



KARAMU
HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20 – 2:00pm

3:00 – 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

Monday 22 July

Term 3 Starts

Tuesday 6 August

Open Evening

15 - 20 August

Senior Benchmark Exams

2 - 6 September

Tournament Week

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KAPA HAKA - NGA MANU O TE RAU KARAMU

Ngā Manu O Te Rau Karamu, Koia HA!

Kapa Haka 2019 saw a strong rōpū take the stage at Te Matau-a-Māui Regional kapa haka ahurei. The rōpū consisted of both senior and junior students. The skill and after-hours commitment of the group allowed our kaitātaki to shine, the vocalists to demonstrate their talent and everyone to haka to their full potential.

It was an awesome effort by everyone placing 5th overall, unfortunately nine points away from the National Secondary Competition. All members of Ngā Manu O Te Rau Karamu should be proud of their efforts. The group was such an inspiration that the 2020 bracket is already underway.

Special mihi to two of the school leaders, Te Waiarani Randell (Ngati Kahungunu) Sports Leader and Jemma Anihana Green (Ngati Kahungunu) Cultural Leader for their extra commitment with all the organisation and leadership in the background for this year's kapa haka campaign.

A big mihi to Koka Sharlena Maui and Koka Pikihoro Stewart for putting in all their time and effort to compose waiata and haka for the rōpū to perform.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*"Nothing is impossible,
the word itself says
'I'm possible!'"*

Audrey Hepburn

As Term 2 comes to a close we reflect on another busy and productive term. Once again it has been fantastic to witness all 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.

This term has not been without disruption with ongoing industrial action being taken between the teacher's union (PPTA) and the government. We all hope that there will be a resolution moving forward that addresses the issues of attracting and retaining a workforce of teachers that feel supported and valued so they can focus on their core role in improving the quality of education for our students.

The triennial Board of Trustees elections were also conducted this term. Thank you to all the nominees and those of you who voted. We are very fortunate as a school and community that attracts parents and whanau with diverse backgrounds and skills that have enabled the successful governance of the school over a number of years. Congratulations to our newly appointed Board of Trustees representatives Tanya Douglas and John Marks, who join current board members Jonathan Brookes, Dave de Lange, Nick Richards, Sarah Gunn (Staff Rep), and student representatives Abigail Kilkolly and Shakoa Puketapu. I would also like to acknowledge and thank outgoing parent representatives Ian Horsefield and Kate Holden. Their careful and considered input over the past six years has been greatly valued and appreciated and they can be very proud of their contribution to school and education over a number of years.

In recent weeks we have hosted our senior and junior parent teacher evenings. 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 daughter's dean to make an appointment.

Planning for 2020 is already underway with our Open Evening set down for Tuesday 6 August. We are once again expecting a strong demand for positions at Year 9 and encourage families of current Year 8 students to get your enrolment forms in early. I would like to advise parents that if you live outside of our zone and have a sibling at school this does not guarantee a position. Enrolment forms will be handed out to our major contributing schools Hastings Intermediate, Heretaunga Intermediate, Havelock Intermediate, Twyford School, Poukawa School and Maraekakaho School in week one of next term. If your child does not attend one of these schools the information can be collected from the office.

Karamu High School is in great heart and with Term 3 just around the corner, there is much to look forward to. In the meantime, we wish you all a safe and well-deserved winter break.

Nga mihi nui

Michael Leitch

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT

It has been another busy term as we approach the Term 2 holidays.

We have had a focus on non-regulation jewellery over the last two weeks. Thank you to the parents who have been in to collect their son/daughters confiscated jewellery. If your son or daughter has a piece of jewellery that has special significance then we request a letter explaining the circumstances. If this is accepted we will then issue the student with a permit card.

A reminder that no facial piercings are accepted, and neither is a plastic substitute filler. Students are permitted one earring in each ear that has to be a stud or small ring (sleeper) type earring.

The Year 13's have just had their cabaret which was a great night. The students made a great deal of effort with their outfits. Everyone danced the night away at the Cheval Rooms, Hastings Racecourse until midnight. The catering was outstanding, a big thank you to Vertigo Catering.

With the cold weather upon us please ensure all jerseys and school jackets are named on the inside label.

We will start Term 3 with a focus on lateness to school. We ask that students be at school by 8:30am for an 8:35am start in class. Your help as parents with this is greatly appreciated. There is nothing worse for a teacher than having a great lesson interrupted by late students.

Wayne Wooster



*"Successful people are
not gifted."*

*"They just work hard, then
succeed on purpose".*

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

Reports ... then Benchmark Examinations

Reports for all students have now been sent home and uploaded to the KAMAR Portal. Please use the reports as an opportunity at home for discussion around next steps in their learning, both in the classroom and at home.

Benchmark Examinations, (practices for the end of year examinations where results are used if students are ill or otherwise not able to attend) and workshops (for courses with portfolios) will be held for most courses from 15 - 20 August. For some 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. We will be open for Winter School on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 July. Some students will be advised of their necessary attendance and a notification sent home. However any student is welcome to come in and use the facilities in the library for study.

Supporting students at home with study strategies throughout the year, not merely a few days or weeks prior to assessments, means preparation becomes a habit and success can become a reality. However, studying doesn't need to be boring, tough or lengthy though, in fact it can often be fun with using flashcards, pictorials, mindmaps or funny mnemonics or song lyrics to remember concepts. Caregivers can even help at home by providing a designated space for study that is quiet and free from distractions, well-lit and set up with a desk and a chair. Also encourage 'breaks' in study for exercise, family time/jobs, listening to music etc.

"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet"

Dionne Thomas



*"Before anything else,
preparation is the key to
success".*

Alexander Graham Bell

HEALTH NEWS - MEASLES

As you may be aware there are currently multiple outbreaks of measles in New Zealand and at least 140 confirmed cases reported so far in 2019. Measles is a serious, highly infectious viral disease that is easy to prevent through immunisation. If your child has had two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) immunisation they are protected.

As there is a high chance that measles could spread to Hawke's Bay, we urge you take the following steps to make sure your child is protected:

Check your child has had two doses of the MMR immunisation.

- If your child only has a record of receiving one dose of MMR they should have another as soon as possible
- If your child has no record of MMR immunisation they should have one dose now and a second dose FOUR weeks later.
- Immunisation is FREE from your GP or Practice Nurse.

Please make sure you have a copy of your child's immunisation certificate, so you can show this to their school if required. If your child has contact with a person with confirmed measles they may be asked to keep away from school for up to two weeks if there is no record of them having been immunised against MMR.

Immunisation is highly recommended as it protects your child and helps prevent the spread of infection in the community when an outbreak occurs. If you require further information, you can find out more from the Ministry of Health's website www.health.govt.nz/measles



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Apply now for 2020 Scholarships

OPEN EVENING

6.30PM TUESDAY 6 AUGUST

ENQUIRE NOW - Out of zone places available

BUSINESS STUDIES

We had the best time at The Apple Press Hawke's Bay. Our business enterprise students 'Apple a Day' learnt so much from the team and loved seeing the production process at The Apple Press.

They even were able to try the new 'Blueberry' flavoured juice ... it was delicious. A huge thank you to Jenna Mabey, Ross Beaton and Sally Gallagher for allowing us to visit and providing so much wisdom for our young entrepreneurs. Also a big thank you to Ms Ginny Redwood for being a great mentor to this team!! Watch out for 'Apple a Day' as they launch their product soon!



Tyler Mumby, Markis Walsh-Kingi (Rongomaiwahine Te Mahia)
Samantha Makris, Grace Mentzer and Caitlin Davis (Te Atiawa)

NGA MANU KORERO

On Friday 28 June, eight students travelled to EIT in Taradale to the Manu Korero competition. Karamu High School was fortunate enough to have one competitor Romona Wainohu (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Pāhauwera) enter the competition. Romona entered the Senior English category (Korimako). She had to do one 3-minute impromptu speech and one 6-minute prepared speech in front of a panel of judges and all whanau and kura that came.

A huge thank you to Matua Kane, Mrs Wiggins and the other seven students who went in support and showed the brilliant attitude we have as a kura. Although we didn't walk away with any placings, a huge effort was put in by all those involved. We hope to go back next year and take out that competition. Paia!



CYCLING

The Hawke's Bay Secondary Cycling Championships were held on Sunday 30 June. Jack Gilchrist was 3rd in the U17 boys road race. Aimee Shaw was 1st in the girls U20 road race.

Aimee is riding this weekend in the North Island Secondary Road Race championships in Cambridge, competing in the U20 criterion and the road race. Aimee has been included in the Cycling New Zealand Development Squad. From this, a team will be selected to compete in the Elite Women's Dynamo Series. This is a series of races that are held around the North Island.



OUTWARD BOUND

It was an absolute privilege to travel to Anakiwa and partake in the Outward Bound course with Corbyn Te Whaiti (?).

We spent 21 days challenging ourselves mentally and physically and gained so much from it. From the stunning daily views and wild outdoor activities to the relationships we made with a bunch of new people, everything was thoroughly enjoyable. We spent our time tramping, sailing, kayaking, rock climbing, reflecting and more.

Each activity taught something different to the last, and on behalf of everyone who participated I can say we all developed so much as individuals!

Tiana Edwards
(Ngāti Pahauwera, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Kahungunui)



Tiana and Corbyn shown with their Outward Bound group

DUKE OF EDINBURGH - BRONZE TRAMP

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award participants on the Practice Adventurous Journey and Bush Craft training trip – Ruahine State Forest Park. Awesome weather, great team of participants. Mr Wright & Mrs van Rijk accompanied the group.



EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS FOR KATE

Congratulations to Year 12 student Kate Browning who is one of five Hawke's Bay riders in a six-strong New Zealand under-17 team which will compete at the July 15 - 21 world championships in Carmarthen, Wales. Kate is in her fourth year of mounted games after previously competing in the showing, saddle and show hunter disciplines.

Although not a mainstream sport mounted games is a high paced competition involving a range of skills including horsemanship, speed, agility and strength. Kate like all athletes has got to the top of her sport through hard work, commitment and dedication. We wish Kate all the best as she prepares to head to Wales. If you are interested in seeing more on what Mounted Games entails, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mkGyuXL5js>



Image courtesy of Hawke's Bay Today

Kate is first mount on the left

SHOWQUEST

On Monday 27 May a team of almost 60 students participated in the regional heats of the Showquest competition. The students had been working since the beginning of the year to prepare a performance of 12 minutes which incorporated aspects of dance, drama, music and theatre technology.

This year the team was led by Jamie Hollway and Tia Ward. Then there was a large creative team of choreographers, script writers, student directors, lighting designers, costume designers, set designers, and the list goes on.

The students decided on the theme of teenage depression, focusing on the need for support from family and friends to get through the hard times. This theme was conveyed particularly well and earned the team the 'Theme Award' for the Hawke's Bay Region.

We are all very proud of the performance that the students presented and congratulate them on putting together such a wonderful performance.



YEAR 13 CABARET

On Thursday 27 June we held our Year 13 Cabaret at the Cheval Rooms. It was a fantastic evening with our students making an outstanding effort with their presentation and general enthusiasm for the event. The cabaret allows the Year 13's and their partners to experience formal dining and dancing.

As has become tradition we present our best dressed with awards;

King and Queen - Daniel Stuart and Briar Fraser (Ngāti Porou)

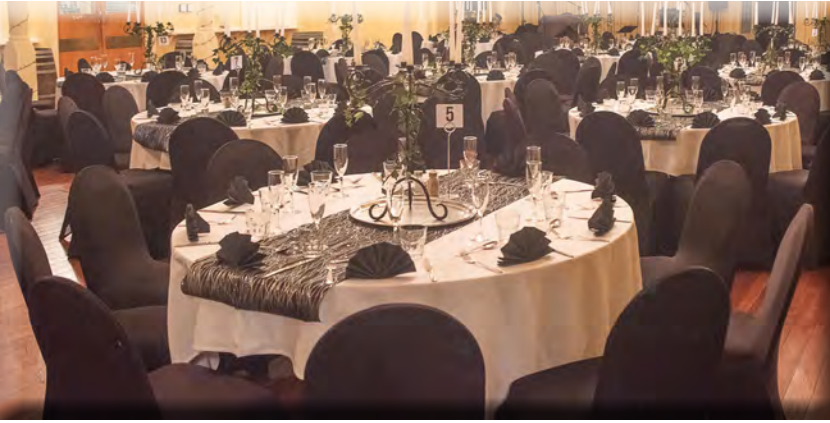
Prince and Princess - Te Au Skipworth (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Tahu-Ngāti Whaoa, Ngāti Porou) and Tia Ward (Ngāti Maniapoto)

The competition was extremely tight with some exceptional outfits.

A big thank you must go out to Mr Wooster and his senior organising committee who made the evening a huge success. Also a big thank you to all of the staff who made themselves available as either band members, chaperones or security.



YEAR 13 CABARET



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