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Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20 - 2:00pm

and

3:00 - 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

Benchmark Exams

Thursday 16 - Tuesday 21 August

Enrolments Close

Friday 17 August

Enrolment Confirmation

Wednesday 22 August

Tournament Week

Monday 3 - Friday 7
September

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UNITED NATIONS YOUTH NZ

United Nations Youth NZ gives opportunities for young New Zealanders to delve into the world of international affairs and lead in the spirit of the United Nations.

Cameron Young, Sahibpreet Kaur and Abigail Masengi were selected for the UN Youth Model Westminster Parliament.

Abigail received a full scholarship for UN Youth Model Westminster Parliament in Wellington in May as well as receiving an Embassy Scholarship representing Philippines at NZ National Model United Nations in Wellington in the July holidays.

"I had the privilege of attending these wonderful events learning about the importance of national democracy and peaceful international cooperation. But, the highlight of these events are making new connections with people who share different perspectives of pressing issues". Abigail



Cameron Young in the Immigration Committee



Sahibpreet Kaur in Plenary





Abigail Masengi receiving her scholarship from Philippines Ambassador Mr Obach



"Laughter crosses boundaries of class and age... Humour is universal"

Jeremy Lloyd

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora

This past Tuesday we held our 'Open Evening' for our prospective 2019 student intake. Once again it was fantastic for us to showcase to our community all of the wonderful opportunities on offer. The passion and energy of our staff and students make such a positive difference and is a special feature of our school culture. For our current parents and whanau I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that having a child enrolled at Karamu does not automatically ensure siblings receive a position (if you live out of zone). It is therefore vital that all new enrolments are received prior to enrolment close off on Friday 17 August.

As most of you will be aware, there are two significant education reviews currently in progress. In Issue 4 of our newsletter, we provided a link for submissions for the NCEA review and I would encourage you to have your say if you have not already done so. The second review is a much broader review of Tomorrow's Schools. The review will look at the changes needed to governance, management and administration to better support all learners throughout their schooling. If you would like to have your say, I would once again encourage you to go to the following link.

https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/

Next week our senior students will begin their benchmark examinations. I know staff have been going the extra distance to offer additional support and help. These examinations are essential in preparing our students for the external examinations in November. Parents and students need to be aware that these grades will be used as evidence for a derived grade if for some reason your son/daughter is unable to sit the November examinations. It would be timely to discuss with your son/daughter the importance of thorough examination preparation as well as factors such as diet, exercise and sleep in ensuring they give themselves the best opportunity of success.

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.

Kia rā pai tēnei mōu

Michael Leitch



"A day without laughter is a day wasted."

Charlie Chaplin

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The first three weeks of Term 3 have flown by already. This term we have been busy visiting our contributing schools with open evening and enrolment information. The enthusiasm and energy of the Year 8 students is boundless. They were all very welcoming and seemed genuinely interested in what we have to offer. This was followed by a very well attended open evening on Tuesday 7 August. We received positive feedback from many of the families who attended.

We are nearing the end of the winter sports season and many of our teams are involved in semi-finals. It is important for all involved that everyone keeps attending practice sessions to the very end of the season. All the best to those still involved in competition play. Once again a big thank you to all the coaches and managers for their efforts this year.

Reminders:

- Students must be at school by 8:30am each morning except Wednesday when school starts at 9:00am
- Any student driving a vehicle to school must have it registered with me
- No facial piercings at all, only one earing is permitted in each ear

Wayne Wooster

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

Benchmark Examinations (Thursday 16 – Tuesday 21 August) hold a dual importance for our students: to gauge next steps as learners, and for 'Emergency Grades'.

These can be used as derived grades (needed for unforeseen illness, injury or bereavement in the end of year examination period) or in the event of natural disaster that limits our ability to provide a testing centre (ie: Earthquake). Unfortunately, several of our candidates needed to apply for this service in 2017 and this highlighted the importance of having the best possible Benchmark grades possible. Seniors are therefore encouraged to use this time wisely and study when they do not have an examination or workshop, including over the weekend. Study rooms are also available at school if students wish to use them. The examination timetable is available in hardcopy outside the hall and on the website.

The format of Senior Reports that follow will have the intent of providing the most up-to-date picture of completed internal assessment and benchmark external assessment. They will also include learning strategies leading up to the external assessments.

There will be a new process for Year 11 and 12 reports. An APP alert/email will be sent as soon as they are complete, and available on the KAMAR Portal. They will then be available in hardcopy to be uplifted from the Learning Conferences with form teachers on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 September. These are follow-up meetings to see how students' goals are tracking from the Learning Conferences held in Term 1 and what support we can collectively put in place to ensure personal success. Year 13 reports will be sent home as usual.

Consistent effort in and out of the classroom from now can significantly change the shape of NCEA results. Students should allow time for regular revision, keep to milestones and deadlines around portfolios, take advantage of further assessment opportunities, make use of the tutoring opportunities at the Homework Centre or extra time in the art rooms after school. Making use of school resources at this stage is encouraged, but I also urge students to use a variety of resources including online ones like *Studyit Studyit* https://www.studyit.org.nz/ and LearnCoach https://www.studyit.org.nz/.

Dionne Thomas



"The only way to survive is to have a sense of humour."

Bob Newhart

WELCOME MISS CORNELIUS

Miss Stacey Cornelius joined us at the start of Term 3 in the Social Sciences and Business Studies faculty.

Heading over to New Zealand from Australia, Miss Cornelius was until recently at the Genazzano FCJ College in Victoria Australia, a coeducational school of 1000 students.

Miss Cornelius gained a Bachelor of Teaching in 2006 following a Bachelor of Information Systems in 2004. Miss Cornelius then went on to complete her Masters in Educational Leadership at the University of Tasmania in 2013.

We are very fortunate to have an extremely experienced and dedicated teacher join the Karamu whanau.

Miss Cornelius has settled in well at Karamu High School building great relationships with both the staff and the students. She has already established herself as an integral part of the school culture.



YEAR 9 SOCIAL STUDIES TRIPS

During week one of Term 3, all Year 9 students were provided with the opportunity to visit the National Aquarium and MTG in Napier as part of their study of the Savage Earth topic specifically looking at the 1931 Napier Earthquake.

At the Aquarium, students had a hands-on opportunity to create a tsunami in the tsunami tank, cause liquefaction and watch the effects on model cars, and build and create both faulting and folding models showing what happens in the crust when an earthquake occurs.

At the MTG students visited the 1931 Earthquake gallery filled with preserved items from this day and had a walking tour of the nearby streets and soundshell area to look at the new art deco buildings that were constructed in the rebuild of Napier. We also saw how the coastline/beach had changed with the uplift of land that resulted. A wonderful slide show of images taken either just prior to the earthquake or soon after gave a vivid depiction of the damage that occurred.

This was an excellent day out exploring our local area, and learning in detail the impact that earthquakes and tsunami can have on people and importantly, what to do if or when the next big one happens here in the Bay.



Year 9 students at the MTG





Year 9 students at the National Aquarium

PHOTOGRAPHY NIGHT TRIP TO NAPIER

Some of the Level 3 Photography students managed to do a night photo shoot in Napier on Monday 30 July after a number of postponements due to wet weather. It was chilly but perfect condition to capture the sunset at Pandora Pond and night lights around Napier.



Keagan Klempel



Ashlee Cunningham-Johnson



Shani Ross



Ricky Samways

DRAMA

Proudly Karamu

Improvisation Workshop - On Saturday 26 May, Karamu's Improvisation Club organizer, Amy Griffiths invited Theatre Specialists Kristyl Neho and Puti Lancaster to run workshops for some very keen improvisers. The students had great fun and learned valuable skills.

Proudly Hastings

'Warbirds' - On Wednesday 4 July a group of students performed a short war time sketch at Summerset in the Orchard as an introduction to their 'Warbirds' themed celebration.

Proudly Learning

'The Exam' - On the Tuesday 3 July the Level One/Two Drama class presented the hilarious play 'The Exam' to family and friends as part of their NCEA course.

Recent success of previous Karamu Drama Students

Tate Gorton has recently returned from a three week Shakespeare intensive in England, a once-in-a-lifetime experience which culminated in a public performance at Shakespeare's Globe in London. Well done Tate!

Mikel O' Connell is the director of Animal Farm which will be performed at The Little Theatre in Napier from Friday 10 to Friday 17 August. Well done Mikel!











DANCE NEW ZEALAND MADE

The Karamu dance girls did extremely well in the recent Dance New Zealand Made Regional competition. We had one team and two solo dancers entered. We won each category we were entered in.

The senior team of Emily Coppell, Jamie Mossman, Hannah Norfolk, Hope McCleland, Briar Fraser, Erika Balestie-Diaz, Sarah Weaver and Amy Griffin competed in the contemporary dance section. Emily and Jamie choreographed their contemporary dance around the theme of mental health. It was a striking and powerful piece that also won them the Best Choreography Award. Amy Griffin performed an imaginative solo in the Year 11 category which gained her first prize. Maia Bassett was our only Year 9 entry. She performed a stunning solo contemporary dance which saw her win her category.

Our dancers now proceed to the Nationals in Palmerston North on 20 September 2018.



Back: Sarah Weaver, Jaime Mossman, Maia Bassett, Hannah Norfolk & Emily Coppell Front: Hope McCleland, Erika Balestie Diaz, Amy Griffin & Briar Fraser



Jaime Mossman & Emily Coppell

GATEWAY

Gateway is a program funded by the Tertiary Education Commission that allows students to do part of their learning at school and part in the work place of their choice. During their time in a workplace students are treated as an employee but are not paid. Instead they gain very valuable career related skills. At school students are offered career related theory Unit Standards to gain credits that go towards their NCEA.

Students are chosen for a gateway placement if they show a commitment to their school work as well as their placement responsibilities. The student will be placed with a business for a minimum of four days (one day per week for four weeks).

Opportunities for students in the Gateway Programme are from many varied local industries.



Nathan Parkins, Clayton Hughes, Jacinta Grace, & Te Otane Harrison

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following businesses that have supported our Gateway Programme so far this year:

The Warehouse (Red Shirts), Countdown Supermarket, Zak Marsden from Ray White Real Estate, Piccolini Child Care Havelock North and Hastings, Pit Stop, Superior Roofing,

Seth Palmer Building, Ya Bon Bakery, Global Auto Works, Halo Hair Design, We Can Engineering, Aurum Coffee, Bay Roofing and Phil McLean – Builder.

YEAR 10 BUSINESS STUDIES - "DRAGONS DEN"

During the last week of Term 2 the Year 10 Business Studies students competed in the BP Business Challenge at school. This entailed being immersed in three full days of all things business. They were put into random groups, given specific rolls within the company, and had to develop a business concept and business plan from scratch.

The outcome was that they then had to present their concept and findings to six individual judges on the final day. Although this was all very daunting, our Karamu students rose to the challenge, and proudly displayed some wonderful examples of leadership, ingenuity and resilience throughout the three days.









ASIANS IN THE BAY AWARD

The Hawke's Bay community is a rich and diverse cultural mix consisting of many nationalities. The Asian community particularly continues to grow.

Their presence and contribution is significant across all sectors of business and trade, education, horticulture and food, medicine, engineering, hospitality and beauty care, and travel and tourism.

Annually the Multicultural Association organises and supports the 'Asians in the Bay' awards which this year were held on Monday 6 August. This year Abigail Masengi was awarded the 'Best Asian Secondary School Student' as recognition of her outstanding all round achievements and contributions to the community.

In addition Abigail was offered an internship at the NZ Human Rights Commission, Wellington as part of their legal team in 2019.



Abigail receiving her award from Rakesh Naidoo, Race Relations Advisor, NZ Human Rights Commission

STUDENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Nastashia Ngawhika - Softball

Nastashia a Year 11 student at Karamu was the only Hawke's Bay member of the New Zealand U18 Girls Softball team which played at the International U18 Youth Games, Newcastle, Australia for one week in July this year. Team members were chosen from throughout New Zealand.

Nastashia is a member of the New Zealand Women's U18 International Softball Academy (ISA).





The New Zealand team placed third (Plate Winners), first place was USA and second place went to South West Australia.

Dylan Bagley - Golf

Year 12 student Dylan Bagley recently returned from the Unites States where he competed in a number of age group tournaments. His results included;

- 2nd Desert Classic
- 4th Future Champions Golf (FCG) "Global Cup"
- 4th Future Champions Golf (FCG) "Challenge Cup"
- 16th FCG International Tournament

Dylan currently plays out of the Hastings Golf Club and is playing off a +1 handicap. He is a Hawke's Bay Senior Men's team representative who last year competed at the Toro Interprovincial Championships.













