



Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:20 – 2:00pm

3:00– 4:00pm

Dates to Remember

Friday 26 February
NCEA
Endorsement Assembly

Wednesday 3 March
Year 13 Breakfast

Wednesday 10 March
Year 9 Parents Evening

Friday 12 March
Athletic Sports

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POWHIRI

In a new initiative for 2021 the powhiri was held on the very first day of the school year and centered around our whare - Poho o Rongokako Te Marae.

Our powhiri is a most special day where we acknowledge, come together and welcome those new into our Karamu whānau, a whānau that holds relationships at the centre of what we do. Demonstrating our values of both whanaungatanga and manaakitanga, we welcomed many new friends, parents, whānau and students. A rousing haka from the tangata whenua and several manuhiri waiata made it a heartwarming occasion.

We hope you enjoy the selection of the photos from this occasion.



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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 nearly 220 Year 9 students as well as several students joining us in other year levels. This has resulted in a very strong roll of over 900 students, with the school's zoning policy needing to be implemented. It is therefore warming to see the students that are here embracing the values and opportunities, cherishing the environment and relishing the learning that can take place in our wonderful school.

This year's Year 13 leaders have continued last year's tradition of setting the school a wero or challenge using the words of Zig Ziglar, American author, salesman, and motivational speaker.

"You don't have to be great to start but you have to start to be great"

This quote is proudly displayed at the front of school, a reminder every day we come into school, to embrace that challenge and know that alongside of your whānau, our staff and these student leaders we believe you can take that first step, commence or get going – but most importantly you just need to start.

In 2021 I seek your support in allowing your son, daughter, child or mokopuna, to be the best they can be. They do this by turning up to school on time, attending every day they can, focusing in class, doing their best, asking for help and being involved. They can do this with your support, our support and their energy.

In the coming weeks we will celebrate the 2020 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:

Jorja Connell – History

Ethin Templeton - Geography

Natassja Dominique Lawas - Design and Visual Communication

Keelan Heesterman - Media Studies and History

Tiana Edwards - Geography and Health and Physical Education

Thea Morton - Statistics, History and Health and Physical Education

These are outstanding results, especially from our 2020 Year 12 students, Ethin and Keelan – congratulations.

I look forward to 2021 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 nui

Mrs Dionne Thomas
Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM

The 2021 academic year has started with careful planning and a combination of challenges - working with students' choices, staffing and rooming restrictions.

It was a pleasure to have most students starting in Year 12 and 13 and their whanau come in before school started for Course Confirmation to reflect on their 2020 NCEA results, discuss their career aspirations, set goals and confirm appropriate courses for this year.

As we reflect on our results from last year students can feel satisfied if they have achieved their personal best but as we look forward it is important to set goals around:

- Regular attendance;
- Quality time management;
- Adhering to milestones; and
- Striving for academic best.

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. On Microsoft Office Teams, students have access to the Assessment Plan for each of their courses outlining these key dates. Please use this with your child to plan.

Homework should also be a regular event for all high school students. Students will not succeed to their true potential unless they are actively going over their work between lessons and checking their understanding. There is no such statement as "I have no homework tonight". 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 a student makes the time to process the learning. The Homework Club is open in the Library, Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 - 4:00pm for students wishing to take advantage of a safe, warm (or cool!), digitally friendly space with support from the Academic Leaders. Year 9 and 10 students have the added opportunity to make these activities habits before they move into the years of NCEA.



Sarah Gunn
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO NCEA FOR 2021

The following change has been made by NZQA to the re-submission of assessments rule:

A re-submission opportunity may be offered to students only when a minor error prevents the student from reaching an "Achieved Grade" ie a re-submission can be offered when students have made minor mistakes which they should be capable of discovering and correcting on their own.

The only change in grade boundary available for re-submission is from "Not Achieved" to "Achieved". On this basis, the highest grade that can be awarded as a result of a re-submission of an internal assessment is limited to "Achieved".

A re-submission for a grade boundary from "Achieved" to "Merit" or "Merit" to "Excellence" is no longer available. Therefore, it is important that students meet all the course milestones as this will provide valuable feedback to students from their teachers on how to gain these higher grades.

Students have been informed of this change via their teachers and it has been reiterated at a senior assembly.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 9 students have made a great start to the year and along with their big day out last week they were involved in an induction program to a range of areas across the School. They spent time with Mrs Thomas around our values and expectations as a Karamu High School student. They also spent time with me accessing the digital aspects of the school, logging into the network and their Microsoft accounts, plus learning the ins and outs of accessing their timetables, printing and the library's online capability. It was a pleasure to spend time with this group.

The Year 9's also had time with the school nurse, counsellor and the careers centre staff to give them a broader understanding of the support and opportunities available through Karamu High School. If you have any questions around these support areas please contact your child's year level dean.

There are over 230 students who are new to Karamu High School and with this comes a few aspects of safety when either arriving or leaving school that we need both the students and families to be aware of. The front car park is not to be used for drop off and pick up at the start and the end of the day. This area becomes very busy as we have several students with mobility requirements that need safe access to this area. Please pick up and drop off students on either Beatson or Grove Roads. If they need to be picked up during the day you can use the front car park.

All traffic leaving Beatson Road in the afternoon needs to turn left. Visibility and the number of cars impedes a smooth and safe exit. Please do not attempt to turn right as students will not be expecting this, especially the cyclists. Please follow any instructions I may give at this time of the day. Cyclists are to wear helmets and cross with the pedestrians at all times.



Damien Hollands
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT

It has been a very busy, but smooth, start to the year. All students have made an effort to be on time in the mornings and their uniform is clean and tidy.

A few reminders to help keep things running smoothly at Karamu.

- Students should be at school by 8:30am, except on a Wednesday when they start at 9:00am;
- If your child is absent for any reason please ring the attendance line on 06 870 6143 and leave a message;
- A text alert for absent students is sent out each morning. Please respond to this if possible;
- Please ensure all items of uniform are named. Named items are returned to their owner if misplaced;
- Hair should be one natural colour only and tied back if it is longer than shoulder length;
- No facial piercings are allowed (except for cultural reasons). Students may have one stud or sleeper in each ear;
- Any student bringing a vehicle to school must register this with Mr Hollands.

I look forward to meeting the Year 9 parents again on Wednesday 10 March at the Year 9 Parents evening.

Wayne Wooster
Deputy Principal



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mr Shaun Glasier (Mathematics) – Mr Shaun Glasier starts at Karamu after having taught at Napier Boys High in 2018, before previously spending many years overseas teaching English in Japan. As a new dad he is excited to be immersed in the lives of Karamu students.

Mrs Hannah Horrocks (Hospitality) – Mrs Horrocks joins us from Paraparaumu College, but returns to Karamu where she was a student in the early 2000s. She is excited to move back to Hawke's Bay to join family.

Mrs Ange Dudman (Art) – After having her teaching section at Karamu in 2010 we are excited to have Mrs Dudman join us this year while Ms Whitlow takes a years leave. Having been at Sacred Heart College in 2020 she joins us with exciting current practice in many art forms.

Ms Phoebe Hinton (Teacher Aide) – Having recently completed her Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education at Otago University Phoebe returns to Karamu after having left in 2017. She will bring energy, enthusiasm and considerable experience of working with young students having had holiday jobs in the afterschool care business.

Mr Jordan Herbert (Chemistry and Science) – Mr Herbert joins us from Rangitoto College, Auckland to join family located in Hawke's Bay. He is an experienced teacher and has a passion for rugby and the outdoors.

Miss Madeleine Gray (Biology and Science) – Miss Gray joins us from Gisborne Boys High where she has been a very successful graduate of the Teach First NZ (or Ako Matatupu) Masters Programme. A highly qualified swim coach she comes with a passion for teaching young people and will be a real asset to the school.

Mr Matiu Whiting (Te Reo and Maori Performing Arts) – Matua Whiting joins the secondary sector after having taught in the tertiary sector for a number of years at EIT. He is also well known in Hawke's Bay having been an itinerant music teacher at Hastings Boys and Havelock North High. We are very excited to have Matua join our whanau and look forward to the contribution he will make to the kura.

Ms Seidah Tuaoi (Dance) – Ms Tuaoi joins us from Auckland, where she has most recently been teaching at McAuley High School. She is an accomplished performer herself – in both dance and singing. We look forward to having her join Karamu with her obvious passion and energy for the arts.



Mr Shaun Glasier



Mrs Hannah Horrocks



Mrs Ange Dudman



Ms Phoebe Hinton



Mr Jordan Herbert



Miss Madeleine Gray



Mr Matiu Whiting



Ms Seidah Tuaoi

TIRA ORA

‘Tira Ora’ is the name given to the branchlet of the Karamu tree, so an ideal name for branchlets or students of Karamu. Here we share the journey of one of our Tira Ora

Dino (Constantine) Karlis (attended 1986-1991)

Dino was most renowned for being the drummer in the Dunedin rock trio High Dependency Unit who formed in Dunedin in 1994, blew minds and eardrums, toured America, then turned away from the spotlight and quietly fell apart in the early 2000s.

It was a passion which started out at Karamu in 3rd form. He recalls a friend giving a little performance on the drums in music class. Dino found it so dynamic and thrilling he immediately knew that that was what he wanted to do too. He remembers literally enrolling as a drum student that week and whenever there was any spare time, grabbing one of his musician friends and jamming in the band practice room at school. A few formed a band, entered into a local Battle of the Bands competition and won – and as they say the rest is history.

He left Karamu to study physics at Victoria University, subsequently moved to Dunedin to study psychology at Otago University and from there completed a postgraduate diploma in design. He has since been involved in web design at a time when the internet was starting its massive growth and from there became interested in building digital experiences.

Musically, he released his first album *Abstinence: Acrimony* in 1996, was a member of *Dimmer* for four years (two albums) and worked on Julia Deans’ first solo album and two Bachelorette albums. The late BBC DJ John Peel, something of a bearded deity among alternative rock fans, once opined to millions of listeners that High Dependency Unit was "one of the 10 best bands in the world you have never heard of".

Across the Atlantic, New York's *Time Out* magazine baldly declared "HDU are New Zealand's principal exponents of astral rock", while *Rolling Stone* noted their propensity to "journey headlong into free-form noise and sonic terror". And cop a load of this outpouring of purple prose, by a New Zealand writer who couldn't resist a clumsy landscape metaphor. *"Tristan Dingemans, Neil Phillips and Dino Karlis are unequalled in this country for their use of rock dynamics. Their songs have all the space of the southern sky one minute, with gorgeous guitar chords that seem to be slowly dissolving in the sun, then – within a few short bars – bludgeoning beats and vicious squalls of feedback bring the mood thudding back down to Earth."* HDU were also listed in *Soundtrack: 118 Great NZ Albums* twice, for 2001's *Fire Works* and 1998 scorcher *Cross Channel Multi-Tap*.

Upon leaving New Zealand, Dino worked with The Brian Jonestown Massacre. He played the drums and percussion on the album *Revelation*, which was recorded in Berlin 2012–14, and *Musique de Film Imaginé* recorded in 2015. Also played on BJM records *Who Killed Sgt Pepper?*, *Aufheben*, and *Revelation*.

Throughout his career Dino feels most influenced by his incredibly loving, caring, hard working family. All of them immigrants from disadvantaged and sometimes politically oppressed backgrounds. With them making the difficult decision to leave their families behind, coming to Aotearoa and start a new life, Dino believes their efforts have allowed his generation of new New Zealanders a wealth of options.

He also feels influenced by Brian Eno (musician/artist) for his systematised creativity and Richard Feynmann (physicist) for his relentless dedication to scientific truth and his talent for explaining impossibly abstract concepts to everyday humans.



He is currently living in Berlin, Germany, working as a software engineer at BCG Digital Ventures, playing drums in the band *Foundling*, and making an album with his own band *Great Barrier*.

When not immersed in work or music he enjoys cooking (currently Sichuan cuisine), long distance skateboarding and hanging out/travelling with his family. #ProudlyKaramu

Continuing on from the introduction of this section last year, to share news of Karamu Alumni, we will this year share the journey of Karamu High School showcasing one year in our 59 year history each newsletter. We begin this newsletter by sharing our foundation year 1962...

1962

Principal: Mr N Wilde
First Assistant: Mr R W S Fargher
Senior Mistress: Miss G K I Harris
School Roll: 163 (106 girls/63 boys)
Staff: 8

School:
Term One started with merely the Technology Block for teaching of six classrooms (two classes back to back) and the corner of Windsor Park for recreation.

By Term Two 12 more classrooms and 11 acres of grassed areas were added.

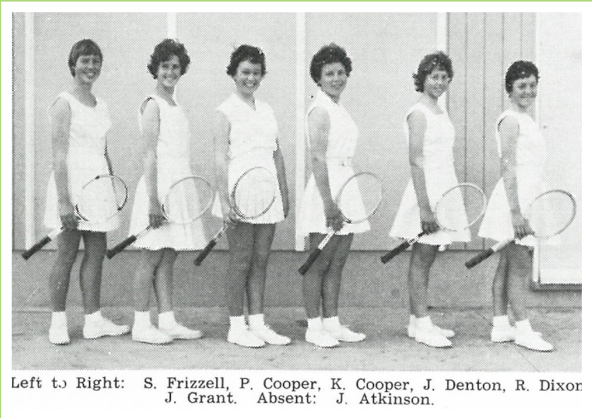
By Term Three the Assembly Hall, Administration Offices and hard surfaces had been sealed. The first whole school assembly was held on 3 October 1962.

Many trees and shrubs were planted and books purchased for the library through parent contributions.

A house system was adopted and named Batten; Mansfield; Russell; Bennett.

Sports teams (cricket; rugby; tennis; hockey; swimming and netball) and other groups (drama; debating; Red Cross; chess; stamps; music; model making, art and typing) were formed. As well as a school council and parents association.

The courses were structured as either professional; general; commercial; or technical. Cooking, clothing, typing, shorthand was available for girls, woodwork and metalwork for boys, and technical drawing, French commercial practice for all pupils.



Left to Right: S. Frizzell, P. Cooper, K. Cooper, J. Denton, R. Dixon
J. Grant. Absent: J. Atkinson.



SCHOOL COUNCIL
Back Row: L. Olsen, R. Pohio, M. Reynolds, D. Penny, H. Johnson
D. Roberts, R. Walker.
Front Row: L. Royal, S. Frizzell, Mr. Fargher, Mr. Wilde, Miss Harris
R. Dixon, F. Fleming.



FIRST FIFTEEN
Back Row: H. Pullen, D. Adams, J. Bloomfield, J. Moat, R. Fear,
M. Butcher, G. Nichol, J. Harbord, Mr. Fargher.
Front Row: J. Field, D. Williams, M. Thompson, P. Orsborne,
R. Ormsby (capt.), R. Pohio, G. Beere, D. Black, E. Anderson.

HEAD STUDENTS FOR 2021



Sophie Brookes, Paige Flashoff, Keelan Heesterman, Jacob Reeve

Congratulations to our Students Leaders for 2021; Head students Keelan Heesterman and Paige Flashoff, Deputy Head students Sophie Brookes and Jacob Reeve

Year 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday 10 March 2021 5:30pm at the June Clark Centre (Hall)

An essential opportunity for Year 9 whānau (with their child) to meet form teachers to understand starting at Karamu and then an informal meet-up with other course and option teachers.

Details Update

Has your address, email or phone number changed? Is the Emergency contact still valid?

With the emergence of COVID-19 in our community it is very important we have up-to-date details on our Student Management System (KAMAR) so we can contact you if needed.

Please contact the school office (06 878 7139) to update your details if they have changed.

YEAR 9 BIG DAY OUT

During the first few days of the year each of our Year 9 classes spend a day at Pakowhai Regional Park participating in team building exercises. Can you spot your rangatahi enjoying their Big Day Out?



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
Your learning , eg. classwork and assessment	Your teacher	Your dean	Ms Gunn, Deputy Principal Curriculum & Assessment
A discipline problem , eg. a detention	The teacher who gave you the detention	Your dean	Mr Wooster Deputy Principal Student Management
A pastoral issue , 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
A learning problem , eg. classwork and assessment	The dean	Ms Gunn, Deputy Principal Curriculum & Assessment	Mrs Thomas Principal
A discipline problem , eg. a detention	The dean	Mr Wooster Deputy Principal Student Management	
A pastoral issue , eg. bullying, attendance	The dean	Mr Wooster or Mr Rolls the Guidance Counsellor	
A financial issue relating to any account or charge	Either Mrs Gray or Ms Radley in the office	Mrs Hantler Principal's PA	

YEAR LEVEL DEANS 2021

At Karamu High School, our year level deans play an important role in the pastoral care of your child. Our year level deans for 2021 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.

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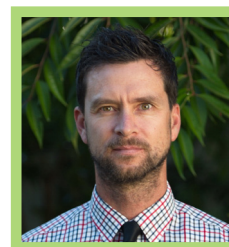
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