



LEADING IN LOCKDOWN

Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:15–2:00pm

3:00–4:00pm

Dates to Remember

All dates to be confirmed according to alert levels

Wednesday 22 September

L1 Drama Production

5:00 - 7:00pm

June Clark Center

Friday 24 September

School Cross Country

1:15pm - 3:00pm

Monday 27 September

Friday 1 October

Performing Arts Week

Tuesday 28 September

Senior Parent/Teacher

Interviews

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday 30 September

Sports Photos

Friday 1 October

Blossom Day

Karamu's Got Talent

End of Term 3

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PRINCIPAL

One of the most exciting occasions in Term 3 is Open Night, because effectively we welcome over 500 guests into our home, getting to showcase our amazing school and most importantly show how proud we are of who we are.

Our Open Night was an important night for those students and their whanau that may be considering Karamu in 2022 and our students who are our pride and joy, were fantastic ambassadors in promoting our school. Whether that was as a guide, in the classroom or behind the scenes preparing they all invested in making the school hum for the evening. It is important for the students to remember though every day they are a representative of Karamu, whether in sports fixtures, up town or down the street. So please as whanau support us in ensuring they are always Proudly Karamu.

On the sports field I have seen several teams experience success this season, in both growth and results, but one of my highlight teams would be the Year 13 Girls Football team. This team, coached by Deputy Head student Jacob Reeve, has embraced many of the qualities I ask the students to embody about being Proudly Karamu and Proudly Learning. Jacob is being an amazing servant as coach and referee, and the positive comments I have received from other schools regarding Jacob have been wonderful. He is constructive, yet warm and encouraging with the girls and their success is testament to this. The girls have gone against the trend of many teenage girls and continued to embrace football for the sheer fun of sport, hanging with their mates, while being challenged physically and mentally. I congratulate Jacob and the team on a great season, they have certainly been making me Proudly Karamu.

Term 3 is an exceptionally busy one which builds to Performing Arts Week in Week 10, therefore we have been showcasing our student talent in dance, song, Pasifika and music in assembly. Wow what talent! It has been heartwarming to see students willing to share with their peers, alongside external events such as the Dance NZ competition and you will see their success further in the newsletter. We look forward to an accumulation of talent at our interhouse "Karamu's Got Talent" Showcase at the end of the term.

Going back into lockdown at midnight on Tuesday 17 August was not what we all had planned for this term, but as they say "give me lemons and I will make lemonade". Staff and students have quickly adjusted to the change and embraced the opportunity for what it is. We appreciate all homes are not ideal sites for optimal learning and so have tried to be flexible and adaptable for families. With a little fun along the way too.

We hope you enjoy some of the shots of our Proudly Karamu day held on Friday 27 August – a day to show we really are green and red through and through.

Thank you for your support and strength, take care of yourself and your whanau.



Ngā manaakitanga
Mrs Dionne Thomas
Principal



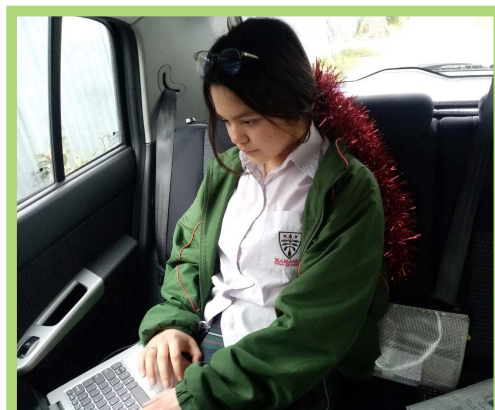
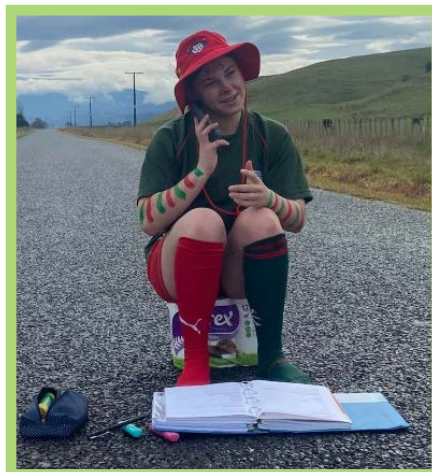
POLICY REVIEW

We are currently reviewing the policies “Concerns and Complaints” and “Behaviour Management” and we would appreciate your feedback.

Please follow these instructions to give feedback:

1. Visit the website <https://karamu.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (karamu) and password (knowledge).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Staff member".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

PROUDLY KARAMU DAY



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



It has been a pleasure to make contact with many of the families during the first days of lockdown. I had the opportunity to deliver resources to as far south as Otane and as far north as Bay View, reinforcing the broad community from which our students come.

We have had a few families who we have been able to support with laptops and packs, however, this number has been smaller than expected and this is down to both the whanau and students being prepared to be online and having laptops ready to go, thank you from all of us here at Karamu High School.

Laptops are an important part of modern life as well as an essential tool for learning and digital fluency is essential for all aspects of modern life.

If you do have concerns around the use of laptops and how they are being used and the safety of being online you can reach out to resources through [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz) or contact us via email. It is important to set down guidelines, get away from screens and do other activities around home or outside.

If you feel your child is being isolated while at home please let us know and we can work with teachers to create some school-wide connections and the Year 9 students do have a Year 13 leader class mentor with whom they can contact. The school leaders are also organizing some online events to follow later this week.

Take care, stay in touch and please do make contact if you need and it is okay to ask for support.

Damien Hollands
Deputy Principal



KARAMU HIGH SCHOOL

You don't have to be
great to **start**,
but you **have** to
start to be **great**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



As you will be aware it was announced last week by NZQA that external end of exams for secondary students will be pushed back by two weeks as a result of this Alert Level 4 lockdown. The decision was made to give students and schools more time to prepare for the end of the year.

NZQA exams for students studying Level 1, 2 or 3 NCEA, and Scholarship will now be held between November 22 and December 14. Below is a link to the new timetable:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/examination-timetable.pdf>

For students handing in other externally marked works such as Visual Arts, DVC and Technology portfolios, these due dates will also be extended. We will advise students of these new dates when we return to school. The NCEA Mathematics Common Assessment Task (MCAT) scheduled for September has also been delayed by two weeks and will take place on Tuesday 28 September.

Depending on the duration of the lockdown, NZQA may look to reintroduce learning recognition credits or make changes to the thresholds for endorsements and university entrances (UE), as it did in 2020, we will advise as and if this happens.

This extension of the Senior school year has also required an adjustment to our Senior Prizegiving date, and we can now advise it will be **Monday 13 December**.

We hope these amendments provide some relief to our NCEA students, but please reach out to their course teacher or Dean should you have any queries.

Sarah Gunn
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT MANAGEMENT



I hope lockdown has been kind to everyone. One thing it certainly does is make us all appreciate our loved ones and even our wonderful school.

I was pleased we were able to complete all the form class photos on the Tuesday before lockdown.

So many activities have been cancelled due to lockdown and this will cause some anxiety and a sense of loss as so many of you have worked so hard all season. Some of these activities are on a national scale. We must feel for those in Auckland schools and appreciate there are no cases in Hawke's Bay.

We are scheduled to have Summer and Winter sport/cultural photos on Thursday 30 September so this is something to look forward to.

As we approach spring and the weather is better make sure you are all exercising in one form or another. I look forward to seeing all your smiley faces in person very soon. Take care of yourselves and those in your bubble.

Wayne Wooster
Deputy Principal

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

Vanda Symon (nee Campbell) (attended 1982 -86)

Vanda is a published crime writer and radio host from Dunedin.

After being Dux in her final year Vanda headed south to study pharmacy at the University of Otago. She practised as a pharmacist in the community and at the local hospice until 1999. She returned to Hawke's Bay to start a family and that is when she began writing.

Vanda calls herself "the product of a life-long love affair with books", having developed a strong love of reading at an early age. She has said her first books obsession was with the Berenstain Bears series of children's books – before she moved on to "camping out at the library" and a steady diet of Rosemary Sutcliff and TH White. The latter's *The Sword in the Stone* led her to a love of all things Camelot, a fascination with medieval times, and even choosing fencing as her sport, which she still competes in today.

She returned to live in Dunedin in 2005 before her first novel was published. Vanda went back to study and completed a PhD in Science Communication looking at the communication of science in crime fiction. She now works doing research into health for Pacific peoples as well as writing novels. She also produces and hosts a monthly books-focused radio show 'Write On' on Otago Access Radio, serves as the Chair of the Otago Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Authors (NZSA), and is on the National NZSA Board.

Vanda's first novel, *Overkill*, was published in March 2007 in New Zealand by Penguin Books. It introduces series heroine Sam Shephard, and centres on the looks-like suicide death of a young mother in a small rural town in New Zealand. Vanda told the Otago Daily Times that: “*Overkill* was 4 ½ years from go to whoa. This was very part time fitting in snippets of writing around babies and the associated demands of feeding, play, dealing with messes of all origins, household running and eyeballs-falling-out-of-head tiredness.”

Vanda followed with the publication of her second novel *The Ringmaster* in August 2008. Those books had some international success, with the German translation of *Overkill*, *Ein Harmloser Mord*, being published by Blanvalet in October 2008. Vanda's third novel featuring Detective Sam Shephard, *Containment*, was published in November 2009, appeared on the New Zealand Adult Fiction Bestsellers List, and was on the shortlist for the inaugural Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Crime Novel. She lists Ngaio Marsh, alongside Agatha Christie, Margerie Allingham and Dorothy Sayers as her four heroic queens of crime fiction.

Further novels in the series, *Bound* and *The Faceless*, were published in 2011 and 2012 respectively. *Bound* was also shortlisted for the Ngaio Marsh Award.

Her books are now published internationally with British publisher Orenda Books, and she was shortlisted for the British Crime Writers Association New Blood Dagger Award.

To unpublished writers her advice would be to “Read, read, read. And read widely, not just within the genre you want to write in. With your writing keep polishing it and persisting”. Great advice. #ProudlyLearning.



TIRA ORA

In this issue of Karamu Korero we showcase Karamu's fourth year, the Year 1966

1966

Principal:

Mr N Wilde

First Assistant:

Mr R W S Fargher

Senior Mistress:

Miss G K I Harris

Hastings High School Board of Governors:

Mr N B Fippard

School Roll:

780

Staff:

53

First Head Boy & Head Girl

Head Boy:

William Thompson

Head Girl:

Margaret Frykberg

Dux:

Karen Cooper

General Excellence:

William Thompson

School Buildings & Grounds:

- C Block the second two storey block is fully completed. This completes the immediate building plan for the school
- As a result of fund-raising efforts £4,500 was raised, and the Department of Education contributed another £9,000 and a 80ft x 60ft Gymnasium was built next to Physical Education block
- 2,000 Cookbooks sold as fund raiser

Staffing:

- Nation wide shortage of University graduates going teaching – causes staffing problems BUT Karamu better off than many NZ schools

Students:

- First Seventh Form (6A) – mainly recognised as preparation for University
- Honours Blazer Pockets awarded to 20 students for Sports, Cultural and Head students

Subjects:

- Form 6 Geography trip to West Coast of the South Island at a cost of £15-10 -0
- Students sit Chamber of Commerce exams in Shorthand (Words per Minute), Typing, Book Keeping, Office practice

Sports:

- Sports teams increased in number and new activities added including Golf, Rowing, Table Tennis and Indoor Basketball
- First XV beat NBHS – who hadn't been beaten for 16 years; toured South Island playing at several schools
- A Netball (Basketball team) wins all its school matches
- Swimming Sports held for first time at the new Windsor Park pool
- Karamu Rowing 13 man team + 3 coxons compete in regattas at Clive, Wanganui, Rotorua & Wellington

Cultural:

- School Production: "The Importance of Being Earnest" performed
- Policy created that a major production be held every second year

THE CALL OF THE SEA.
(Dedicated to any wild surf-board addict.)
Cold, wet, salty, clinging,
Has this any real attraction?
This is what draws many people to the
sea:
And he calls himself a 'surfy.'
Testing himself against nature,
Can he ride the restless, thundering waves
Through the rain and chill of winter,
To the burning sun of summer?
Standing alone on his glass fibre board,
Half a mile from his friends on the sand,
Now he begins the test: to ride the wild
surf
Through the tubes, and along the curl — —
Will it take him?
And then, the touch of the sand below,
The turn, the paddle, and yet another go.
—P. Tucker, 6A.



STUDENT SUCCESS

At Karamu High School we celebrate student successes and now have an online method to capture this information whether it be in the sporting domain, on the cultural stage or in the academic arena.

On the Karamu High School website under each of the Academic, Cultural and Sporting sections, click on the StAR tab and a link will be there that takes you to a form for completion. Please encourage your child to share their successes with us.

These successes will be acknowledged at school assemblies and/or end of year prize giving's. The link is also listed below:

[Student Achievement Recognition Form](#)



Swimming

Cora Davison, Shanika O'Leary and Danielle Setford (Ngāpuhi) competed in the Hawke's Bay Winter Swimming Championships. Danielle came away with a bronze medal in the 800 metre freestyle for 13 year old girls.

Equestrian

Madison Fitness was awarded 6th in New Zealand, for the Junior Rider series at the New Zealand Equestrian Sport AGM in Wellington in July.



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Dance NZ Made

We took several solo, duo and dance teams to the Dance NZ Made regional competition and they performed extremely well. Key results:

Dantae Delamere (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu) - Year 9 Solo Winner

Poppy Brooker - Year 10 Solo 2nd runner up

Brianna Williams - Year 10 Solo 1st runner up

Maia Bassett (Ngāti Kahungunu) - Year 12 Solo Winner

Maia Williams (Ngāti Kahungunu) and Kaitlyn Tipu (Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou) - Year 9/10 Duo Winners

- Our Hip Hop team came 2nd overall in the region to Iona College (1-2 points away from 1st place). The organiser praised Karamu for their performance and organisation this year.
- Huge ngā mihi to Maia Bassett, Jemma Moffitt, Jennifer Boyd, Ruby McEvoy, and Ryleigh Monk for leading the teams.
- Maia & Jemma also won excellence in choreography.

Much thanks to Miss Tuaoi for her awhi and guidance of the dancers.



FIAFIA NIGHT

Indigenous cultures were to the fore at Karamu High School's first ever Fia Fia night held recently. The evening celebrated Pasifika, Māori and Filipino cultures which are all represented at the school.

Donning items representing their cultures, and with stories of their families front of mind, more than 60 students took to the stage at the June Clark Centre.

Special guest Peleti Oli, Hastings District Council's first Pacific councillor, shared his life story – one that began in Samoa. He acknowledged Karamu High School and Principal Dionne Thomas for supporting and pushing the event.

"Karamu you should be proud. You've made history, you've been a part of history, so well done."

Karamu High School Principal Dionne Thomas said it was a very special evening and one she had been looking forward to for a long time – "Words can't really describe it".

"A famous quote states: 'people without knowledge of their past, their origin and their culture is like a tree with no roots'. With the display of so much cultural pride and acknowledgement of culture in this one room in just over two hours tonight I feel our Karamu tree has very very strong roots indeed."

She thanked all those in attendance and said the night would not have been possible without the leadership of Miss Seidah Tuaoi (Dance teacher and Year 9 Māori Mentor) and Kōkā Sharlena Maui (Teacher Aide).

For Miss Tuaoi, of Cook Island-Samoan descent, and Kōkā Sharlena, of Cook Island descent, enabling students to embrace their culture is something close to their hearts.

Such an evening was not available to Kōkā Sharlena during her time as a student at the school more than a decade ago. But both her and Miss Tuaoi say it would not have been if it wasn't for the passion and determination of their current students. "We're just supporting, but it's actually the students who have done the hard yards and kicked it off."

She says the impact has been far greater than imagined. Not only has it brought the students outside of their comfort zones, but it has made them more confident in class. "That's the biggest thing that I have enjoyed seeing. It's brought out a confidence within themselves and they are enjoying school a lot more because they get to be themselves and embrace their culture."

Seeing hours of practice come to fruition was a proud moment for Year 12 student leader Edwin Hunt who not only helped with the performances but started the school's first Pasifika group earlier this year. The first-generation New Zealander, of Samoan descent, said he was thankful to the school for allowing him to express himself in this way. "I have a real passion for my culture, so I thought it was a good idea to start a Pasifika group, not only for Pasifika kids, but for everyone to experience the different cultures that we have in the school."



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Darts

Olivia Wigzell played in the Junior NZ Darts Nationals in the July school holidays.

On the first day she made quarter finals in Youth Girls but losing to the #1 girls youth from 2019. The next day in Youth Girls pairs she made quarters in consolation finals. The last day Olivia and her mixed pair also made it the quarters in the main mixed pairs.

This was topped off at the end of the tournament, by Olivia making the 2021 junior and youth championship tournament team



World of Wearable Arts

Ruby McEvoy won the following national awards:

Senior Section 3rd Place Equal & Best Interpretation of Design Brief (Excessive Accessories) she received the following feedback from WOW:

"Graphically very strong, well-executed in terms of the fan opening out and closing again; great message behind the garment and strong performance piece; loved the use of the abstract faces to tell the story".

As Top 10 placers (from over 225 entries from around the country) Ruby won a brand new sewing machine from Bernina!



Ruby McEvoy

Ruby's creation modelled by Maia Bassett (Photo courtesy of WOW Lookbook)

YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME

The saying 'you name it, we'll make it' is pretty apt when it comes to business students at Karamu High School, who have created 10 start-ups.

From upcycled products (Happy Hats, SMIG Bibs, Woolly Bones, EnVision), to hygiene essentials (Shamballs Handwash, Pristine Hand Soap, Prime Oils), and non-alcoholic spritzer (Bottoms Up), as well as a not-for-profit (Clean 4 Future), no stone has been left unturned by this year's cohort.

The Year 12 and 13 business students are part of the nationwide Young Enterprise Scheme (YES), which aims to inspire the next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs. Senior Business Studies teachers Miss Stacey Cornelius and Mr Colin Rafferty believe it is the most successful group of businesses the school has had in recent years.

The academic levels of the students involved in the programme meant the products were of a high standard.

While they are heavily involved in guiding the students, Mr Rafferty says they are conscious about letting them make mistakes along the way as it is pivotal in how they learn.

The students recently showcased their products at the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Market, along with businesses from other schools around the region. Miss Cornelius said opportunities to take their businesses to the wider public were hugely beneficial for students and brought a wealth of key learning experiences.



For Happy Hats and SMIG Bibs, the challenge has enabled them to tap into the wealth of knowledge former Karamu High School students have. Both companies, which make upcycled hats and baby bibs using designer offcuts, have sourced material from fashion designer and entrepreneur Annah Stretton, as well as internationally recognised brands; Karen Walker and Trelise Cooper. Annah attended Karamu from 1973-1976. The connection didn't just stop there for SMIG Bibs, who were able to draw on the expertise of entrepreneur Bradley Minton, another former pupil.



SMIG Bibs' founders Annabel Elmsly, Emma Jarvis, Maddy Hughs, Courtney Walker and Hayley Austin say the mentorship and support they have been able to receive has gone a long way to making their vision a reality. "It's been really helpful and it's nice to know that they are still supporting our school," Annabel said.

Their bibs, which means 'Small (SM) and Big (IG)' babies, has already had interest from people as far afield as Australia.

Happy Hats founders Emily Hunt, Abigail McEvoy and Isaac Henderson said they knew they wanted to use reusable fabric to make their eco-friendly bucket hats, which they

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sew individually, but didn't expect companies to be so receptive. "We were looking around and emailed a couple of companies and they were more than happy to help, especially once they knew that we were donating to the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation," Emily said. Donating 10 per cent of their profits to the Foundation makes sense for the group, who say selling hats is a natural way to highlight mental health. "When you think of a hat, you automatically think of it going on someone's head."

"There were two things that we wanted to think about when it came to our product; the wastage of fabrics in the fashion industry and making a positive difference for mental health in New Zealand," Abigail said.

'Shamballs' has been an idea three years in the making for Year 12 students Corbyn Lee, Troy Volman, Daniel O'Connell and Rory McKay, who first got inspiration in their Year 10 Business Studies class. What was originally an idea to make a Shampoo ball has since evolved into a portable and hygienic hand-wash that comes in a small single use size – particularly important now with COVID-19.



Shamballs are designed to foam under water to clean, exfoliate and moisturise hands and are perfect for keeping in the bathroom or glovebox for use when traveling, Troy says.

"We knew that a lot of plastic was used in everyday bathroom products and so we wanted to create an eco-friendly product that would remove the added plastic."

They have also been able to draw on the expertise of Nimon and Sons General Manager Katie Nimon, who they say has been "instrumental".



"It's been amazing to have her on board. She's helped us with so many key ideas," Daniel says. "She's a really environmentally-friendly person and since the beginning liked our idea of a single use product and has been really supportive since."

Katie says Shamballs has "blown" her expectations out of the water. "They've been so willing to take on feedback and run with it, pivoting, and giving energy to everything they do," she says.

"I can't wait to see where they get to next, and I'm very privileged to be part of their journey. On top of it all, we're having good fun. It's like going back to science class but making it topical!"

"Karamu has an incredible business department, and the students are definitely making the best of it. Watch this space for sure."

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 |
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| 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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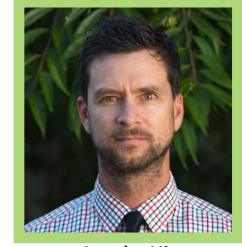
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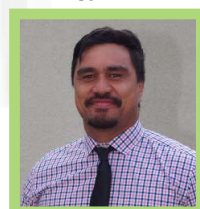
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