



**KARAMU**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Knowledge is Strength Hē Mana tō te Mātauranga

Issue 1  
February 2020

## Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20 – 2:00pm

3:00– 4:00pm

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday 19 February  
Swimming Sports

Wednesday 26 February  
Academic Institute Lunch

Wednesday 4 March  
Year 13 Breakfast

Friday 6 March  
Athletics

Thursday 19 March  
Netsafe Presentations

Friday 27 March  
Form Class Photos

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## POWHIRI

Our school powhiri was a most special day where we acknowledged, came together and celebrated being Proudly Karamu. Demonstrating our values of both whanaungataunga and manaakitanga with many friends, parents and whanau joining new students.

We also welcomed Mrs Thomas into her new role as Principal and announced the deputy and head students. The morning ceremony was completed with the raising of the school flag, indicating the official start of the academic year.



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# PRINCIPAL

Welcome back and a special extended warm welcome to our new students, families and teaching staff that have joined the Karamu High School whanau. This year we welcome 227 Year 9 students as well as several students joining us in other year levels. This has resulted in a very strong roll of 925 students, with the school's zoning policy needing to be implemented. It is therefore warming to see the students that are here embracing the opportunities, cherishing the environment and relishing the learning that can take place in our wonderful school.

I was extremely humbled to be welcomed at the powhiri as the school's 7th Principal. To have attended here as a student, then taught here as a teacher and now having the privilege to lead the school in this new decade is an honor. But like the students I take that honor with the courage of those around me. The courage of those that have gone before me and the courage of those I work with and the courage of those I work for.

This year's Year 13 leaders have set the school a wero or challenge to be courageous this year. Using the words of Winston Churchill, that:

*'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts'.*

This quote is proudly displayed at the front of school, a reminder every day we come into school, we should embrace the challenge of courage, but knowing alongside of our whanau, our staff and the student leaders we believe everybody can be courageous.

In 2020 I seek your support in allowing your son, daughter, child, mokopuna, to be courageous and continue to be the best they can be.

In the coming weeks we will celebrate the 2019 academic success of our students and in our next newsletter we will share this with you. However, I would like to acknowledge the following students who achieved NZQA Scholarship, the highest accolade:

Shae McKenzie	Music
Benjamin Colquhoun	Physics
Raniera Wairau (Year 11)	History
Keelan Heesterman (Year 11)	History
Thea Morton (Year 12)	History
Rachel Mae Torreno	Design and Visual Communication

It is exceptionally impressive to have two Year 11's and a Year 12 gaining success at this level.

I look forward to 2020 with anticipation of many more great successes, both in and out of the classroom, with your continued support and reinforcement of high expectations.

Nga mihi  
Dionne Thomas



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It was great to see the Year 9 students who along with the Big Day out featured in this newsletter were fully engaged with their orientation and induction to a broad range of areas across the school during the first half of Week 2. As part of their induction, they were given the opportunity to find out more about key areas around the school including the Health and Careers department, to find out more about our whare (Te Poho o Rongokako) as well as be inducted into the use of our digital infrastructure through their laptops.

It was pleasing to see that 90% of our current Year 9 students have managed to bring a laptop to school this year which is a great start to the year. We will also be making contact with some families to see if we can work towards getting easier access to a laptop to make their son or daughters educational experience around the use of technology more accessible both at school and at home.

As part of their induction to getting connected to the school network through their laptops, they were also guided through the steps to familiarise themselves with other aspects of our digital network including logging into the library and accessing our entire collection online, being able to link to their timetables, attendance and school notices as well as set up their personal school email addresses.

We understand that giving students access to the internet and a range of digital tools will work alongside their education in the classroom and at home. We are also aware that this brings with it many challenges and the primary one is that of safety online for our students. As part of the induction, we do discuss this aspect. A Netsafe refresher course will be held on Thursday 19 March for staff from 3:30 - 5:00pm. Following this we would like to offer our parents the opportunity to have an insight to the world of a teenager and their activity through the internet with a presentation from Netsafe at school from 6:30pm - 8:00pm on the Thursday evening.

Damien Hollands

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

Tēnā koutou kātoa e te Karamu whanau.

It has been a real privilege and honour to be appointed as Deputy Principal in charge of Curriculum and Assessment in 2020. It was also a pleasure to have our Year 12 and 13 students and their whanau come in before school started for Course Confirmation to reflect on their 2019 NCEA results, discuss their career aspirations, set goals and confirm their courses.

Now it is important to set goals around:

- Regular attendance
- Quality time management
- Meeting milestones
- Striving for academic best
- Communicating with teachers so they can support your needs

Staff have created courses with students' best interests in mind, that cater for ability, interest and pathways. It is therefore very important that all assessments and milestone deadlines be met by the due date. The Karamu Website site will soon have an Assessment Calendar of assessment dates for each course. Please use this with your child to plan.

Homework should also be a regular event for all high school students. Actively going over their work between lessons and checking their understanding will help them achieve to their true potential. In the junior school at least 30 minutes per night and in the senior school one hour is recommended. Information retention drops significantly within the first 24 hours unless time is taken to process the learning. To support this, we have Homework Club. This is held in the library Tuesday and Thursday 3:00pm - 4:00pm and Wednesday 8:30am - 9:00am for students wishing to take advantage of a safe, warm (or cool!), digitally friendly space with support from our fantastic academic leaders.

I look forward to working with students and whanau in 2020.

Nga mihi nui  
Aron Noble



*"Constancy. Not he who begins, but he who perseveres".*

*Leonardo da Vinci*



*"I never lose. I either win or learn"*

*Nelson Mandela*





*"It's not whether you  
get knocked down; it's  
whether you get up".*

Vince Lombardi

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT

It has been a very busy but smooth start to the year. The Year 9 students have started their journey at Karamu very well. They're a great bunch and I look forward to working with all of them.

A few reminders:

- Students should be at school by 8:30am for an 8:35am start
- Helmets must be worn when biking to and from school. A padlock to secure your bike while at school is recommended
- No scooters or skateboards are to be used as transport to or from school
- Hair scrunchies should be either black, white, green or red to tie in with the school colours
- All long hair must be tied back
- Students are not permitted to leave school at interval or lunchtimes
- Only school caps are to be worn

Thank you for your support in these matters. If you have any queries I can be contacted via the school office on 8787 139.

Wayne Wooster

## TIRA ORA

Welcome to a new section of the newsletter. 'Tira Ora' is the name given to the branchlet of the Karamu tree, so an ideal name for branchlets or students of Karamu. This will also be the name given to the Alumni Association to be formed in the near future. This section will be where news of Karamu alumni will be shared so if you have news of ex-students that you are willing to share please email [admin@karamu.school.nz](mailto:admin@karamu.school.nz)

### Cortez Te Pou (2015-2019)

We were all very impressed with Cortez's success in Rugby, Rugby 7's and Touch last year. In Rugby she was selected for New Zealand Maori Under 18 Team, represented and played for the Hawke's Bay Rugby Under 18 and the Hawke's Bay Women's Tuis. She represented and played Hawke's Bay Under 18 and Women's Rugby 7's and in Touch she was selected and played in the Whanganui Touch Under 18 mixed and then trialled for the New Zealand Under 20 mixed side.

However, the pinnacle of her year was selection in the New Zealand Secondary School's Condor 7's side who played in the World Championships in Auckland in December. A great achievement to round off a great year on the field. This year she is off to Japan on a three month playing contract in 7's and hopes to continue her success in 15s for the Hawke's Bay Tui's when she returns. We wish Cortez all the very best as she works towards her dreams of being a Black Fern.



### Jonathon Krebs (1977 - 1981)

Jonathan Krebs has been appointed a District Court Judge, sworn in on 1 October 2019 in Napier and will be based in Palmerston North. Krebs has been a barrister sole since late 2006 and has chambers in Napier and Auckland. He was with Langley Twigg Solicitors (Napier) from 1988 to 1998. From late 1998 he was a senior prosecutor with Meredith Connell (Auckland). He commenced practice as a barrister in 2001 and for eight months he was a panel member of the Auckland Crown Solicitor.

Krebs represented Teina Pora, jailed for the 1992 rape and murder of Susan Burdett, when he took his case to the Privy Council in London in 2014. The Privy Council quashed Pora's convictions the following year.

He was a partner of the Hawke's Bay Crown solicitors, Elvidge & Partners, from 2002 to 2006 before being seconded to the Attorney-General's Office in Apia, Samoa, for two months at the end of 2006.

The principal focus of his career has been criminal and civil litigation. He was the Convenor of the NZLS Criminal Law Subcommittee for 10 years and is a past President of the Hawke's Bay District Law Society. In 2012 he was Director of the New Zealand Law Society Litigation Skills programme. (Sourced from Stuff, Aug 30 2019)



# WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

**Mr James Donaldson (Mathematics)** – Mr James Donaldson returns to Hawke's Bay to join our Mathematics faculty from Nelson where he has been teaching at Waimea College. Having taught at Karamu in the early 2000's he is excited to return to also be involved in the musical side of school life.

**Mrs Drusilla Rose (Mathematics)** – Mrs Drusilla Rose joins us from Westlake Girls where she was Assistant Head of the Mathematics faculty. In 2013 she completed her Masters in Education with a research thesis entitled Developing Statistical Literacy in Year 13 students. She has moved to Hawke's Bay to join family.

**Mrs Belinda Brown (Mathematics)** – After enjoying some relieving at Karamu in 2019 we are excited to have Mrs Brown join us permanently this year, having formerly been Assistant Head of Mathematics at St Bernards' College in Wellington. With two teenage children she will be a great asset to the team.

**Ms Jana Ranft (Teacher Aide)** – Is one of three new teacher aides joining our student support team. Ms Ranft is from Germany and has come to Hawke's Bay to be with her partner's family who is from here. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Social Sciences with a focus on Human Resources and has experience in working alongside students with mathematics.

**Mr Grant Davies** - (EL – Teaching Supported Year 9/10 Maths & English) – Joins us from Henry Hill School and has in the past taught at Year 7 & 8 level. With a strong interest in surf lifesaving it's not surprising he blitzed the field in our Iron Maori swim leg.

**Mr Willy Kersten (Science)** – will be joining us in Term 1 teaching Junior Science. Mr Kersten returns to Karamu after leaving in the late 1990's. He has since then been at several schools but most recently retired from a tenure of over 10 years as Principal at Rathkeale in Masterton. We are thrilled to have someone of his calibre join us.

**Mr Kevin Beaumont** (Science and Chemistry) – a familiar face returns to teach three senior science classes while we search for a replacement for Mr Chamberlain.

**Mrs Lillian Bartlett (Teacher Aide)** – Our second new teacher aide joining our student support team. Mrs Bartlett joins us with a background in administration but a love of youth through her involvement in basketball coaching. She will be an asset to the team with her warmth and passion.

**Mr Bernard Hokianga (Teacher Aide)** – The last of our new teacher aides joining our student support team. Mr Hokianga has tremendous strengths in Te Reo and Maori Performing Arts. He is keen to share these skills alongside a real love for developing young people's potential.



Mr James Donaldson



Mrs Drusilla Rose



Mrs Belinda Brown



Ms Jana Ranft



Mr Grant Davies



Mr Willy Kersten



Mr Kevin Beaumont



Mrs Lillian Bartlett



Mr Bernard Hokianga

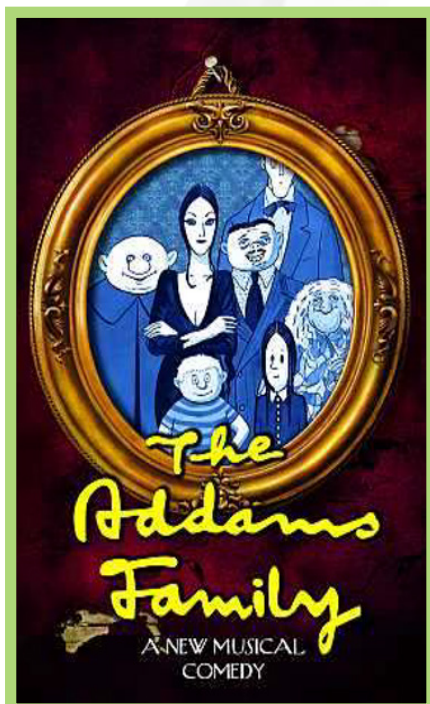


# HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2020



Congratulations to our Head Students for 2020; Head students Ondre Hapuku-Lambert (Ngāti Kahungunu) and Tiana Edwards (Ngāti Pāhauwera, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki), Deputy Head students Sophie Jones and Andre Carter

## THE ADDAMS FAMILY



PERFORMANCES: 2, 3, 4 APRIL  
JUNE CLARK CENTRE, KARAMU HIGH SCHOOL

*Ticket prices to be confirmed*

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# YEAR 9 BIG DAY OUT

During the first few days of the year each of our Year 9 classes spent a day at Pakowhai Regional Park. There were a range of activities run by Year 13 students, form teachers and the Year 9 deans to help to develop and promote teamwork and manaakitanga within their form class. By the end of the day they knew everyone's name, more information about each other, played heaps of games, and had helped others climb a 5m pole and paddled down a stream.

But most of all they had a MASSIVE DAY WITH MASSIVE PEOPLE.





## IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ....

If you are a student and you have a concern ....

If your concern is about .....	You should first see .....	If not resolved, then .....	And is still not resolved .....
<b>Your learning</b> , eg. classwork and assessment	Your teacher	Your dean	Mr Noble, Deputy Principal Curriculum & Assessment
<b>A discipline problem</b> , eg. a detention	The teacher who gave you the detention	Your dean	Mr Wooster Deputy Principal Student Management
<b>A pastoral issue</b> , eg. bullying, attendance	Your form teacher	Your dean	Mr Wooster or Mr Rolls the Guidance Counsellor

If you are a parent and you have a concern ....

If your concern is about .....	You should first see .....	If not resolved, then .....	And is still not resolved .....
<b>A learning problem</b> , eg. classwork and assessment	The dean	Mr Noble, Deputy Principal Curriculum & Assessment	Mrs Thomas Principal
<b>A discipline problem</b> , eg. a detention	The dean	Mr Wooster Deputy Principal Student Management	
<b>A pastoral issue</b> , eg. bullying, attendance	The dean	Mr Wooster or Mr Rolls the Guidance Counsellor	
<b>A financial issue</b> relating to any account or charge	Either Mrs Gray or Ms Radley in the office	Mrs Hantler Principal's PA	

## YEAR LEVEL DEANS 2020

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 2020 are listed below for your information. Please email your son or daughter's dean or phone 878 7139 and leave a message, if you wish to contact them.

### Year 9 Deans



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### Year 10 Deans



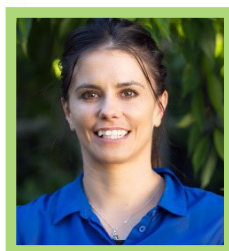
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### Year 11 Deans



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### Year 12 Deans



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### Year 13 Deans



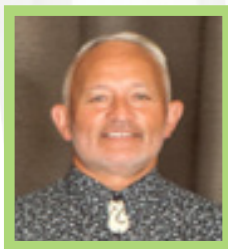
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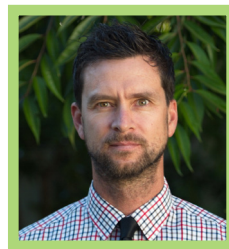
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