KARAMU NEWSLETTER

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Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20 - 2:00pm

and

3:00 - 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

NCEA Exams

7 - 30 November

Senior Prizegiving

Tuesday 4 December

Last Day of Term

Friday 14 December

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HOUSE MUSIC

House Music was held on the last day of Term 3. Special performances by the Year 13's and the teachers who formed their own band were highlights of the afternoon. Heretaunga took out the top spot for the day edging out Tuki Tuki. Awesome performances were made by all.



















"Recipe for success: Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing."

William A Ward

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 is well under way with the first of our prizegivings acknowledging those senior students who have achieved representative honours in sport and culture. We also presented service awards to our volunteers who give their time, effort and energy to the school and wider community. Congratulations to all of our prize-winners this year and thank you, you should be proud of yourselves your achievements. Although receiving a prize is always satisfying this is often short lived. The greatest prize of all is when you can look yourself in the eye and say, 'I tried my absolute best and I know I've done a good job'.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind and invite parents, whanau to our major senior prize giving on Tuesday 4 December and/or the junior prize giving on Friday 14 December. I encourage you to join us in supporting our students and acknowledging their outstanding achievements in 2018.

On Monday 5 November we held a special Leavers Assembly to acknowledge those Year 13 students in particular that had completed five years of secondary schooling. It was a fitting occasion and acknowledgement for these students who have grown and contributed to the school and the wider community in their own way. Alongside the speeches and presentations there were numerous haka that embodied the very special spirit that makes us truly 'Proudly Karamu'.

As our seniors head off on study leave to complete their NCEA examinations, the school now turns its focus to our junior students. On Monday 12 November Karamu Junior High School begins. Students will work in their normal subject areas with a slight change to their timetable. It is important to note that our expectations do not change over the coming weeks with attendance, uniform and behaviour a priority. Learning does not stop, and the coming weeks are critical in ensuring our students are well prepared and have excellent work habits as we build towards the 2019 academic year.

Nga mihi nui Michael Leitch



"You can't have a milliondollar dream with a minimum wage work ethic."

Stephen C Hogan

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ASSESSMENT & CURRICULUM

With only days left until NCEA starts on 7 November it is pleasing to see and hear students taking advantage of further assessment opportunities, making use of out of class time to work on Art and DVC portfolios and preparing for external examinations.

All Year 11, 12 and 13 have been given a copy of their NCEA Examinations timetable. It is important these times are displayed prominently/known as this is the only time these examinations can be sat. It is an expectation of the school that students will prepare well for their examinations and sit all papers entered. There are several useful forms of revision we encourage, but using past examination papers for revision is wise and these can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/. When students are released it is not a time to hang out with mates or take on extra hours of part-time work. Future pathways and courses for next year are dependent on these final results. If a student cannot sit an examination for medical or tragic personal reasons (ie: bereavement), it is important to contact me immediately to initiate the Derived Grade process and there are specific forms that must be completed.

We will be celebrating senior achievements for 2018 on Tuesday 4 December at Prizegiving. One of the most impressive achievements we will be acknowledging is the large number of tertiary scholarships our students have gained. So far, our Year 13s have gained close to \$250,000 worth of scholarships. This is testament to amount of service, commitment and dedication these students have shown to sports, cultural and community organisations.

Year 9 and 10 have also begun their end of year assessments which include examinations in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies; then PAT tests in Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar, Mathematics and Thinking in science. This is so we can measure progress in each of these from the beginning of the year. Term 4 Reports will be posted at the end of November. We then look forward to celebrating junior achievements on December 14.

Dionne Thomas

EXAMINATIONS

As our seniors head off into their NCEA external examinations our juniors too have been practicing being assessed under examination conditions in their core subjects over the past week.

Although there are now many various ways students can be assessed, examinations are still a valuable way in measuring learning and achievement. NCEA external examinations are still our most accurate national measure of achievement and therefore it is important for our juniors to be exposed to, and practice this style of assessment.

I encourage you to talk to your son/daughter about their examinations and reflect on their exam technique and preparation so they get full benefit from this experience for the future.





LONG SERVICE SPORTS AWARDS

At the annual Hawke's Bay Sports awards four Karamu staff received recognition for their long service to secondary school sport .

Mrs Faye McDonald: For Athletics, Basketball, Cross Country, Orienteering, Badminton, Road Racing and coaching and managing Karamu sport for 20 plus years.



Mr Greg Ross: For Canoe Polo, Girls Rugby, Athletics, Touch and coaching Karamu sport for over 20 years. Mr Tom Hunter: For coaching both Girls and Boys Football and coaching Karamu sport for 18 years. Mr Byron Crawford: For Basketball, Touch, Volleyball and coaching Karamu sport for 17 years.

ARTS EVENING

A great number of our students were involved in exhibiting or performing in our annual Arts Evening on Thursday 25 October.

Level One, Two and Three portfolios from students in painting, printmaking, digital art, photography and design were on display alongside sculptures. Media studies short films and magazine designs were also on show.

Whanau, friends and teachers viewed the exhibition of artworks.

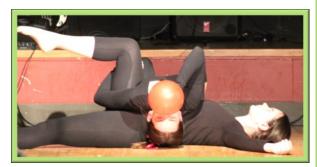
The quality and creativity was overwhelming when all the work was in one place. Students can be justly proud of the many hours of work that went into their portfolios.

Also on display was the wide range of talent in the Performing Arts Course. Musicians, songwriters, dancers, and actors strutted their stuff on the stage. The theatre technology students provided sets, lighting and make-up.

Karamu students demonstrated their welcoming attitude toward diversity with the range of cultural performances. The show was fabulous, singers and rock musicians kicked it off, then Indian, Pacifica and Maori dance alongside contemporary style dance, a devised melodrama from drama students, a deeply moving solo performance of a devised drama and a rousing finale from the musical theatre group wound up a great night. Guests wandered through the art portfolio exhibit following the performance and enjoyed the diversity there a second time before leaving.

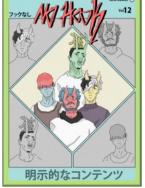
It was a wonderful way to celebrate and honour the work and creativity in our Arts faculty at Karamu. If you missed it, come next year, you're always welcome!















JAPAN 2018

In September of this year, 24 students and two teachers from Karamu High School had the opportunity to travel to Japan for almost three weeks. Through Osaka, Kobe, Hiroshima and Tokyo the group laughed, learnt and ate.

In the words of the students:

"It was a beautiful experience"

"I found it very interesting how the Japanese language changes throughout the country"

"We travelled to many amazing places... being able to experience what its like living with a family in Japan was a special experience for me".

"I am so grateful for the experiences I was able to have in Japan"

Without a doubt, the highlight for all the students was the time they spent at Kobe Noda High School.

"I was able to meet and create new life time friends from school and that is truly the best part . We all miss our Japanese friends and leaving our friends was truly the worst part . The whole group created close friendships . It's an amazing experience"















COOKING COMPETITION TEAM

For the first few weeks of Term 4, the Karamu cooking competition team have gotten back together to get a head start on practicing for next years competition.

In week two we had to hero a core ingredient which was tomato. Our dishes varied from a roasted tomato filled with egg and bacon to a tomato pizza.

In week three we were given the task of creating a dessert. Our dishes varied from a self-saucing pudding to a lemon meringue pie.

The skill level and creativity have advanced and will continue to for the coming months. We are very pleased with the progress of our cooking ability and can't wait for future cooking opportunities to occur.



DRAMA - FRINGE IN THE STINGS

Six of our students; April Kihirini, Tia Ward, Amy Griffiths, Jessica Shoemark , Jack Garvey and Brooke Hemmings performed in two shows for young performers over the recent school holidays.

The shows were; Soul Reflections (music) in Albert Square and Make a Long Story Short (personal stories) at Arts Inc. on Russell Street.

Georgia Goodsell is another drama student who has been involved in community work this past term. Georgia has been one of the drama ambassadors for the Hawke's Bay Arts Festival. Apart from their assistance with the smooth running of the festival, they also performed.



SPEECH

Teaching is done by teachers, right? This term, three Year 13 students have been teaching juniors and loving it.

Having completed their diplomas, Abigail Masengi, Cameron Young and Sahibpreet Kaur were looking for a new challenge and found it with the Advanced ASB in teaching, module one. It's a teaching exam, on many aspects of speech and drama which covers a wide scope from role plays, interviewing, social speeches, impromptu speaking, devised drama, improvisation, informative, entertaining and persuasive speeches etc.

Cameron, Abigail and Sahibpreet are the 'dream team' - good friends, they exemplify the WELCOME' values. They are testimony to the extremely high calibre of student that the Speech Extension programme produces. In Cameron's leaver's assembly speech he talked about his Year 9 OCA class. Abigail is legendary for her 'clothesline,' which she took into an exam, and proceeded to hang up items of clothing such as a cloth, t-shirt, a bra, sock and tie, all relating to different aspects of speech structure.

At the recent Speech Extension shared lunch, Mrs Bartlett, who retired last year, spoke about how the programme started with Mr Purcell fifteen years ago. Both Abigail and Cameron spoke about how much speech had helped them "to speak with power and clarity."

Speech Extension is an optional course that students may join, the lessons are held during the school day by Ms Coleman. Ms Coleman took over from Mrs Bartlett at the start of the year. She is taking enrolments for 2019. You can email her on acoleman@karamu.school.nz Many students first introduction to speech is through the school's Oral Communication programme that is compulsory for Year 9 students.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Nick Palmer Ranked No. 1 IAAF World U18, Represented New Zealand at the World U20 Championships in Finland.

Other Achievements

4th Australian U20 Championships, New Zealand Secondary Schools Shotput Champion South Island U18 Champion (Holds the South Island record), Broke and set new Hawke's Bay Gisborne under 18 record with 21.27 metres(5kg shot), Ranked No. 2 New Zealand U20, Set a new Hawke's Bay Gisborne U20 record of 18.87 metres(6kg shot), Ranked No/3 New Zealand Senior Mens Shotput, Set a new Hawke's Bay Gisborne Senior Mens record by over 2m with 16.72m(7.26kg shot), Finalist in the Junior Sportsman of the year Hawke's Bay Sports Awards . With this impressive record it is no wonder that Deputy Head Boy Nick Palmer (Athletics and Shot Put) was named;

Hawke's Bay Secondary School Male Athlete of the Year and Hawke's Bay Secondary School Male Sportsman Of the Year.



In October Year II student **Zac Brooker** was selected to be part of the U16 New Zealand Talent Identification **Touch** camp. Over a series of games during the camp Zac was then selected in the Camp Tournament team. Congratulations Zac.





Congratulations to **Ondre Hapuku-Lambert** who won a Silver medal in the W2 J16 category at the National Long Distance **Waka Ama** Nationals over the holidays. Ondre paddled for Te Rau Oranga O Ngati Kahungunu Waka Ama Club.

During the holidays **Nikita Steffert** represented Hawke's Bay at the **Gymnastic** Nationals in Tauranga.

Nikita was placed 4th in the beam, which was the highest placing by any Hawke's Bay gymnast in Step 5 at the Nationals. Congratulations Nikita.



Congratulations to Rana Cetinturk, who represented Hawke's Bay in the U15 Premier Girls National Hockey Tournament held in Napier the first week of the school holidays.





Libby O'Hanlon Year 12 competed in the NZCU Baywide **Cheerleading** New Zealand Nationals and placed 3rd in her Level Three individual routine.

MORE SPORTING SNAPSHOTS

Dylan Bagley Year 12 has won his last three out of four Golf rounds in the Hawke's Bay/ Poverty Bay Greenwood Cup (Men's Premier Match Play Competition).

Dylan has also represented Hawke's Bay in the Shand Cup and the New Zealand Junior Provincials this year.

Dylan has been selected for Hawke's Bay Men's Interprovincial for the Christchurch Tournament in November





After two days of racing from 21 - 22
October **Maia Colman-Savage** was super stoked to come away with 2nd place in the North Island **BMX**Championship.



Four Karamu High School students were selected to be part of the Hawke's Bay U18 **Girls Rugby** Squad. From a group of 35 girls 24 were chosen for the squad. The students chosen were; **Raegan Robinson, Cortez Te Pou, Leilani Williams and Harmony Kautai.** Congratulations to these students.









The Clay Target Team of Daniel Stuart, Cameron Spargo, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe, Max Crossan and Jesse Kereru travelled to Christchurch at the start of the holidays for the South Island and New Zealand Secondary School Championships. Just over 300 competitors were present.

In the South Island Championships, Karamu was the only team to have three members, Daniel, Oliver and Max qualified for the Single Rise shoot-off. Oliver went on to win a Bronze medal in this event and Daniel was placed 9th. Oliver went one better in the New Zealand Championships the next day to win a Silver medal in the Single Rise.

Oliver was selected for the Hawke's Bay Fish & Game team as the top qualifier and Cameron gained a place as reserve. In the skeet, Max and Cameron teamed up and were placed 5th in the South Island Championships.



SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

Thanks to all the students and parents who have return the school's sport uniforms.

Unfortunately, there are a number of uniforms/tracksuits outstanding.

We would appreciate these being returned, as it is a huge cost to the school to replace.