



Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20pm – 2:00pm

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

22- 24 & 28 January

Senior Course Confirmation

28 January

Teacher Only Day

29 January

Years 10, 11 and 12

8:30am- 12noon

30 January

Years 9 and 13

8:30am- 12noon

31 January

All school in Normal timetable begins

7 February
Teacher only Day

6 February
Waitangi Day

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 DUX

Benjamin Colquhoun was announced Dux of Karamu High School at the Senior Prize-giving on 3 December 2019. Ben gained first place in Level 3 Physics, Chemistry, Geography and Mathematics with Calculus. He also received the Somerville Cup for best overall Level 3 Mathematics student.

Within school Benjamin had a strong involvement in academic pursuits including Science fairs and quizzes. He also actively supported the cultural life of the school, studying Japanese through to Level 3 and travelled to Japan with school in 2018, as well as supported within school exchanges with Kobe Noda in 2017 and 2019.

Ben has received a Victoria University of Wellington Tangiwai Scholarship for 2020, where he will study a Bachelor of Science majoring in Mathematics and Physics.

"I have loved my time at Karamu and thoroughly enjoyed coming to school each day. I wish to thank all my fantastic teachers and the wider staff who have supported me to this point and set me up so well for the future"



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"You're off to great places!

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting,

So Get on your way!"

Dr. Seuss

On 6 December Karamu Junior High completed the year in a positive manner and have ensured that we can all head into a well-earned break on a high note. Our junior tabloids last Thursday was a great way to finish the year with the students getting into the spirit of the events with lots of fun had by all.

Our prizegivings were again a great celebration of achievement across the school and were a fantastic reflection of the talent that our students possess. I also know that there will be a number of our families that will be proud of their own sons and daughters achievements through the feedback received in the end of year reports. As families it is important to acknowledge the individual success of all students no matter how big or small, as this could be the catalyst to future success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, whanau and wider community. Our success is a direct reflection of your ongoing support. Our community values and understands the importance of education and learning and along with our core WELCOME values we will continue to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our akonga (students).

I wish you all the very best in the future. It has been a privilege and an honour to have been your Principal over the past four years. Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year to you all.

Nga mihi nui
Michael Leitch

YEAR 9 ESTUARY EXPERIENCE

Karamu Junior High is an opportunity for all learners at Karamu High School to re-focus in the last month of school to experience different, structured activities that are fun, engaging and motivating, that involve innovation, competition and leadership. During this time all Year 9 students had the opportunity to engage in cross curricular learning around a local environment – the Ahuriri Estuary.

Students visited the estuary where they collected data and made observations to assist them with the learning that would take place back in the classroom over the next three Wednesdays. Students had flexibility in the choice of the tasks they completed in each of the four core subjects - Maths, English, Social Science and Science. These ranged from designing a new road bridge, researching migratory birds, Minecraft to create a digital map of the estuary and writing and illustrating a children's storybook.

Another key aspect of the Ahuriri Experience is for students to develop their interpersonal skills such managing themselves, using creativity and innovation to solve problems and participating and contributing in groups.

The feedback so far suggests that the students and staff have enjoyed the experience and we look forward to providing the opportunity to the Year 9's of 2020.



JUNIOR TABLOIDS

On Thursday 5 December we held our annual junior tabloids. The junior form classes got right into the spirit of the event with some fantastic costumes on display to have a bit of fun and friendly competition.

A big thank you goes to all of the students for their participation and also to our 2019 senior school leaders who returned to assist in the running and organisation of the events.

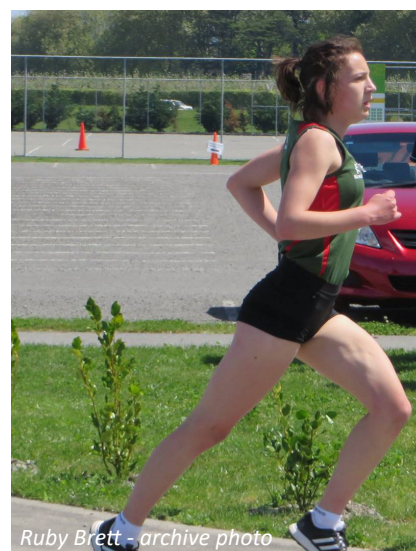


ATHLETICS

Success at NZSS Athletics Champs for Karamu High School. Following on from their acknowledgements at prizegiving Ruby Brett and Lucy McKay travelled with their coaches to the New Zealand Secondary School Athletics Championship and we are thrilled to share both gained bronze medals in the 300m hurdles and polevault respectively. The girls were faced with terrible conditions in Wellington but those results made it worthwhile.



Lucy McKay in action at the NZSS championships



Ruby Brett - archive photo

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Friday 6 December was our last opportunity to celebrate the success of our students across several areas at the Junior Prizegiving. Junior students were acknowledged for their success in either the sporting, cultural or academic areas. Merit awards were awarded to students who were first in class and distinction awards were awarded for achievement across the whole year level.

The following Prestigious Awards were presented as follows:

Turner Family Trophy for General Excellence Outside the Classroom

Braden Cooper

Karamu High School Cup for the Junior Sportswoman of the Year

Maddison Hughes

Karamu High School Cup for the Junior Sportsman of the Year

Bryn Nelson

Karamu High School General Excellence Cup for All Round Excellence in Year 9

Lena Orsmy

Karamu High School Cup for Year 9 Academic Excellence

Emma Renall

Karamu High School General Excellence Cup for All Round Excellence in Year 10

Cora Davison

Karamu High School Cup for Year 10 Academic Excellence

Sasha Sharma



Cora Davison - Absent



Braden Cooper



Maddison Hughes



Bryn Nelson



Lena Orsmy
Ngapui/Ngati Maniapoto



Emma Renall



Sasha Sharma

PROUDLY HASTINGS - CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Karamu Junior House Leaders with the support of Miss Redwood again took the lead in promoting the annual Christmas Cheer Appeal. The form classes stepped up a level in decorating their boxes this year, with a gingerbread house, Christmas Sleigh, Rudolf and a whale just to name a few. All donations received went to

Once again it is extremely heart-warming to see our students their families and our staff giving so generously to this cause in demonstrating what it is to be 'Proudly Hastings'.



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