entries from Karamu High School – Ruby McEvoy (Year 9), Cassia Rosvall, Kate Browning (Year 11), Jessica Young, Jorja Freyer (Year 12) and Mia Sutton (Year 13). The theme was "Peace, Love & Diversity". Entrants had to design and make a fashion piece out of anything pertaining to food – ingredients, packaging or materials used in the food industry. Our students used bottle tops, tubing from brewing, supermarket bags, chocolate foil, kombucha, tea bag paper, coffee bean sacks, apple packaging, cheese cloth and champagne corks.

Out of 24 entries in the Senior category, two of the 10 finalists were Karamu High School entries - Kate Browning's "Outside the Square" modelled by Jamie Hollway and Mia Sutton's "Divine Love" modelled by Maja Sanders.

Although our designers were not successful in taking out any awards, Jamie Hollway was chosen from 46 models to be the "Indulge Edible Fashion Awards Top Model" winning him a makeover, and photo shoot with Indulge. A big congratulations to our team.

It was great to see Karamu not only represented by the designers but also behind the scenes. Tessa Paaymans (an ex Karamu High School student and now international designer) was one of the judges and Suzanne Mills (another ex student) presented the Mangapapa Senior Designer Award.

https://www.facebook.com/ediblefashionawards/posts/2059016577456014 has all the information, and loads of photos.



Jess Young - " Utara "modelled by Ellie McGhee



Jorja Fryer - modelling her own design "Diversity Goddess"



Cassia Rosvall - modelling her own design "The Ugly Duckling"



Kate Browning - "Outside the Square" modelled by Jamie Hollway



Mia Sutton's "Divine Love" modelled by Maja Sanders



Ruby McEvoy modelling her own design "Guardian Angel"

GEOGRAPHY BEACH TRIPS

Muriwai Beach:

The Level Three Geography class travelled to Auckland from Thursday 24 – Saturday 26 May to visit Muriwai Beach as part of work on Coastal Processes. Whilst at the beach for the day students carried out data collection for a research assessment worth five credits.

Data collected included profile measurements for slope gradients, testing for longshore drift (current direction) and saltation (wind movement) as well as observations and close up inspections of the cliffs, arch, headland, stack, shore platform and extensive dune system.

Ex student and 2017 Dux Bethany Cox who is studying Geography at Auckland University came along to support the students for the day. It was a successful trip and students are now producing work of a very high standard.

Hawke's Bay Beaches:

On Friday June 1, the Level One Geographers also took to the coast, this time a little closer to home starting out at Clifton and working their way round to Awatoto, Marine Parade and finally Westshore to investigate natural and cultural factors that affect the appearance of the coast.

Students had a stunning day in the warm sunshine observing excellent examples of both plunging and spilling waves and recording data on sediment size for their research projects.



DANCE EVENING

A highly energised dance evening was held Wednesday 27 June. The programme included dancers from Year 10 to 13. There were both group and duo performances.

The Year 10 group performed a dance based around Pania of the Reef. The Year 11, 12 and 13s performed their own choreography that was developed around a dance intention. Many themes were presented including struggles with depression, toxicity and female body image. The Year 11s performed as constantly changing human kowhaiwhai patterns.

Thanks to all the family and friends who supported our dance students.



The photo above is of Emily Coppell's choreography about beauty. It involved a lot of written work to accompany the finished product which was the dance. Pictured are Jaime Mossman, Amy Griffin, Briar Fraser and Erika Balestie-Diaz.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH HILLARY AWARD - BRONZE TRAMP

Over the Queen's Birthday weekend the new Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants ventured into the Ruahine Ranges for their bushcraft practice journey. This is a tramp of three hours at a moderate pace.

This is a practice and training tramp, and is a requirement of attaining their Bronze Award.

Accompanied by Mr Wright, Mr Reay and Mrs Hunter, they stayed two nights in tents at Triple X Hut, walking to Sunrise Hut and back for a day trip.



CLAY TARGET SERIES

The Karamu Clay Target shooting team of Daniel Stuart (c), Cameron Spargo, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe, Max Crossan and Jesse Kereru have made an excellent start to this season. In the Central and Lower North Island series the team has won two out of three shoots and came third in the other shoot.

The highlight for the team was their win over Lindisfarne A at the Hawke's Bay club in a tense shoot-off. Under pressure from Lindisfarne A posting a solid score, the team responded with skill, focus and determination to take the title.

A personal highlight was Oliver Wiggins-Crowe shooting a perfect 100/100 in the Eketahuna shoot. It has been several years since this feat has been achieved.



CABARET

The 2018 Cabaret was held on Thursday evening 28 June at the Cheval Rooms , Hastings Racecourse.

It was a huge success and once again the students looked fabulous all dressed up. The meal was of a high standard and the students danced the night away to the band 'Rockmelon' with Mr Hunter and Mr Crawford belting out songs, followed by the DJ until midnight.

A big thank you to the Head Students; Cameron, Amy, Jaime and the cabaret committee for the great set-up.

The theme for the evening was 'Gods and Goddesses.' There are some amazing photographs of the evening thanks again to Kevin Bridle Photography.

The King (God) for the evening was Head Boy Cameron Young, and the Queen or Goddess was Tyla-Rose Halton, Prince (Demi-God) was Keagan Klempel and Princess (Demi-Goddess) was Reece Sullivan.

Worth noting was the hand made feather cloak worn by Tyla-Rose Halton.



Keagan Klempel (Prince), Cameron Young (King), Tyla-Rose Halton (Queen) and Reece Sullivan (Princess)

HAWKE'S BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 29 June and Saturday 30 June the Karamu High School Cycling Team competed at the Hawke's Bay Secondary School Cycling Championships held in Havelock North.

In the 12km team time trial the Junior Boys team of Ben Gouldsbrough, Jack Gilchrist, Hamish MacKay, and James Miles won in an outstanding team performance.

On Saturday in the individual road race Aimee Shaw won the U17 race over 39km, while Jamie Hollway placed third in the U17 Boys Division. In the Junior Boys Road Race held over 39km Jack Gilchrist was second, followed closely by Ben Gouldsbrough in third place.

We are extremely proud of the performance of the group and look forward to great things in the future from these athletes.



Back: Mr M Jamieson, Jamie Hollway, James Miles , Jack Gilchrist Front: Aimee Shaw, Hamish MacKay, Ben Gouldsbrough



Front to back: Hamish MacKay, James Miles, Ben Gouldsbrough, Jack Gilchrist

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The Kaikoura trip photos were taken by Ms Ana Whitlow who accompanied the group.