



## Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20 – 2:00pm

3:00– 4:00pm

## Dates to Remember

**16 November - 9 December**  
NCEA Exams

**Friday 20 November**  
Year 9 Big Day In

**Wednesday 25 November**  
Teacher Only Day

**Friday 27 November**  
Year 10 Big Day In

**Tuesday 8 December**  
Senior Prizegiving

**Thursday 9 December**  
Junior Tabloids

**Friday 10 December**  
Junior Academic Prizegiving  
End of Term

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## LEAVERS FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

At a full school assembly on Thursday 12 November we farewelled the Year 13 cohort and other leavers. This was a great occasion and the Year 13 haka to the school was outstanding.



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# PRINCIPAL

Term 4 can seem like a long term or a short one. Depends who you speak to. But what we do know is for all students the taste of summer can be a distraction no matter whether they are trying to study for exams, externals or focus on learning.

What is important then is routines. Routines enable good habits to be formed. Implementing a structure to your day can give you a sense of control. It can also improve your focus, organization, and productivity. However, having a **routine** is about more than just your day-to-day responsibilities and your work, we should also have routines around self-care.

We have spoken this year a lot around taking control for what we can control. We can control how much screen time we have. We can control how much sleep we have. We can control our eating and drinking. We can control how much exercise we get. All these self-care routines then have a positive effect on our ability to function effectively when trying to learn, revise, study or sit an examination. This is where whanau can help. Because the adolescent brain sometimes finds it hard to know what is a suitable amount of sleep, food or exercise – how about encouraging or helping? Healthy snacks, limited screen time, curfews and 'lights out' are useful parental mechanisms of support when students are trying to focus on being the best they can be at this time of the year. For the next 5 to 6 weeks do not be afraid to control what you can for your child to achieve the best they can. I believe they will thank you in the end.

As I bid farewell to the seniors at the end of Week 5 I did not say good luck because .....

Nga mihi nui

Mrs Dionne Thomas  
Principal



## LEAVERS FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

At the beginning of the year the Year 13 Leadership group 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'.

But as the Year 13 cohort and other leavers farewelled the school on Thursday 12 November they held the most courage. Why? Because they were leaving the known, the safe and the 'easy'. Going on to a job, a tertiary course or an apprenticeship will be challenging. But we know they leave Karamu with many of the characteristics of courage to see them through their life's journey:

They have an abundance of **Self-confidence** – believing in themselves, knowing who they are and what they stand for.

They have **Conviction** – knowing where they stand and are passionate about their beliefs and values.

They have **Integrity** - knowing the difference between right and wrong – living it every day – backing it up with words and action.

They have shown **Leadership** – leading others by *doing* the right thing.

They have shown **Compassion** - putting other people's needs ahead of their own.

They have **Objectivity** – they have made tough, intelligent decisions and understood the consequences of both good and bad decisions.

They have had to have **Strength in Adversity** – staring adversity in the eye – running toward the problem rather than away from it.

They are **Change Masters** - stepping outside their comfort zone to meet the challenges that lay ahead.

They can **Embrace the Unknown** – following their instincts if there is not enough information

And finally, they know how to take **Action**. They know that it's not enough to talk about doing something, instead, they act.

We have seen bundles of examples of this courage this year. Through lockdown, on the sports field, in rehearsal for The Addams Family, on mufti days, as we celebrated the 'not the Cab' formal lunch...

We wish all our leavers all the very best as they venture out to experience their next challenge. As they face whatever life has in store for them may they remember they are now a Proud Karamu Tira Ora & their knowledge is their strength - **He Mana tō te Mātauranga**



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM

With NCEA starting on 16 November it is pleasing to see and hear students having taken advantage of further assessment opportunities and studying to prepare for external examinations.

All Year 11, 12 and 13 have been given personalised copies 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 not at school 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 celebrated the first of our senior achievements for 2020 on Friday 30 October with the Service and Distinction Assembly but on Tuesday 8 December we will hold our Senior Prizegiving. We welcome students receiving awards and their whanau – invites will be sent to these students next week.

Year 9 and 10 have completed some end of year assessments which includes examinations in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies; then PAT tests will be completed 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. Students are encouraged to give their best. Term 4 reports will be posted at the end of November. We then look forward to celebrating junior achievements on 10 December at Junior Prizegiving.

Sarah Gunn

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As the year comes to a close students have been looking towards their subject choices for 2021. All year groups have now made their selection and the timetable team will be working hard to make everything fit for 2021. Our seniors will be sitting their externals or waiting for their portfolio grades to come in. The results of these may have them changing their minds around their subject choices. We understand this and it is important students stay in touch and communicate any changes with us. All Year 12 and 13 students for 2021 will be interviewed towards the end of January when NCEA external results are in, as some subjects do need the external component of the course to have been passed to be able to progress to the next level.

If there are any juniors who have changed their minds, they need to see Mr Hollands before the end of the year. Communication is vital so students should talk to their teachers or come to the office if they have any questions.

Damien Hollands

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT

It has been a busy few weeks with the senior students preparing for NCEA examinations and study leave, and junior examinations.

This week we begin Karamu Junior High School with the focus on attendance, respect and punctuality.

Students are expected to be at school by 8:30am everyday except Wednesday (9:00am start). Those that are often late to school will be kept in on a Thursday for an after school Senior Leadership detention. If your child's shoes are non regulation we will loan them a pair to wear for the day (except for medical reasons). The next few weeks is a chance for the junior school to step-up and finish the year in style.

Wayne Wooster



*"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."*

Albert Einstein



*"There are two distinct languages. There is the verbal, which separates people ... and there is the visual that is understood by everybody."*

Yaacov Agam



*"The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory."*

Les Brown

# TIRA ORA

Welcome to the Tira Ora 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)

## James Griffin (Attended 1975 - 1979)

James Griffin co-created ***Outrageous Fortune*** arguably New Zealand's most successful TV drama and a part of NZ culture. While at Karamu his love for writing was developed when he edited the school newspaper. And he confesses to being 'that guy' that quite liked writing essays. Write an essay or give a speech to the class? He'd go essay every time.

He left school to study arts at Auckland University where he wrote comical columns for the university student magazine *Craccum*. However, his real passion lay in directing television and so upon completing his Bachelor of Arts he secured a production attachment job at TVNZ to train to be a director. Soon however, he moved into script editing and his love of writing began.

While learning the ropes at TVNZ, Griffin was flatting with Peter Murphy (a future member of comedy group *Funny Business*). The pair decided to write television scripts on the side and see who'd buy them. The pair's first sketch to end up on air was for *The Billy T James Show*. Griffin remembers Billy T as "an old school gentleman" and "an icon".

He describes his parents as 'old school Kiwi battlers, doing a whole bunch of different jobs' when he grew up, so believes he learnt from them that it was important to adapt to the times and the circumstances.

He went on to write for a host of high profile shows, including the final episode of ***Gloss***, the ***Funny Business*** series, and tourist resort drama ***Marlin Bay***. As a writer Griffin was inspired by several writers including Alan Bleasdale; Troy Kennedy Martin; Denis Potter – who wrote great TV series out of the UK. His love of writing comedy was fed by several US series including ***Barney Miller***; ***Soap*** and ***Welcome Back Kotter***. In 1995 James conceived ***City Life*** for South Pacific. Based around a central Auckland apartment building, the series followed the lives and loves of a tight-knit group of 20-somethings (lawyers, bartenders, drug dealers, etc). Under pressure to perform in the ratings, ***City Life*** was shunted after seven weeks from a 7:30pm time slot to 9:30pm. While calling the show a failure of epic proportions, James still stands by it. "Failure sucks but it can teach you a few things if you're smart enough to learn..." He laughs that the head of TVNZ told him he'd never write for Kiwi television again. But he's created seven more TV series since then. There's probably some kind of lesson in that, right? Over 20 years on and he has not only continued to write but had a lot of success including writing for award-winning satirical series ***Spin Doctors*** and the Jay Laga'aia crime show ***Street Legal***, our favourite soap ***Shortland Street*** and then arguably James Griffin's finest creation ***Outrageous Fortune***. He also wrote ***Outrageous Fortune***'s prequel ***Westside*** in 2015, which would equal the six season run of its predecessor. The first episode cleverly combines West family folklore with the real life 1974 Commonwealth Games. ***Westside*** won Best Drama Series at the 2018 and 2019 NZ TV Awards; its final season screening this year.



Griffin penned a weekly humorous column for ***The NZ Herald*** for 12 years. In 2015 he left the role to focus on award-winning series ***800 Words***. James shares his love for writing can sometimes feel like a "feast or famine existence, but the joy of creating something from nothing is hard to beat. Plus you can do things like watch Netflix all day and call it 'research' Another fine example of #Proudly Karamu

# TIRA ORA

## Jeriel Sajan (Attended 2012 - 2016)

Jeriel Sajan found her passion for business and youth in Year 12 at Karamu High School. By taking part in the Young Enterprise Scheme in Year 12 and 13 (and placing regionally with her teams) she discovered her love for the community and our great region could fit into a corporate setting. With this new interest in business, Jeriel decided to stay in the Bay and study locally at EIT. Jeriel took her studies very seriously and was awarded the Graduate Women Manawatu EIT Award in her second year of study and came away with the Top Management Student Award for her cohort at the end of her degree. Since completing her tertiary education, Jeriel had earned a Bachelors of Business Studies double majoring in Management and Market and soon after was employed by the Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce as the Youth and Business Support Coordinator and has already helped launch initiatives like the 'Be in the Bay' initiative which support local business education programs. Her role is exciting and challenging every day as she gets the opportunity to meet local young people, Ministers of Government and businesspeople who continue to motivate her to support the region and its growth in the years to come.

Jeriel was awarded a Year 13 Scholarship to attend EIT, which enabled her to continue supporting local initiatives and youth projects while completing her degree, including a trip to the Philippines with her church to provide support and inspiration to the youth of Quirino, Isabela (in the Philippines). A sustained background in the church and her faith has always driven her to love all and fight for the underdog.

During her studies, Jeriel was appointed the National Youth Trustee for the Young Enterprise Trust. This role allows her to represent youth around the country alongside some of New Zealand's top business leaders at the Board Table. In 2017, Jeriel also released a Solo EP with her own original music for which had she received the Senior Music Songwriter award at Karamu as a Year 13. We are pleased Jeriel has continued her relationship with Karamu, coming in regularly to share her faith and support our students. #Proudly Karamu



## Kezia Taylor (Attended 2010 - 2014)

We are excited to share Kezia Taylor was admitted to the Bar on Monday 5 October at the Napier High Court, following in the footsteps of her brother, Ben (2008 - 2012), who was admitted in the same court on June 12, 2018 and her father, Iain, who was admitted December 5, 1990.

The High Court judge who presided over the ceremony was Justice Clark. She was wearing a robe recently introduced in New Zealand courts for special occasions. The new robes are more reflective of New Zealand culture and feature a print of kauri cones and leaves, as well as some embroidered flourishes.

Iain is a partner for Gifford and Devine Lawyers in Hastings while Ben is a litigation lawyer for Webb Farry in Dunedin. Kezia is a Regulator.

With Ben and Kezia both being graduates from Karamu High School it was a proud occasion for Mrs Taylor (Year 13 Dean and Assistant Head of Social Sciences).





# LEARNING HAPPENINGS.....

## Robotics Workshop

The Partnership Through Collaboration Trust, working with Dr Hin Lim, the head of Waikato University's Mechatronic Department, hosted a practical hands-on workshop here at Karamu for rangatahi and pasifika to engage them in "smart sciences".

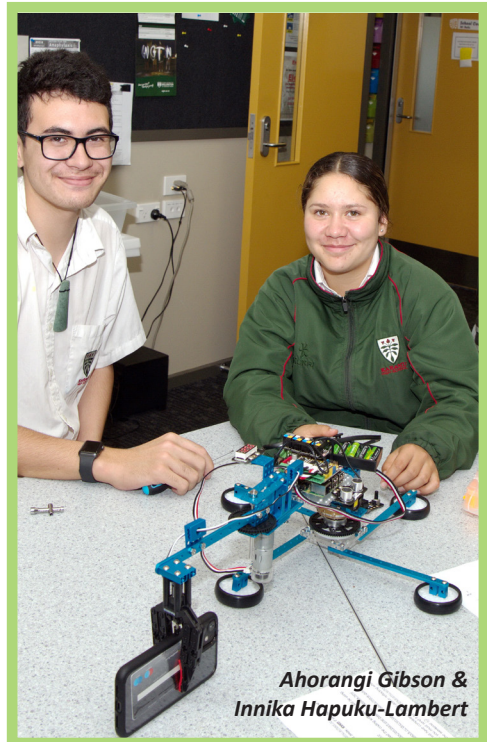
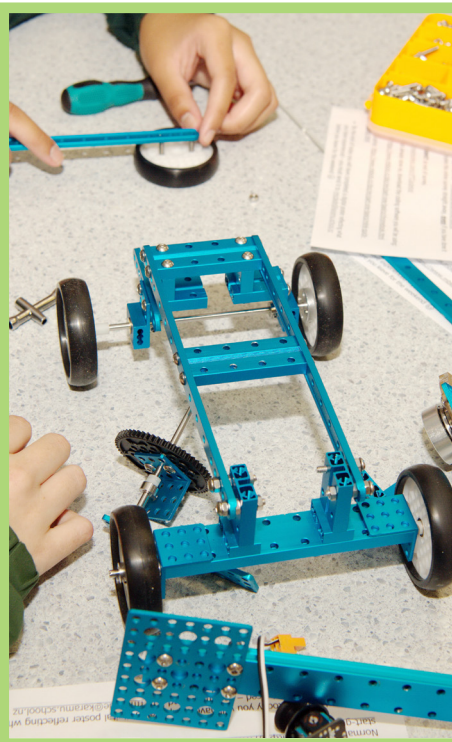
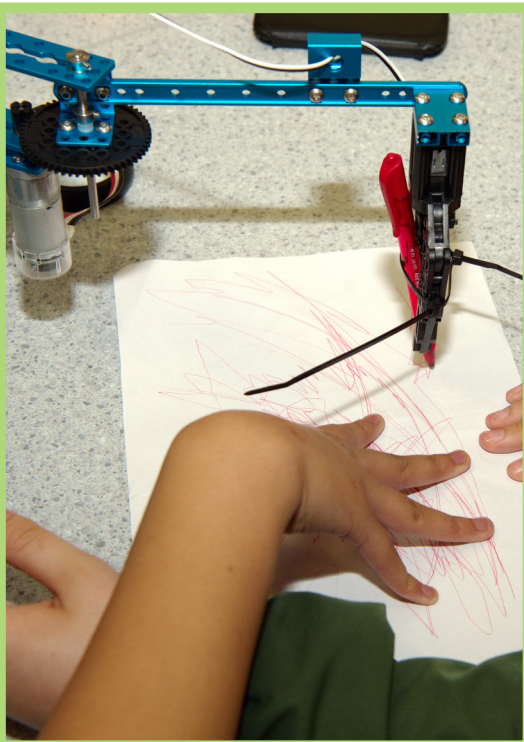
The workshop involved building a working robot that was able to carry out tasks such as writing and picking up litter. The day was a great success, with over 20 of our junior students taking part. At the end of the workshop they produced digital presentations outlining the positive benefits of using robots in society. Here are just a few of the comments made by our budding robot designers:

*"The teamwork from my group and everyone including Hin, Alicia, David and Mel was really good, everyone was having a good time and problem solving."*

*"I really liked how Alicia told us about her rock melon contraption. I really liked learning about her life (as well as the others) as a female engineer."*

*"It gave me more inspiration and insight into what 'Technical Engineering' is about."*

*"This opportunity just showed me that engineering is fun and I might even take this up in the future."*



Ahorangi Gibson &  
Innika Hapuku-Lambert



## LEARNING HAPPENINGS.....

### Edible Fashion Awards

It was the year of 'will it happen' 'won't it happen' and for us in Aotearoa, we are so lucky that it could happen, at the later date of Friday 13 November.

Edible Fashion Awards 2020 'Art in Motion' provided our students with another great, creative project to work on. With dried mandarins, eggshells, and cookie dough being popular materials this year, our dedicated and talented students worked tirelessly again to produce amazing results. With 19 contestants and 12 places available, I am so proud to tell you four of those finalists were Karamu students. There were no winning entries for us this year, however, we are undeterred and there have been talks about designs for next year already!

It has been an absolute privilege to encourage and guide our entries into the Edible Fashion Awards for another year. A special mention goes to the ever-supportive whanau, who give up their time and dining room tables to support our participation into this fantastic local event. #Proudly Hastings #Proudly Karamu



Ruby McEvoy, Grace Sayer, Jodi Coombs, Amie Chatterton and Abigail McEvoy



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### Junior Prizegiving 2020

In line with our Senior Prizegiving and the capacity of the June Clarke Centre, in 2020 **only** prizewinners will be required to attend school for Junior Prizegiving on Thursday 10 December.

Prizewinners will be notified by email in the coming weeks.

All other students will finish school at 3:00pm on Wednesday 9 December.

## 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	Ms Gunn, 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	Ms Gunn, 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 child'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



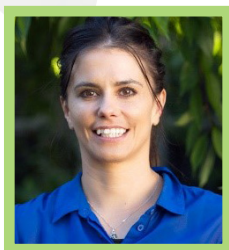
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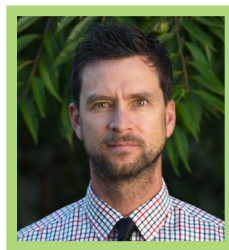
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