



## Uniform Shop Hours

Wednesdays

1:15–2:00pm

3:00– 4:00pm

## Dates to Remember

### Athletic Sports

15 March (TBC)

Postponement 31 March

### Year 9 Online Parents Hui

Wednesday 16 March 2022

6pm online on Teams

### End of Term

Thursday 14 April

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## POWHIRI

A very special occasion to welcome our new students on Tuesday 1 February 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 whanau. A whanau that holds relationships at the centre of what we do. 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 and a video clip can be found on our Facebook page. We hope in the future to be able to have whanau back enjoying this occasion with us.



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L E A R N I N G

# 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 for 2022. This year we welcome over 240 new students. 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 our values and opportunities, cherishing the environment and relishing the learning that can take place in our wonderful school. This year's Year 13 student leaders have set the school a wero using the words of Jerry Dunn.



Some people have a life's goal of finishing one marathon. Jerry Dunn in 1993 had a year's goal of finishing two a weekend. He believed one good run deserves another. The best way to finish one was to start another one. A recovering alcoholic, he would use the quest to commemorate 10 years of sobriety and draw attention to the fact that if he, at 47 years of age, could do something this, well, excessive, then why couldn't others.

Students will see that quote every day when they come into school, and we encourage them to embrace that challenge and know that alongside of their whanau, our staff and these student leaders we believe they can challenge themselves to reach high, be strong and better their best.

As we once again face a year of uncertainty in 2022 I seek your support in allowing your son, daughter, child, 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.

I extend a huge congratulations to our Student Leaders (showcased further on in the Karamu Korero), I know this group of young people know "leadership is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration" - I look forward to seeing your impact in 2022.

As we change this week to rostering home a year level a day, I thank you for your support once again, for together we are stronger. He waka eke noa.

Nga mihi nui  
Mrs Dionne Thomas  
Principal





## POLICY REVIEW

This year there are changes with how Schools Docs policy reviews work. In 2022, all schools will review the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy section throughout the year. The main, overarching policy will be reviewed at the end of the year but we encourage you [to read this](#) policy at the beginning of the year for context. In term one, the focus is on the Health and Safety Management and Emergency, Disaster, and Crisis Management sections.

See the [full 2022 Review Schedule](#)

Reviews are open to board, staff, and parents/caregivers/whānau.

- Key review topics contain important information and/or school-specific content.
- Optional review topics contain helpful supporting information but little or no school-specific content.

To start reviewing:

1. Visit the website <https://karamu.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (karamu) and password (knowledge).
3. Click on the link to the **Review topic** that has a P listed beside it.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type (Parent/Caregiver).
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

## CONTACTING STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

Please DO NOT text or call your child during the day.

We have great mechanisms to contact your child if necessary.

The office is the first point of call for parents to get in touch with their children if it is urgent, as the school can ensure the student gets the right support in getting the message at that time. Ring 878-7139.

Just as if your child is ill they should come to the office and we will call you, as we can provide First Aid and awahi before we ring you, or an ambulance, if necessary.



Did you go to  
Karamu High School?

There's something you should know...

register on our website

[www.karamu.school.nz](http://www.karamu.school.nz)

TIRA ORA

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



While it may feel the Academic year has started off in a flurry it has been done with careful planning for our Year 12 and 13 students. It was a pleasure to have the students and their whanau join Senior Deans to reflect on their past year's results discuss their career aspirations, set goals and confirm appropriate courses for this year. Being in appropriate courses, setting realistic but aspirational goals and knowing the pathways available to them are great stepping stones for exceptional personal success. To assist students, with achieving their goals, next week we will distribute to all senior students a NCEA Tracker fridge magnet. This useful tool allows you and your child to track their NCEA credits throughout the year.

Teachers have created courses that consider possible disruptions due to COVID, along 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. Every course has an assessment calendar. These documents are located on TEAMS and can be accessed at any time. If students are away from school, it is important that they communicate with their teachers via TEAMS or email. This way their teachers can support them with learning remotely and discuss milestone and assessment deadlines.

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". Homework can mean summarising key points into an exercise book or onto flash cards explaining the key points. Information retention drops significantly within the first 24 hours unless a student makes the time to process the learning.

Year 9 and 10 students have the added opportunity to make these activities habits before they move into the years of NCEA.

Kia Kaha

Sarah Gunn  
Deputy Principal - Curriculum



### Have you downloaded the School App?

#### Features of the Karamu High School App:

Parents: Alerts of Lockdown, Wet Weather early finish  
Students: Alerts from Sport Coaches, Academic and Cultural  
Quick Access: Daily Notices, School Calendar  
Latest News: Newsletters  
Links: Karamu Website, Mail, Library, Facebook, YouTube  
Term Dates, Absentee Line, School Contacts

#### Download SchoolAppsNZ from Google Play or the App Store.

**To Setup:** Install and set your alert groups using the top left button. Remember to check these each year and subscribe to the correct alerts.

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Kia ora Whanau,

It is great to see the excitement of the students heading off in the afternoon either walking, biking or catching the bus home. It is important to remember that they are expected to follow the expectations of our school for the trip home. The correct wearing of uniform, crossing in a safe and mature fashion if walking and following the expectations of the bus driver if that is their preferred mode of transport. I would encourage parents to check if their child is riding to have a helmet on to and from school and that their bike is locked at school. We have a number of bikes not locked up and the bike racks are visible from the public roads that surround the school.

I am pleased with the number of students bringing their laptops to school to engage in the learning required in their subjects. If for any reason your child needs to borrow a laptop due to a fault we can lend them a laptop in the short term. They just need to come and see me. We encourage students to manage themselves and bringing their laptops fully charged to school is their responsibility. By now all year 9 and 10 students should have returned their ICT user agreement to their Mentor teacher.

All the year 9 students have had an induction into the use of technology at Karamu high school. This induction also included the technical as well as the social expectations of connecting and communication online. We also introduced them to the use of teams for accessing their learning both at school and at home. I would encourage parents to be engaged, ask to see how it works and monitor the use of technology at home where possible. We have had a positive response to our phone use changes and it is starting to become embedded into the school culture.

If you have any questions around the use of technology please do not hesitate to contact me via email [dhollands@karamu.school.nz](mailto:dhollands@karamu.school.nz)

Damien Hollands  
Deputy Principal - Staff



### Have you downloaded the Kamar Portal App?

#### Features of the KAMAR Portal App:

- Notices and Calendar
- Student Details
- Attendance Data
- Results (Subject Data)
- Pastoral Data

**Download KAMAR from Google Play or the App Store.**

**To configure the app after installing:**

Name: Use **Karamu** or your **Childs name**

Portal Address: **portal.karamu.school.nz**

You will need a username and password provided by the school. These are usually sent to new primary caregivers at the start of each year.



# 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 .....

## ***Neville (Joe) Coughlan (Attended 2003 - 2007)***

In 2007 Joe was already reaching for the stars as Head Boy and Student Representative on the Board of Trustees, but picked up a passion for science at Karamu that has stayed with him ever since.

***"I think I enjoy scientific research because I am a curious person. Despite the frustrations and failures that are nearly always a part of the scientific process, I find it deeply satisfying to crack a problem open and understand why something happens."***

Upon leaving school Joe went to the University of Waikato to complete a Bachelor of Science (completed with 1st Class Honors) before heading over to the University of Melbourne for his Doctor of Philosophy in research involving the measurement of how retinal (the molecule responsible for human vision) changes shape when it absorbs light. It was soon after a move to the UK with his partner (now very proudly his wife) saw him start a postdoc at the University of Oxford. He was there for about 18 months working on low-temperature physics projects, laser-cooling trapped ions to measure chemical reactions at very low temperatures near absolute zero degrees. He was then offered a postdoctoral position at the University of Waterloo, Ontario. He worked here for three years, but after his first year was awarded a Vanier-Banting fellowship (Valued at over \$140000) to pursue a proposed research program involving mass spectrometry, laser spectroscopy, and machine learning for drug discovery.



He has since been awarded two further substantial grants and co-authored research on Detection and unambiguous characterization of peptides post-digestion of SARS-CoV-2 spoke proteins. He has a very strong publication record with over 20 peer-reviewed articles in international journals, over 20 conference contributions and several cover article illustrations (including the front cover graphic of the Canadian Journal of Physics in 2020).

While at the University of Waterloo his supervisor (Scott Hopkins) founded a company called WaterMine Innovation Inc., which is a start-up company that delivers machine learning solutions for scientific challenges. To give an example, if a pesticide company is looking for a new/better pesticide to sell to their customers, WaterMine can streamline that process by using machine learning to search through chemical databases and find suitable candidates. After leaving Waterloo, Scott said he wanted to step back from the company to focus on research, so Joe was offered the position of CEO, of which he has held since mid 2021.

Joe attributes his mum as the biggest influencer in his life. "She is selfless, supportive, and kind, and has done so much for me to get me where I am today. I often think of Mum when I think of the kind of person I want to be".

Joe also fondly remembers his final year at Karamu when the manager at Cornwall Cricket Club (David Black, also a KHS alumni) convinced him that it would be a good idea to participate in one of the courses at Outward Bound. Recalling a need to raise about \$2500 to go, Joe went about knocking on doors and asking various people for money. Several bodies ended up contributing for no reason other than sheer generosity, including the Rotary Club, Cornwall Cricket Club, the Black family, and Karamu High School. Joe is immensely grateful for everyone's generosity, remembers it very fondly and believes that course helped shape him as the person he is today.

#ProudlyKaramu.

# TIRA ORA

In this issue of Karamu Korero we showcase Karamu's sixth year, the Year 1970

## 1970

Principal:

Mr N Wilde

First Assistant:

Mr A B Fordyce

Senior Mistress:

Miss G K I Harris, Miss S Henderson (from September)

Hastings High School Board of Governors:

Mr M R Shakespeare

School Roll:

1000+

Head Boy:

Rowan Ingram

Head Girl:

Maryanne Kekena

Dux:

Harold Henderson

Proxime Accessit:

Murray Church

General Excellence:

Peter Deslandes & Janet Webster

### School Buildings & Grounds:

- School bulging at seams with 1000+ students. Many had classes in the Hall because of lack of classrooms.
- First half of D Block was built and occupied in Term 3, this relieved pressure on teaching spaces in the Hall,
- Library and prefabs.
- Staffroom enlarged & improved for increasingly larger staff.

### Staff:

- Shortage of teachers in Chemistry and Biology.
- Mr Geoff Fuller designs 3c, 5c 30c stamps for Niue Island.

### Students:

- Senior boys may wear long black trousers.
- First student to gain University Junior Scholarship – Douglas Jones.
- Student Council operating two tier - Sectional Councils & Executive Council.
- 6A Biology learn by Correspondence for 2 terms due to teacher shortage.

### Sport:

- Table Tennis - need to limit numbers to 80 students.
- Badminton - popular - membership limited.
- Netball - 12 teams entered in Inter - school competitions.

### Cultural/Clubs:

- Production: "The Pohutukawa Tree" by Bruce Mason; Lead - Emma Scott

### HASTINGS

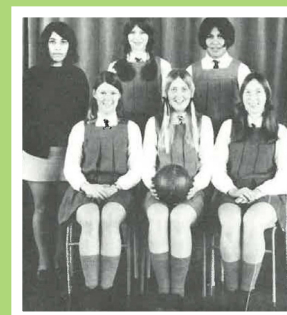
- Building started on Flaxmere School on Henderson Rd, Flaxmere.
- Windmill Bakery open.
- Picture theatre entry priced at \$1.00.
- Economic recession & rising unemployment gave priority to social services – followed into the 1980's.
- 7% of plains in orchard.

### NEW ZEALAND

- NZ Population: 2,798,400
- NZ Prime Minister: Keith Holyoake
- Government: National

### WORLD EVENTS

- World population: 3.7 billion
- USA President: Richard Nixon
- UK Prime Minister: Edward Heath
- First flight with Boeing 747 (Superjet)





# YEAR 13 LEADERS



**Deputy Head Students**  
(L-R) Jordyn Nicholson, Rory McKay and  
**Head Students** Sasha Sharma and Jack Arcus



**House Leaders**  
(L-R) Tuki Tuki - Hayley Austin, Jess Webb,  
Kaweka - Kyra Byers, Keerat Singh,  
Te Mata - Courtney Walker, Seb Theobald,  
Heretaunga - Corey Sullivan, Briah McGrail-Timms



**Academic Leaders**  
(L-R) Gabriel Barlow, Cora Davidson,  
Annabel Elmsly, Braden Cooper



**Community Leaders**  
Kate Weaver, Daniel O'Connell



**Cultural and Performing Arts Leaders**  
Edwin Hunt, Cody Baker  
Absent: June Sheardown, Maia Bassett



**Sport Leaders**  
Maddy Hughes  
Absent: Jakob Matthews



## FOOD AT SCHOOL

We pride ourselves on being a water and milk only school. No fizzy drinks or energy drinks are sold on site or to be brought to school. Our canteen sells a selection of healthy food options as well as a selection of treat foods.

We offer a Breakfast Club every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning 8-8.30am in TEC 3. This is provided by the school for anyone that has early morning training, arrives at school early or just wants a warm place to meet with friends for cereal or toast. It is hosted by a teacher or a teacher aide so if students have homework they have support to finish that too. We are very thankful for the support we receive from KidsCan and Hastings New World.

We have a small selection of lunch packs available for students that need lunch as well. Students can approach any Deputy Principal for this support. Because of our drive for healthy food options and the logistics in managing over 900 students at lunchtime we ask students not to have food delivered to school by commercial outlets (ie: Pizza delivery, UBEReats etc). If parents need to drop food off they should do so to the Office and we will get a message sent to your child indicating it is available to pick up.

## FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

A new initiative in 2021 was that all schools in the country have free period products available. Products are available at the Library, the nurse and sickbay for girls to get two packets of pads or tampons every month. They can help themselves at anytime, including break, lunchtime or before or after school to get their supplies. They shouldn't be shy periods are natural. Period.

Access to free  
period products



## Year 9 Online Parents Hui

**Wednesday 16 March 2022, 6pm online on Teams**

An essential opportunity for Year 9 whanau (with their child) to meet mentor teachers to understand starting at Karamu and use the online platform your child uses.

### 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.

## NEW STAFF 2022

**Mr Ben Roberts (Mathematics)** - Mr Ben Roberts starts at Karamu after having taught at Lytton High School for the past 3 years, as part of the Teach First NZ (Ako Mātātupu) Masters Programme. He is originally from Hawkes Bay, a product of Havelock North High School.

**Mr Dave Murdoch (Chemistry and Science)** - Mr Murdoch joins us from Tamatea High School where he was the Head of the Science faculty. He is keen to be part of a larger faculty and brings a strong knowledge of incorporating mātāuranga Māori concepts into his science teaching. He is an experienced teacher and has a passion for rugby and the outdoors.

**Miss Jessica Danby (Biology and Science)** - Miss Danby joins us from Thames where she has completed her Masters in Teaching. She has also been a Science Technician and so comes with a wealth of knowledge and real world experience having travelled extensively.

**Mr Brandon Callow (Business Studies and Social Studies)** - Mr Callow also joins us from Thames having completed his Diploma in Teaching. He has worked in business and travelled, calling Australia home.

**Mr Micheal Fleming (Technology)** - Mr Fleming joins us from Central Hawkes Bay College, where he has most recently been Head of Technology. He is also highly regarded nationally, holding the position of President of the New Zealand Graphics & Technology Teachers Association.

**Mrs Janine Harrison (Office Administrator)** - We also welcome back Mrs Harrison (nee Cash) who was a student here in the 1990s. Mrs Harrison will be taking over the amazing Tina, but joins us with a wealth of experience having held a similar role at HBHS for several years.

**Mrs Ashley Strickland (English)** - We welcome back Mrs Strickland who was with us in 2021 as a student teacher. Mrs Strickland will be taking English for three terms while Mrs Woodhall is on Study Leave.

**Ms Cathie Siebert and Ms Kerry Locker-Lampson (Interpreters)** - We welcome two staff members who will hold special roles as interpreter's. We will be the first Secondary School in Hawkes Bay to have sign interpreter's and so it is exciting to take this journey together with Ms Siebert and Ms Locker-Lampson for the future. Cathie has moved with her family to Hawkes Bay from Auckland, while Kerry has long been the only interpreter in Hawkes Bay, residing in Takapau with her family.

**Ms Jasmine McFadyen and Mr Sam Carnie (Teacher Aides)** - We welcome Jasmine and Sam to the teacheraide team. Both of these individuals come with a warm and caring vision and a passion for young people. Welcome to the Karamu whanau.

**Mr Rawiri Stephens (Te Reo and Maori Performing Arts)** - Matua Rawiri has recently been with the Tukituki RTL service, before previously being the Head of Maori at Te Kuiti College. We are very excited to have Matua join our whanau and look forward to the contribution he will make to Karamu. He is passionate about sport and so I am sure we will see him involving himself in the school.

**Mrs Kaye Ross (Fixed Term reliever)** - We welcome back Mrs Ross who will relieve a number of maths and English classes in Term 1 as our roll fluctuates. Mrs Ross was most recently at Hukurere, but was at Karamu approximately 20 years ago.

**Mrs Amber Rogers (Technology)** - We welcome back Mrs Rogers into the Technology faculty for one year fixed term while Mr Wright takes leave. Mrs Rogers was here 8 years ago and is looking forward to getting back into the Building and Product Design courses.

**Mrs Ange Dudman (Art)** - Is now a permanent member of our Art faculty after Ms Whitlow has not returned from study leave. She will also be the Year 13 Dean.



**Back Row:** Mr Ben Roberts (Mathematics), Mr Brandon Callow (Business & Social Studies), Mr Micheal Fleming (Technology), Mr Sam Carnie (Teacher Aide), Mr Dave Murdoch (Science)

**Front Row:** Ms Cathie Siebert (Interpreter), Miss Jessica Danby (Science & Biology), Mrs Ashley Strickland (English), Miss Kathiona Mapesone (Teacher Aide) *now left*, Mrs Janine Harrison (Office Administrator)

**Too busy working (aka Absent):** Ms Kerry Locker-Lampson (Interpreter), Mrs Kaye Ross (Fixed Term Reliever), Mrs Amber Rogers (Technology), Mr Rawiri Stephens (Te Reo)



## 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 .....
<b>Your learning</b> , eg. classwork and assessment	Your teacher	Your dean	Ms Gunn, Deputy Principal Curriculum
<b>A discipline problem</b> , eg. a detention	The teacher who gave you the detention	Your dean	Mr Blake Acting Deputy Principal Student Management
<b>A pastoral issue</b> , eg. bullying, attendance	Your form teacher	Your dean	Mrs Crawford 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 Blake Acting Deputy Principal Student Management	
<b>A pastoral issue</b> , eg. bullying, attendance	The dean	Mrs Crawford 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 2022

At Karamu High School, our year level deans play an important role in the pastoral care of your child. Our year level deans for 2022 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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### Year 11 Deans



Jasmine Primmer  
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### Year 12 Deans



Kirsty Christian  
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### Year 13 Deans



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Justin Kite  
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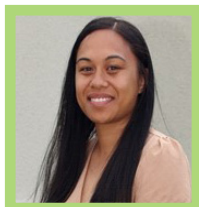
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## NGA POU KAIARĀHI

### Year 9



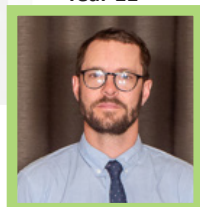
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### Year 11



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### Year 12/13



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