



**KARAMU**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Knowledge is Strength Hē Mana tō te Mātauranga

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## Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20pm – 1.45pm

And

3:00pm – 4.00pm

## Dates to Remember

Monday 29 April  
Term Two Starts

Thursday 9 May  
NCEA Parents Evening

Monday 3 June  
Queens Birthday

Thursday 27 June  
Year 13 Cabaret

## GUMBOOT DAY - FRIDAY 5 APRIL



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora

An eleven-week term has come to a close as we once again reflect on what has been at times a hectic term with a huge amount going on both inside and outside of the classroom.

With summer sports coming to a close I would like to thank all of the staff, parents and students involved. There have been a number of outstanding performances in athletics, cricket, tennis, canoe polo, ki o rahi, softball, and touch rugby at local, regional and national level. A big congratulations to you all in the manner in which you have represented Karamu with great pride.

I would like to acknowledge our student leaders for 2019. They are keen to represent Karamu with pride and passion and aim to be genuinely effective in their leadership roles. We wish them well in achieving their goals and thank them for the commitment they have made.

Parent and whanau engagement is a vital component in the development of our students. This term we have held Year 9, 11 and 12 parent evenings. Thank you to all those who attended. Although these evenings had a very different focus, it is always great to have your support and feedback in ensuring the best outcomes for our students. In addition, I would also like to thank those who attended our whanau hui and provided input into the development of our strategic plan around maori student achievement. The board will continue to be working on this in Term Two and will feedback to the community once the draft has been completed.

In the first week of Term Two we will have an ERO review team on-site. We see this as an exciting opportunity to showcase all of the great work that has been happening in the school over the past three and a half years since our last review. It also helps us with our future planning with feedback and recommendations on our next steps in ensuring our practice and processes meet the needs of our students and community.

This week we farewell our two groups going to Europe on the science and history trips. A lot of time and energy goes in to the organisation and planning of these fantastic opportunities for these students, and we look forward to hearing of their adventures upon their safe return.

For the rest of us less fortunate to be travelling the world over the holiday break I hope you can all enjoy spending time with friends and family, refreshing so we are all ready to take on the challenges ahead in Term Two.

Nga mihi nui  
Michael Leitch

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Winter sports are due to start early in Term Two with some sports having their first games on the first Monday back. There will be sports permission notices coming home for specific sports over the next week and these need to be returned to the school office. The trials for many sports have been completed and your sons and daughters will be finding out what teams they are in over the next week. It is important that if they have committed to a sport that they are prepared and know where and when their games and practice are.

As part of representing Karamu High School, students are required to wear the correct uniform. This includes the shorts and socks during the games. If students are in their sports uniform and they wish to wear a jacket it needs to be the Karamu High School jacket. As of the beginning of next term, it is a requirement by Basketball New Zealand that all basketball players wear a mouthguard. These can be purchased from sports shops or chemists.

We encourage parents to come and support their daughters and sons on the sideline either during the week or in the weekend and that they continue to support our school value, of being Proudly Karamu. If you are able to give any further support such as driving vans or keeping score that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions around the start of winter sport please do not hesitate to contact our sports co-ordinator Mr Blake [tblake@karamu.school.nz](mailto:tblake@karamu.school.nz)

Year 9 option changes will be happening from Week One of Term Two. They have been shown how to access their timetables through their student portal login. They will be issued a new hardcopy timetable on the first Monday back in Term Two.

Regards  
Damien Hollands



*"What is a teacher?  
I'll tell you: it isn't someone  
who teaches something,  
but someone who inspires  
the student to give of their  
best in order to discover  
what they already know."*

*Paul Coelho*



*The "earth" without "art" is  
just "eh".*

*Unknown*

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

Academically the year has kicked off with a flourish. In our Academic Assembly we celebrated the NCEA achievements of 2018 including:

- 55 Level 1 Merit Endorsements
- 21 Level 1 Excellence Endorsements
- 38 Level 2 Merit Endorsements
- 18 Level 2 Excellence Endorsements

The following individuals were also acknowledged:

- Ben Colquhoun – Scholarship in Geography
- Kendra Coombe - Karamu High School Cup for the Best NCEA Level 1 results from a Year 10 Student
- Melody James - Karamu High School Cup for the Best NCEA Level 1 results
- Ben Colquhoun - Mike Purcell Cup for the Best NCEA Level 2 results

The following Year 13s from 2018 were also acknowledged in their absence:

- Cameron Young – Outstanding Scholarship in English
- Jayden Taylor – Scholarship in Geography
- Cameron Young - The Karamu High School Cup for Level 3 Humanities and The Karamu High School Arts and Humanities Scholarship for Tertiary Study
- Jaime Mossman - Karamu High School Cup for the Best NCEA Level 3 results; The Karamu High School Cup for the Level Three Sciences and The Joan Wiffen Memorial Science Scholarship For Tertiary Study

This was a great motivational occasion for the current senior cohort to set personal academic goals for 2019.

Most Year 11 and 12 parents and whanau have recently taken up the opportunity to attend a Learning Conference with their son/daughter and form teacher. Goals have been set and now we will work together to see how best to achieve these goals. In order for Year 11 - 13 students to achieve their goals they need a number of mechanisms in place. Consistent focus in class, sustained completion of homework and meeting regular milestones are all necessary. You as whanau can track senior student milestones and assessments on our school website under the Academic section. Also on here are a series of useful documents including NCEA for Parents and Students, Extension Forms, Appeals, the NCEA Exam Timetable for 2019 and financial information for 2019. Students who for very legitimate reasons cannot meet deadlines (bereavement, illness or injury) should complete the Extension Form with evidence of their work and take it to their teacher to apply for an extension.

Our Academic Leaders have started the year running Homework Club each Tuesday and Thursday after school and Wednesday 8:15am - 9:00am for any students who want help or just need a quiet place to work with WIFI. Alongside continued support from teachers and home we believe every student can achieve their personal best if they invest in themselves first.

### NCEA Information Evening

Do you know the difference between a credit and a standard? A re-submission and a further assessment opportunity? How about how many credits to get Level 1? What about Level 2 or Level 3? Would you just like to understand NCEA a bit more? Come along to the NCEA Information Evening on Thursday 9 May 6:30pm in the Careers Centre. All parents and caregivers are welcome to listen and learn about NCEA from staff and students.

Regards

Dionne Thomas



*"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."*

*Thomas A. Edison*

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL- STUDENT MANAGEMENT



*"You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice."*

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As we approach the end of Term One all winter sports codes are preparing for the season ahead. For all boys playing junior rugby we will be combining with other co-educational schools to put a Saracens team in the E and D grade competition. We have done weigh-in for this. The 1st XV rugby team will stay and play in their same competition this year. Their first game will be on College Day against Taradale 1st XV on Sunday 14 April.

Attendance for Term One has been very good overall and a big thank you to parents for ringing in when your son/daughter is not at school. Please reply to the text alert that goes out most days if you receive a text message about your son/daughter's attendance. We have had quite a few students late to school over the last few weeks. Now that the road works are completed all students should be at school by 8:30am except on a Wednesday when we start at 9:00am.

A reminder please to all students who are intending to drive a vehicle to school, the vehicle must be registered with me before driving to school. As we approach the colder weather please ensure all jackets and jerseys are clearly named on the inside labels. All clearly named uniform items that are lost are reunited with their owner.

A reminder also that no beanies or hats apart from the Karamu cap should be worn to or from school.

Regards  
Wayne Wooster

## PROUDLY KARAMU

Following the tragic events in Christchurch this term it was heartening to see the fantastic response from the Karamu community in donating so generously to the New Zealand Council of Victim Support.

The student body raised just over \$700. This money will be used to provide support and resources for those people directly affected.

On Monday 1 April Mr Graham Hoete (aka Mr G) came to speak at a whole school assembly and share his experiences. His passion and general engagement of the students were inspirational to many through both his artistic talent and messages of hope. We would like to acknowledge Jenny Nilsson and Steve Lawson at the Hastings House of Travel for their support.

Following on from this assembly on Friday 5 April our students got in behind Gumboot Day to raise funds to allow free counselling services for our youth. Our Community leaders did a fantastic job in promoting and running activities for the students to raise awareness of this event.



## HEALTH NEWS

### Measles

Measles is one of the most infectious diseases in humans. It is also known by the names English measles, morbilli and rubeola. Measles is currently circulating in Canterbury. We have **NO** notifications of measles in Hawke's Bay.

For your information below is a summary of measles information;

- Measles is highly contagious- and easily preventable.
- It affects both children and adults.
- Two doses of the measles vaccine provides the most effective protection for yourself, your family and the wider community. After two doses of the MMR vaccine, more than 95% of people are protected from measles.
- In New Zealand, if you were born in 1969 or later, you can get the measles vaccine for free.

Talk with your family doctor if you have any questions re your immunisation status. For more information visit the Immunisation Advisory Centre website

As you may be aware there have been some early influenza cases in Hawke's Bay therefore it is timely to share some tips with our school community on how to remain healthy.

- If you are obviously unwell, stay at home until you are better.
- Follow basic hygiene practices: Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds and dry them for 20 seconds – or use an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Don't share drinks!
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or cough into your elbow.



You may be eligible for free influenza vaccination. Check with your doctor.

## HEAD STUDENTS



L-R: Tia Ward (Deputy Head Girl), Tyler Boyes ( Deputy Head Boy), Lucy McKay (Head Girl) and Ben Randle (Head Boy)

# STUDENT LEADERS

## Academic Leaders



L-R: Amber Flashoff, Thomas Steinmann, Xanthe Coombe

## Community Leaders



Back - Shakoia Puketapu, Dean Polak, Oliver Wiggins-Crowe, Dane Skogstad  
Front - Hannah Bursnall, Jacinta Foreman, Anna Barbridge, Ruby Brett

## Cultural Leaders



L-R: April Kahirini, Dylan Dempsey, Jemma Green

# STUDENT LEADERS

## Performing Arts Leaders



Te Au Skipworth and Lian Hontalba

## Sports Leaders



Abigail Kilkolly, Isaac Hinton, Te Waiarani Randell

## House Leaders



L-R: Sophie Williams, Boston Wynyard, Raegan Robinson, Kahurangi Stevens, Tadhg Stephens, Max Crossan, Shae McKenzie, Logan Seymour, Zac Burlace, Darian Culver, Dylan Bagley, Cortez Te Pou, Meg Ryan, Ereina Tonihi, Hope McClelland, Ella Tieman

# SWIMMING SPORTS

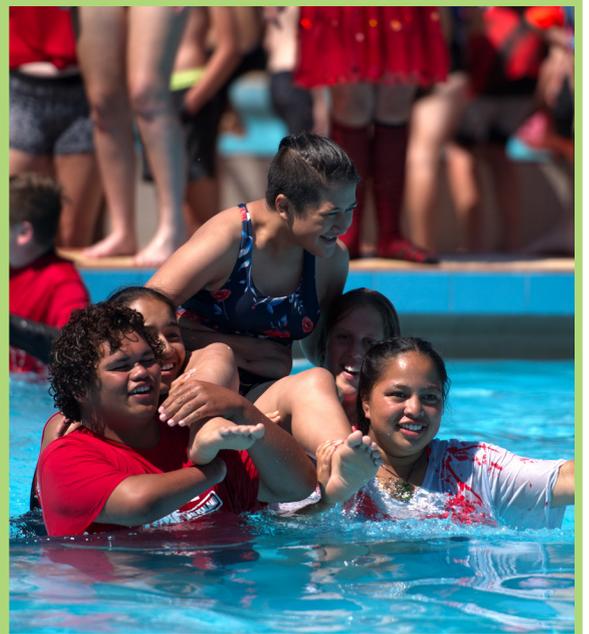
The 2019 House competition got underway under perfect conditions at Frimley Pools with our annual Swimming Sports. This competition is always a highlight with a combination of competitive swimming events mixed with a range of fun house events that ensure high levels of involvement throughout the day.

Our senior house leaders did a fantastic job organising, marshalling and encouraging the students to muster points for their respective houses. After the dust settled and the final points calculated Kaweka were once again victorious in backing up from their 2018 title of house swimming champions.

In the competitive swimming events, although there were no new records there were a number of very impressive individual performances. A big congratulations goes out to all of those students who did compete in the various disciplines.

## Championship Winners

Place	Junior Girl	Junior Boy	Senior Girl	Senior Boy
1	Cora Davison	Blake Setford	Jade Edmonds	Jamie Hollway
2	Kelly Littlechild	Braden Cooper	Tiana Edwards	Michael Garland
3	Caitlin Allan	Lachie McGregor	Shana Curtin	Brodie Harris



# ATHLETICS SPORTS

The second big house event on the calendar this term was our Athletics Sports held at the Regional Sports Park. Under cloudy and cool conditions the programme moved along with great efficiency with students competing at either Year 9, 10 or senior level. At each event students select to be involved in either the competition or house participation events which ensures high levels of involvement and engagement by all. The house spirit shines on these special days with the students competing in a fun atmosphere which includes athletes of a range of abilities. The winning house was Tuki Tuki. .

In the competitive events it was fantastic to see two new school records posted with stand out athlete Maddison Hughes breaking the 100m Year 10 record and Harmony Kautai setting a new record in the Year 10 girls shot put.

We would like to thank Mr Greg Ross for his outstanding energy and enthusiasm in making both of our major house events fun memorable experiences for both the students and staff.

Place	Year 9 Boys	Year 10 Boys	Senior Boys	Place	Year 9 Girls	Year 10 Girls	Senior Girls
1	Cole Whateley	Bryn Nelson	Ben Randle	1	Hannah Hibbert	Maddison Hughes	Cortez Te Pou
2	Camden Bruce	Keerat Singh	Joel Tawera	2	Ezra-Jade Tomoana	Jordyn Nicholson	Ruby Brett
3	Cameron Trass	James Dillon	Cameron Orr	3	Caitlin Allan	Maia Bassett	Lucy McKay
				3=	Keighan Hikawai		



## TOUCH RUGBY

Congratulations to all Karamu touch teams for taking out the junior girls grade, the senior girls grade and the senior mixed grade. In doing so all teams completed the HBSS Touch Competition unbeaten. All players need to be commended for their outstanding efforts and the way they represented Karamu.



## CRICKET

On Tuesday 19 March we hosted Feilding High School in our annual cricket exchange. Both the senior and junior fixtures were limited to 30 over matches. The senior game was very competitive with the game in the balance up to the 20th over of the run chase. Unfortunately, the tail struggled as the run rate required steadily increased resulting in Karamu being bowled out 46 runs short of the target.

Feilding HS 166/9 Zac Burlace 5-18, Karamu HS 121 Isaac Hinton 57, Flynn Mercer 43



Junior players Blake Setford and Sam Talagi who were selected for the Hawke's Bay U13 Squad.

In the junior match Feilding won the toss and batted first. Karamu started the stronger of the two sides and at 14/3 after 5 overs were well on top. However a couple of good partnerships saw Feilding post a more than competitive total of 149/9. Caitlin Allen 2/17 off four overs and Blake Setford 2/23 off five overs were the pick of the bowlers with Bryn Nelson taking five catches in the field.

In reply Karamu were also in early trouble and continued to lose regular wickets. Bryn Nelson (20) was the only batter to reach double figures as we could only muster 61 runs to be bowled out in 19 overs. Feilding HS 149/9, Karamu HS 61.

## SPORTS SNAPSHOTS...

### Cycling



Congratulations to Aimee Shaw who won the U19 Manawatu Novice three stage tour last weekend.

Aimee also recently placed 5th in the U19 section of the Bev May Womens Tour which involves many of New Zealand's Elite female riders.

### American Flag Rugby



Congratulations to Cameron Orr member of the Hawke's Bay Heat who won a national title at their first attempt. The team is coached by his father Murray Orr.

## CANOE POLO

This years National tournament would have had to have been one of the toughest tournaments to date. The scores tell the truth with one point wins and losses, draws and golden goal crossovers and finals.

However Karamu performed to the best of their abilities both on and off the water throughout the weekend. Thanks must be given to the many whanau supporters, volunteers, helpers and the coaching and managing staff for the time and effort put into all the teams. Karamu can also be proud of the way the students conducted themselves and went above and beyond being Proudly Karamu Proudly Hastings.

Special mention to senior players Hannah Hunt and Andre Carter on their selections in the tournament teams. All the players are looking forward to a well earned break over the next few weeks.

Senior girls overall placed 5th and senior boys overall placed 3rd.



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## SOFTBALL

The Karamu High School girls softball team was invited to play against the visiting St Johns College team from Argentina. Whaea Racheal was super proud of our girls – especially their fair play and sportsmanship.



Three home runs were scored by Nastashia Ngawhika, Katelyn Church and Kadence Wilson, the final score 14 – 4. It was a great way to finish of the softball season.

**Hawke's Bay Softball Junior Awards 2018-19**  
College B U15 Boys Division 2

**HB Mens Evergreens Trophy - Karamu 2**

**Hawke's Bay Representatives - U15 Girls**

**Top Batter** Jasmine Ngawhika (FastPitch)  
**M.V.P** Innika Hapuku-Lambert (Saints)

**Hawke's Bay Representatives - U18 Girls** M.V.P.

**Te Waiarani Randell**

**Hawke's Bay Softball Association Individual Award**

**Hastings Young Softballer** Cruz Hapuku (Fastpitch)

## SPEECH COMPETITIONS



It was fantastic to see Karamu High School students once again leading the way with three entries, Keelan Heesterman, Romona Wainohu and Rachel Torreno in the 19th year of the Hawke's Bay Race Unity Speech Competition.

Students were asked to prepare a 7 - 8 minute speech on the topic of 'speaking for justice, working for unity'.

There was an exceptionally high standard set by all of the speakers with the judges set the challenging job of determining the final overall placings.

In the end it was a fabulous result for Karamu as Rachel Torreno took out the top prize that will see her flown to Auckland in May as the Hawke's Bay representative at the national finals competition.

Rachel Torreno, Keelan Heesterman and Romona Wainohu



Congratulations to Abigail Kilkolly who came second in the Napier RSA Speech Competition held on Saturday 16 March 2019.

This year the subject was "Women at War – At Home and Abroad".

In Abigail's own words.....

*"For my speech, I not only looked at the general history of how women contributed to the wars but also in my own family history and the efforts that my grandmothers and great grandmothers had. This for me opened my eyes to family history that I had never even considered and gave me a new found respect for the women in my family. For me, I used this new understanding to aid me in my speaking and the idea that this speech wasn't only for a competition but actually for them."*

*In this competition, I came second and walked away with an incredible prize of \$1000 and I am very grateful for the Napier RSAs generosity and the fantastic hospitality that they provided on the day."*

## YEAR LEVEL DEANS

### Year 9 Deans



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### Year 13 Dean



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At Karamu High School, our year level deans play an important role in the pastoral care of your sons and daughters. Our year level deans for 2019 are listed above for your information. Please email your son or daughter's dean or phone 8787139 and leave a message, if you wish to contact them.

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