

KARAMU NEWSLETTER

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Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays 1:20 - 2:00pm and 3:00 - 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

Term Four Starts Monday 15 October

HB Anniversary & Labour Weekend Friday 19 - Monday 22 October

Arts Evening Thursday 25 October

NCEA Exams Start Wednesday 7 November

Senior Prizegiving Tuesday 4 December

Last Day of Term Friday 14 December

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BLOSSOM DAY



"Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."

Henry Ford

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora

Another term has come to end and we once again reflect on all of the opportunities experienced and outstanding achievements of our fantastic students and staff. Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, Blossom Day, and Cross Country have been a few of the many highlights. We will complete the term with a celebration of music and performance mixed in with some friendly competition as House Music takes centre stage.

This term we have demonstrated our value of manaakitanga through hosting our guests from Kobe Noda High School in Japan. They had a great time here at Karamu integrating with our students and immersing themselves in our culture. As I write this newsletter we currently have twenty four of our Japanese and Te Reo Maori language students in Osaka where they are now being hosted by Kobe Noda students.

With benchmark exams and reporting now completed, it is vital for our senior students to reflect on the feedback and make the necessary improvements moving forward. It is important that our students allow some time over the coming break to continue their preparation. I have no doubt that for those that are willing to make the short term sacrifice they will reap the rewards in time to come.

Congratulations to those players involved in winter tournament week. This year we had the 1st XI Girls Football and 1st XV Boys Rugby teams travel to Whanganui for their respective tournaments. A big thank you must go to the coaches and parental support received to ensure that these teams were able to enjoy this experience.

I wish you all a very safe, enjoyable and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Nga mihi nui Michael Leitch

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As summer sports kick in it's a timely reminder to students and families of opportunities outside the classroom. Summer sports codes have started taking lists of students keen to play a summer sport. We have a range of sports on offer including volleyball, softball, ki o rahi, futsal, cricket, athletics, and Duke of Edinburgh. A wider range of sports is available through local clubs.

Beyond the well-researched positives around physical health, we value the opportunities for student wellbeing and social connections offered through joining a sports team or extracurricular activity.

We have recently employed a teacher aide who runs sporting activities at lunch time, installed new outdoor basketball hoops, and have a range of balls available for students to use in the breaks. It is also encouraging to see most students either playing a sport or engaging with other students at lunchtime. There are very few students on devices during the breaks.

As the year draws to a close it is important for students to be aware of the deadlines for assignments and to communicate with teachers and deans if there are any issues or pressures they feel they are struggling to cope with. We have academic workshops running in the library after school, the DVC rooms are available on Tuesday and the Art rooms are open on Tuesday and Thursday after school. Subject areas also start to run tutorials at this time of year and students should liaise with their teachers around this opportunity. Students also have access to computers in the breakout rooms at interval and lunch to catch up on any work.

Finally our focus on being at school on time has had a positive improvement over the past month. The initiative, along with the lighter mornings has shown a dramatic decrease in the number of students being late to school, which in turn has created less disruption to teaching and learning especially in the first period of the day.

Damien Hollands



"Every artist was first an amateur"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

In the last week Senior Reports have been completed and Year 11 and 12's had the opportunity for follow-up Learning Conferences. We encourage students to carefully track credits on NZQA, read report comments and then reflect on progress towards academic goals. Whether the goal is to gain credits towards a Level or to gain Merit and Excellence Endorsements or Course Endorsements, the action from now will have an effect on the outcome.

The last two days of these holidays have been designated 'Spring School' and we are here to help senior students who are behind in their work. Students who have been identified as having incomplete assessments, a further assessment opportunity to complete or who are clearly in danger of failing have been emailed details. However, *all* students should be using the October holiday period as an opportune time to get resources and a study plan in order.

Parents and students are also reminded that the Homework Centre is open Tuesday and Thursday after school with students and teachers ready to assist students. Many courses will also be organising their own tutorials. It is essential that students attend and ask questions to help their understanding.

Various online websites, including *Studyit*, *Learncoach* and the *NZQA* website itself are invaluable sources of information for revision. Success in these external examinations is essential to study most courses at the next level.

The first NCEA examination is on Wednesday 7 November - this is only 16 school days from the beginning of Term Four. Dionne Thomas

KARAMU TO OCEAN SPA

On Monday 24 September the Year 12 Physical Education students tested body and mind with a 21.7 km run from Karamu to Ocean Spa. This long running event has the opportunity to gain credits in NCEA but more importantly give students the opportunity to experience the rewards of goal setting and perseverance. Students started training and building up for this event at the end of Term Two.

First to cross the line was Zac Burlace with a very creditable time of 1h 44 min, putting him onto the wall of fame in 4th fastest male ever. But Ruby Brett's amazing time of 1h 49 min meant she broke the existing female record by 22 minutes.

All starters finished the event and showed great determination and resilience. This ½ marathon plus course is a real challenge to anybody, especially this age and I am so proud to have been part of their journey.







"Strive for progress not perfection"

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EIT TRADES ACADEMY

Year 12 students Anna Barbridge and Courtney Hatton attend Taratahi on a Friday as part of the EIT Trades Academy and were selected to represent them on Saturday 8 September at this year's *Future Sheep Competition*.

The Future Sheep Competition is a full day event held at the Hawke's Bay showgrounds where competitors compete in modules including; Animal Handling, Wool Classing, Animal Health, Dog Trialing, Technology, Feed Budget and Stock Judging.

The girls were competing against 60+ competitors, a lot of them from farming back grounds, so they did very well.

Anna Barbridge was placed 2nd and Courtney Hatton was placed 3rd in the Stock Judging.

Anna Barbridge was then deemed the Over All Individual Winner in the Intermediate Future Sheep Competition with the highest total points across the six modules.



Courtney Hatton and Anna Barbridge

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SKI TRIP

On Friday 14 September, forty-eight Year 11 Physical Education students woke at 4:30am to travel to Mt Ruapehu to experience the snow and learn how to snowboard on the Happy Valley slope.

The weather was fantastic and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our students were commended on their conduct from both instructors and other mountain users.

A big thank you to Miss Primmer for organising and leading another successful ski trip.



DRAMA

'Find Me' by Olwen Wynmark

After many weeks of hard work, the Senior Drama class show cased their talents at a performance of

'Find Me' to family and friends on Friday 14 September.

'Dare to Devise'

A very enthusiastic group ranging from year 9 to 13 took part in the Hawkes Bay 48 hour 'Dare to Devise' drama challenge from 14 to 16 September. Their piece 'Friends not Food' was performed at Havelock North High School on Sunday evening.



KOBE NODA HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE

On Sunday 26 August, seventeen students arrived all the way from Kobe City in Japan. We were very happy to meet them at the airport.

The students had one day to explore Hastings and Napier before it was into five lessons a day. The Kobe Noda students had a mixture of option subjects and English lessons every day.

Both our Karamu host students and other students in the school thoroughly enjoyed meeting people from halfway around the world and many lifelong friendships were made.

At the end of their stay, all of the students travelled to Rotorua and stayed for their last night together at a beautiful marae. The following day, there were many tears as we farewelled the Kobe students off on the last leg of their journey before returning home.

Luckily for many of the Karamu students, we will soon meet them again when we travel to Japan on 20 September 2018.



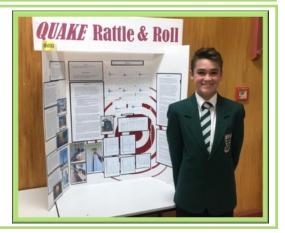
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

Once again this year Karamu High School entered the Hawke's Bay Science and Technology Fair.

Students competed in the Science Quiz, Technology Challenge, Titration and Science Fair (Projects) over a week.

Gabriel Barlow (pictured) gained a Highly Commended and \$150.00 for his Science Fair project "Quake Rattle and Roll" sponsored by the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (Hawke's Bay Branch).

Congratulations to Gabriel who is a Year 9 student.



CROSS COUNTRY

The 2018 school Cross Country was held on a beautiful spring afternoon on our traditional Windsor Park course. It is made up of three events to cater for all fitness needs and wants.

Our endurance champions participate in multiple laps of the 1.2 km course, with great performances and times from our top athletes.

Our "Whole House" event is a one lap walk and run with points for your house based on your time

We finished the day with the house relay "Super 7" where each house picks one team of seven boys and one team of seven girls to do one lap. Girls carry a 2kg medicine ball and a 10kg kettle bell for the boys. Again it was a close race between the houses for both boys and girls.

All houses won one event but with the results from the championship included the overall winner on the day was Te Mata.

	Run - Champion Girls		Run - Champion Boys	
Place	Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
1 st	Maddison Hughes 10.24	Ruby Brett 8.29	Jack Gilchrist 8.30	Zac Burlace 12.42
2 nd	Amber Bisley 11.15		Ethan Lovie 8.47	Ben Randle 12.44
3 rd	Rana Cetinturk 11.40		Cameron Orr 8.57	Jamie Hollway 13.10



EAST COAST ROAD RACE

On Thursday 16 August , Karamu had a team of runners at the East Coast Secondary School Road Race which was held at Frimley Park.

All our runners performed well but the best result of the day for Karamu was Ruby Brett in the Senior Girls race. This was a 4km course and Ruby was second, just 10 seconds behind the winner.

Her time was 15.15 which is running an average time of 3 minutes 48 seconds a kilometer – an excellent result.



BLOSSOM DAY CONCERT

On Tuesday 11 September nearly 50 of our music department's best performers presented a lunchtime concert at St Matthew's Church in Hastings. This concert was part of the Blossom Week festivities held throughout Hastings.

Our performance included our school orchestra, Coro Notabile, Nga Korimako, a Year 10 flute trio and Ruby Schmidt as a soloist. Again, this year we were commended greatly on the variety of our musicians and the styles of music they were able to present. We performed pieces ranging from classical orchestral works to current musical theatre and pop. The students were presented beautifully and performed with a wonderful presence.

We were also commended on how we embraced Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori by having one of our senior students (April Kihirini) welcome and farewell our audience in Te Reo Māori.

This concert is one of our regular annual performances which attracts a number of faithful audience members every year. The students greatly appreciate (and learn significantly from) these audiences and we look forward to presenting new and exciting programs for them each year.



CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

The Clay Target team of Daniel Stuart, Cameron Spargo, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe, Max Crossan and Jesse Kereru competed in the Central & Lower North Island series with the finals held at Woodville on Sunday 17 September.

The outstanding result was Oliver Wiggins-Crowe who won the series to be High Over All and receive the McCormick Family Cup. Oliver was also HOA in two of the three separate events, Point Score and Single Barrel. Jesse Kereru was 3rd in the Single Barrel over the series. On the day, Cameron Spargo won the Single Barrel event with Oliver 3rd. The Karamu team continued to perform strongly to be just pipped in the final by Lindisfarne A. Over the series, only 17 points out of 3000 separated the two Teams.

In two weeks' time the team will be in Christchurch to compete in the South Island and NZ Championships.



Max Crossan, Cameron Spargo, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe, Daniel Stuart, Jesse Kereru & Mr N Field

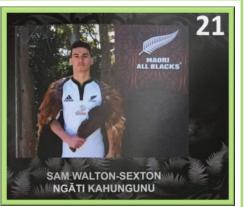
NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER

"You will crack these sort of teams if you are willing to work hard" Sam Walton-Sexton said.

Year 13 student Sam Walton-Sexton has been selected to represent the New Zealand Maori Under 18 rugby team to play the New Zealand Schools Barbarians on Thursday 27 September and Fiji Schools on 5 October in Wellington.

Sam who is equally comfortable in the halfback and first five-eighth positions paid tribute to his selection to his 1st XV coaches John Read, Elijah Martin and his father Shannon Sexton. A former Hawke's Bay Under 14, 16 and 18 representative, Sam hopes to become a professional player in the near future.

Samuel has several options for next year including a job offer on the Gold Coast and apprenticeships in Hawke's Bay.





Gallery opens 5.30pm Peformance starts 6pm

Dance Design Drama Maori Peforming Arts Media Studies Music Painting Photography Printmaking Sculpture

ARAMU HIGH SCHOOL 2018

Exhibition of current work by Karamu High School Students