



## Uniform Shop Holiday Hours

Mon 26 Jan - Fri 30 Jan  
9:00am - 4:00pm

## 2026 Dates to Remember

**Monday 26 January**  
Office opens

**Monday 2 February**  
Teacher Only Day

**Tuesday 3 February**  
Years 9, 12, 13 attend school  
9:30am Powhiri - all welcome

**Wednesday 4 February**  
Years 9, 10, 11 attend school

**Thursday 5 February**  
Normal timetabled classes  
for all year levels

**Friday 6 February**  
Waitangi Day  
No school

**Monday 9 February**  
Year 9 Induction Week

**Monday 16 February**  
School ID Photos

**Wednesday 18 February**  
Swimming Sports

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## DUX

Nina Paljk is the 2025 Karamū High School Dux. This year, she was awarded Distinction and First in Level Three calculus, biology, chemistry, physics, and Japanese. Alongside Dux, Nina was also awarded the prize for General Excellence. This is Nina's fifth year winning a top academic award, having earned the top awards in Years 9, 10, 11, and 12. She had NCEA Levels One and Two endorsed with Excellence. Nina won best NCEA Level One results from a Year 10 student in 2022; best NCEA Level One results in 2023; and best NCEA Level Two results in 2024. Additionally, she gained an NZQA scholarship in history as a Year 11 student.

Outside the classroom, Nina is involved in Academic Institute, chess club, DanceNZMade, debating, Japanese trivia, volunteers as a tutor, and has a part-time job as a pharmacy assistant. In January, she attended the Hands-On at Otago programme on a science scholarship. She is also an academic leader, helping to run the school's homework centre.

Nina is the recipient of a University of Auckland Top Achiever scholarship. Next year, she will be attending the University of Auckland to study a Bachelor of Science double majoring in chemistry and psychology. #Proudly Karamū.



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# PRINCIPAL

Tēnā koutou tēnā koutou tēnā koutou katoa,

As the seniors left this term we have been speaking with the juniors around the ways we can 'feel good'. That feeling of good comes from one of the 'feel good' hormones called serotonin. We can increase serotonin levels a number of ways. A natural way to increase serotonin is by exercising. When you play sport, cycle, walk or lift weights, your body releases more tryptophan - the amino acid your brain uses to make serotonin. This boost in serotonin is why many people get that feeling of euphoria known as a "runner's high" after an intense workout. Get out there this summer and exercise – it makes you 'feel good'!

Exposure to the sun is another way to naturally increase serotonin levels. The saying 'the winter blues' may be triggered by a drop in serotonin levels. But remember to be sun smart too!

Other lifestyle adjustments like getting enough sleep, eating well, performing meditation or yoga, and listening to music can also help boost serotonin levels.

We can also raise our own feel-good hormones by spreading good. We can do that for free as simply as offering a smile. This friendly gesture can brighten someone's day, whether you're at a store, at school, or simply passing by someone on the street. For someone having a rough day, a smile can make a world of difference. And I am sure you have heard me say before, it takes only 17 muscles to smile, compared to 43 to frown. So smile at someone – you'll feel good and so will they!

The junior school's enthusiastic involvement in the annual Christmas cheer appeals over the last two weeks was a tangible way to spread good through the concept of giving. The phrase "for it is in giving that we receive" is a line from the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. It means that by giving to others one will in turn receive those same things. The act of giving, rather than seeking to be consoled or understood, is what ultimately brings fulfillment. Another 'good feeling'. It suggests that true fulfillment comes from selflessly helping others. The act of giving is intrinsically rewarding - it makes us 'feel good'.

The generous donations of gifts and food was truly inspiring and remarkable. Women's Refuge is dedicated to supporting women, children, and whānau in their journey to break free from family violence and our support for organisations like this reflects our commitment to embracing diversity and practicing manaakitanga. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to show such strong support.

We then of course had two tremendous occasions to be 'Proudly Karamū' - senior and junior prizegiving. A heartfelt congratulations to everyone who was recognised. Each day, we are proud to witness the growth of our young people as they develop into successful and valued members of society.

From all of us here at Karamū .... Meri Kirihimete. Merry Christmas.  
Ngā mihi o te tau hou! Happy New Year!

Mrs Dionne Thomas  
Tumuaki/Principal



# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM



Over the past two weeks we celebrated students' successes during the senior and junior prizegiving's. Watching students come across the stage to be recognised for their hard work is always a pleasure. See the enclosed photos of some of our prestigious award recipients.

The results from the recent NCEA examinations will be released mid-January. Students access their results via the NZQA learner portal. If students feel their external results may be incorrect, they are able to apply to NZQA for a review or reconsideration.

Before applying for a reconsideration, and to make an informed decision, students are encouraged to contact their specific teacher. Further information on these processes can be found below:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/student-assessment-hub/ncea-results/reviews-and-reconsiderations/>

It is important that senior students reflect upon their internal and external results to set some goals for 2026. For current Year 11 and 12, this reflection will assist them when attending, with whānau, the course confirmation interviews that run from Monday 26 January - Thursday 29 January.

Further information and how to book an interview will be sent out in the New Year.

I have enjoyed hearing the junior students talk about their days of learning both in and outside the classroom. The field trips for the Year 9's, house PE competitions and Year 10's creating podcasts to name but a few. Recently, they will have received their last report for 2025. By taking on board the information and implementing these suggestions in 2026 will ensure a productive year.

I wish you all happy holidays and look forward to working with you in 2026 to support students learning.

Ngā mihi

Ms Sarah Gunn  
Deputy Principal - Curriculum





## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL

Kia Ora koutou, talofa lava, malo e lelei, kia orana, and warm greetings,



As we approach the end of 2025, we reflect on another busy year. Karamū staff and students should be immensely proud of what they have achieved this year. It's pleasing to hear the high level of success across the board.

It's fantastic to see a high number of Year 9 and 10 students demonstrating the WELCOME values over the past two terms. Students have been acknowledged by their teachers for demonstrating the WELCOME values and are given a KAMAR Recognition as well as some Karamū currency. Congratulations to all students who have received a \$10 canteen voucher for demonstrating a number of our school values.

Furthermore, I am excited to announce that we have had a positive experience implementing Linewize Pulse this term. Pulse is a powerful tool designed to support student wellbeing and engagement. It provides a simple, anonymous way for students to share how they are feeling, giving our staff real-time insights into the emotional climate of our school. This initiative reflects our ongoing dedication to student wellbeing and success, because when students feel supported, they thrive academically and personally.

Also, I would like to thank our whānau and wider community. Our success this year reflects your ongoing support. Our community understands the importance of education and learning to help achieve the best outcomes for our students. Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Nga mihi nui

Mr Troy England  
Deputy Principal - Student Management

Year 10 DVC Class - Images from Tiny Town Visit on 11 December



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STAFF

Kia ora koutou,



As we approach the end of 2025, Karamū High School has taken another significant step forward in using digital technology to enhance learning. We are proud to be in a position where every student now has access to a device, supporting a wide range of teaching and learning approaches.

A big thank you to our whānau for ensuring your child brings their device to school charged and ready to go each day. As technology continues to evolve and new tools become available, it's important that we work alongside our students, guiding them to make the most of the opportunities for learning, communication, and creativity that these devices provide.

We also acknowledge that while technology offers many positives, it can sometimes lead to distractions or exposure to unhelpful content. For most students, online connections with peers are positive, but nothing beats the value of closing the lid, stepping outside, and enjoying real-world experiences. Summer is the perfect time to recharge, not just devices, but ourselves.

So, our advice is simple: switch off, close the lid, and take a break from the screen. Enjoy the holidays, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2026, fully charged and ready for a productive, positive start to the year!

Nga mihi nui

Mr Damien Hollands  
Deputy Principal - Staff





# POLICY REVIEW

In Term 4 we are continuing to review topics in the Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy. The policies include: Bullying and Harassment; Behavior Management; Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property; Minimizing Physical Restraint; Stand-down, Suspension and Exclusion; and Staff Wellbeing and Safety.

Reviews are open to board, staff, and the school community (parents/caregivers/whānau).

Anyone can review any policy/procedure that has a red, review flag.

## 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 Reviews to take you to the policies being reviewed
4. To start reviewing, click on the name of each Term 2 review topic.
5. Read the policy.
6. Then click the Start your review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Select the reviewer type (Parent).
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Add your ratings and comments if you wish to see any changes made

## Strategic Plan 2026-2030 Consultation

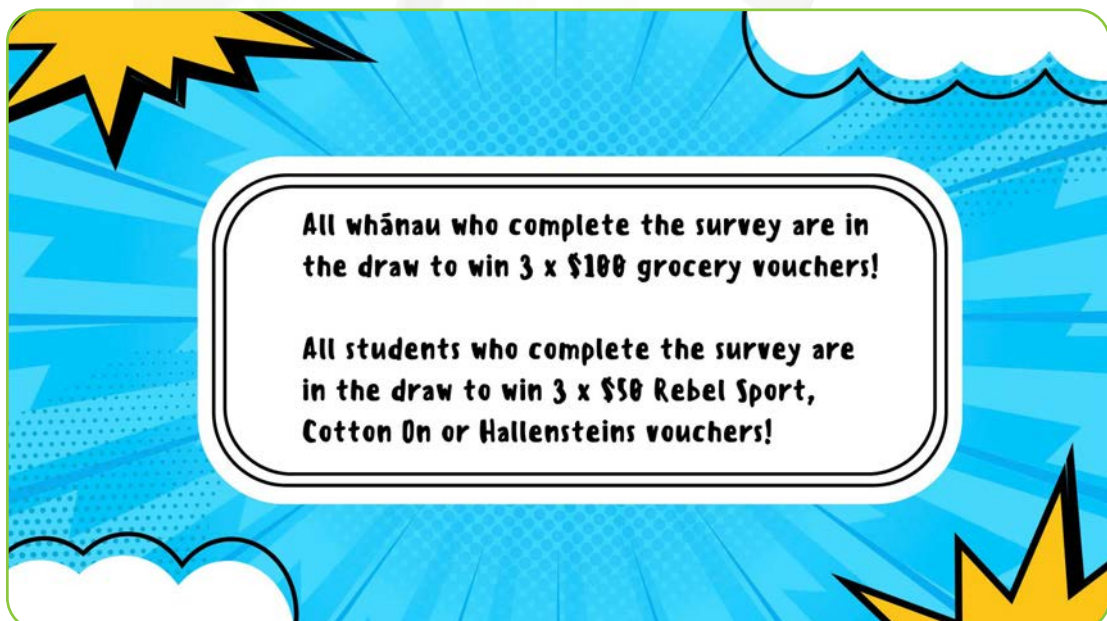
Still a chance to complete the Strategic Plan Consultation Survey!

All whānau that complete the survey are in the draw to win 3 x \$100 grocery vouchers

All students that complete the survey are in the draw to win 3 x \$50 Rebel Sport vouchers

Please refer to the Strategic Plan before completing the survey.

[Strategic Plan Consultation – Fill out form](#)



## 2025 WRITING COMPETITION

This year's competition saw an intense battle play out between poems, short stories, song lyrics and personal narratives. The junior section was particularly fierce, with Emma O'Connor (10JAD) taking out the trophy with her original retelling of the pūrākau, Pania and the Reef.

The senior section was awash with creative genre-fusion, challenging themes and figurative imagery. And in the end, it was a short and poignant poem that won the day.

The winner of this year's senior section was Johanne Santiago (11GBR) for her beautiful poem *stuck in the season of hollow*. Check out her winning poem below:

**Congratulations Emma and Johanne!**

*stuck in the season of hollow*

*my heart is hollow - not like an empty room.*

*It is hollow like a sky, void of clouds. bright with no purpose.*

*hollow like a beautiful flower plucked from its stem, pretty but dead.*

*hollow like the wind singing a lullaby, only for every window to remain shut. people  
afraid of the*

*breeze's chaos.*

*how dare the world turn.*

*how dare it rotate and bloom while mine has wilted and stands motionless.*

*how dare the landscapes of the earth look so beautiful,*

*while the plains of my body lie barren, left to decay.*

*unfair. that's what it is—completely, ridiculously, painfully unfair.*

*that the world goes on, unfazed, as the dawn of death overshadows my corner of the  
earth.*

*stay back, I tell it.*

*But like me,*

*It never listens.*

*Johanne Santiago*

# KARAMŪ STUDENT HITS THE RIGHT NOTES

## Media Release Karamū student hits the right notes on and off the stage

Karamū High School Year 12 student Maaki Wairau is hitting all the right notes, both on and off the stage.

The 17-year-old (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tūhoe) recently performed the lead role of Figaro in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* with Project Prima Volta's SCENA Opera. He also performed in *El Barberillo de Lavapiés*, a Spanish piece featuring the charismatic Barber of Madrid.

To prepare for the role, Maaki undertook weekly vocal lessons with Festival Opera Artistic Director José Aparicio and spent much of the school holidays rehearsing.

"It was pretty fun," Maaki says. "It's been intense but really rewarding. I've learned a lot."

His journey with Project Prima Volta began in Year 7, when he was introduced to classical music through a school trip. Initially mistaking the group for a gospel choir, Maaki was surprised to find himself singing opera.

"It was different to what I'd been doing with kapa haka and soul music, but over time I started to really enjoy it."

After a break from PPV in Year 11, Maaki returned this year, motivated in part by the passing of his stepfather, Sam Tiuka.

"He really enjoyed my performances," Maaki says. "But I also wanted to go back into PPV because the number of opportunities that you get is quite crazy."

"PPV has taught me a lot about stage presence and looking after my voice. It's like a semi-professional environment where you learn to perform properly."

Outside of music, Maaki's creativity extends to the kitchen. He and teammate Brodie Russell placed second in the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools Culinary Competition with a dish featuring lamb sirloin, dukkah breadcrumbs, microgreens, charred red onion, kumara hummus, Greek yogurt and basil sauce.

He is also active in sport, captaining Karamū's softball team, playing for Karamū's A basketball team and representing the region in the HB U16 Māori rugby rep team.

Maaki credits Karamū High School for supporting his diverse interests.

"They've given me opportunities in music, sport and even culinary arts. Whether it's hiring instruments, letting me take lead roles or helping us enter competitions, they've been really supportive."



"Karamū isn't just about one thing," he adds. "We're pretty decent at everything; sport, music, food tech, and I like that."

Looking ahead, Maaki plans to study a Bachelor of Music majoring in opera singing at the University of Waikato in 2027.

"They've got great contacts in opera. Maybe later I'll study abroad. Opera singers often peak in their thirties, so I've got time."

Though opera is now his passion, Maaki remains grounded. "If not opera, I've thought about becoming a teacher. We need more teachers, and I'd love to be a high school music teacher."

Principal Dionne Thomas says: "Maaki is another example of us providing opportunities for students in a diverse range of areas, whether it be on the stage, on the field or in the kitchen. Every child at Karamū can find their passion".

Karamū High School's Maaki Wairau took centre stage as Figaro in Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro with Project Prima Volta's SCENA Opera.





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE



On Sunday 24 November, a group of Year 9 and 10 students set out on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifying tramp to Te Puia Hut in the Kawekas, accompanied by Mrs Moran and Mrs Callow.

Throughout the trip, the students demonstrated excellent skills in navigation, team work, meal preparation, resilience, perseverance, and compassion. With stunning scenery and no phone reception, the journey created some truly memorable experiences.



# EAST COST JUNIOR MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Two teams of Year 9 and 10 Karamū students competed at the first East Coast Junior Mathematics Competition on Thursday 20 October, held at Lindisfarne College. Selected for their recent academic successes in mathematics, the two teams took on schools from across the region, stretching from Tairāwhiti down to Central Hawke's Bay.



Isabella Hall, Lottie Melser, Alethea Currie, Yohanna Clayton, Amelia Cooper, Lily Ray, Emma Packer, Khorys Tikitiki and Fable Flores

The Year 9 team consisted of Fable Flores, Emma Packer, Lily Ray and Khorys Tikitiki, while the Year 10 team consisted of Yohanna Clayton, Alethea Currie, Isabella Hall, and Lottie Melser.

Each member sat an individual questionnaire designed to test not only their mathematical knowledge from their class but also the connections between strands such as algebra, measurement, and statistics. As teams, both year groups then

faced a series of tricky, timed questions. A correct response on the first attempt earned five points, with the points available dropping every minute. Finally, the two Karamū teams joined forces for a combined challenge, facing off against a final timed set of questions where students had to be tactical, deciding whether to persevere with a tough question or pass on it in the hope of finding one they could more confidently tackle.

After each round, the students could still be found whispering excitedly, determined to crack the problems they didn't quite reach during competition time. As a mathematics teacher, there's nothing better than seeing the 'Aha!' moment light up a student's face once something clicks! While we did not secure a podium placing this year, the energy, teamwork, and enthusiasm on display were outstanding. The students are already talking about returning next year, this time with another year's worth of mathematical experience and even more confidence.



A huge thank you goes to the organisers for putting together such a fantastic event, to our Year 12 supporter Amelia Cooper, and of course to our star-studded team of young mathematicians who represented Karamū well with their skill, determination, and genuine joy for mathematics. It is wonderful to see mathematics success alive and well in Hawke's Bay, and even better to have opportunities like this for students to celebrate and share it.



# VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS



## Junior Volleyball

We had an incredible five junior teams compete in the Hawke's Bay Secondary School Junior Volleyball Competition. Every player and team showed significant growth over the 8-week competition and came away with some awesome results.

Junior Boys: Runners Up Division 3

KHS Green: 4th Division 2

KHS Red: Winners Division 4

KHS Emerald: 3rd Division 5

KHS Gold: 4th Division 5

## Hawke's Bay Volleyball age group representatives

A huge congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Hawke's Bay at the upcoming NZ Inter Provincial Volleyball Championships in Hamilton.

Alex Miguel Rabanal - HB U15 Boys Premier team

Jordan Phillips - HB U15 Boys Development team

Jaxson Tyler-Steffert - HB U15 Boys Development team

Kiki Treacher - HB U15 Girls Premier team

Julia Nielo - HB U15 Girls Premier team

# NZSS JUNIOR CANOE POLO SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to our junior boys open and junior girls canoe polo teams who represented Karamū at the NZSS Junior Canoe Polo Championships on 15 and 16 November.

Both teams earned themselves silver medals after two days of intense competition, showing a high level of skill and pride.

- Junior Boys Open - Silver in the Junior Open Division 1
- Junior Girls - Silver in the Junior Girls Division

A huge thank you to all of our coaches, managers, players and supporters who made this event such a success.

And thank you also to Apollo Projects Ltd for your support of the weekend.

*#proudlykaramū*





# SPANISH LATIN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

## Karamū Students at the Spanish and Latin American Film Festival at MTG Napier

Our senior and junior Year 10 Spanish students recently had the exciting opportunity to attend the Latin America and Spain Film Festival (LASFF) at MTG in Napier. This annual non-profit festival celebrates contemporary films from Latin America and Spain, bringing them to 10 cities across Aotearoa.

For the second year running, our students enjoyed a full evening of cultural activities. They started with a fun Mexican bingo game, shared some pizzas, and then watched the Mexican film *La Promesa*, exploring rich stories from Mexican culture. Students also met peers from other Hawke's Bay schools, including Woodford House, and connected with members of the Latin American Spanish-speaking community.

The sunny weather and lively atmosphere made it a memorable experience, fostering a deeper appreciation for Mexican traditions and language. Special thanks to Ms Brownlee for helping organise the event and to our wonderful drivers, Mr and Mrs Hunter, whose support made this outing possible.

"Cultural events like LASFF give students the chance to bring language learning to life, explore diverse perspectives, and connect with global communities, making classroom learning meaningful and inspiring."

*Ms Gonzalez*





## BATTLE IN THE BAY

On Friday 28 November the Karamū Junior Crew competed in the school division of Battle in the Bay and came second. The crew consisted of Year 9 students Frankie Anderson Bonney, Emery Becker, Sam Fellingham, Lucy Filipo, Khiera Matoe and Maia Peta, and Year 10 student Manea Makirere-Haerewa.

This crew was led by Year 11 student Kirat Rai who choreographed the dance and supported the crew through rehearsals and their performance. Well done to all of the girls!

They were proudly Karamū the entire day, and represented our school well.



## TABLOID SPORTS



# STAFF LEAVING

We are always sad to see staff leaving Karamū, but many are heading off to exciting ventures and so we wish them all the very best.

## **Mr Josh Parker-Bevin (Social Science)**

After joining Karamū in 2024 from Wellington, Mr Parker-Bevin takes the opportunity to be closer to his family in Napier and joins Napier Girls' High School. He has actively involved himself as the Year 11 dean and with boys' football, so we thank him for his contribution and wish him all the very best.

## **Dee Tahau (Teacher Aide)**

A vital support for one of our special students Dee moves on to pursue her passions in harakeke and matauranga Māori learnings.

## **Mrs Erika Gonzalez (Spanish and English for Second Language Speakers ESOL)**

Having been with us for two years, Mrs Gonzalez has been instrumental in bringing the Spanish learning programme at Karamū alive. From Spanish dancing to eating churros Mrs Gonzalez has ensured the programmes have been both engaging and interesting.

We will miss her pocket rocket enthusiasm and wish her all the best in her adventures across the ditch!

## **Mandy Kimber (Teacher Aide)**

After two years part-time supporting teachers Mandy moves back to the primary sector at Hastings Central School.

## **Mr Jim Harland (Fixed Term 6 months Social Studies)**

Mr Harland relieved for Mrs Stark while she was on maternity leave and soon engaged with students in a friendly manner, eagerly sharing social science stories of his business adventures, travel overseas and many years teaching. We wish him all the best in his next chapter.

## **Mrs Ali Fraser (Librarian)**

Mrs Fraser leaves us after three years, to head to Taradale High School as their head librarian. Having joined us from Hastings Girls' High (where she was the science technician), she has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and challenge to upskill and broaden her talents in the literacy space. She moves closer to home and to where her children are.

We thank her for her passion for introducing the holiday reading programme, opportunities for student librarians and for continuing to make the library a safe and interesting space for many of our students.



## Internal Staff Changes for 2026

As communicated earlier this term our Tumuaki/Principal, Dionne Thomas, has been selected for a one-year secondment as a regional leadership advisor with the Ministry of Education, beginning Term 2 2026. This allows several staff to step up into acting leadership positions during this time. Acting positions are confirmed as follows:

- **Principal Term 2 and 3:** Troy England
- **Principal Term 4 and Term 1 2027:** Damien Hollands
- **Deputy Principal - Staff Administration Term 1 2026 - Term 1 2027:** Amber Walters (as Mr Hollands is on study leave Term 1 - 3 2026)
- **Deputy Principal Pastoral (senior students) Term 2 and 3:** Micheal Fleming
- **Deputy Principal Pastoral (junior students) Term 2 and 3:** Tash Crawford

Please refer to the back of the Karamū Kōrero for all contact details.

## ENGLISH/SOCIAL STUDIES TRIP

On 26-27 November the Year 9 social studies and English students went to Napier on a co-curricular field trip. The students travelling in their mentor classes, split in to two groups visiting the MTG and Marine Parade.

This is part of an annual trip that the two departments make for students to gain knowledge on local history.

It was a wonderful day exploring the new 1931 earthquake exhibition 'Shockwave', Kuru Taonga: Voices of Kahungunu, Hidden in History: Trailblazing Women of Hawke's Bay, and creating video content to promote the fabulous Marine Parade landmarks, using figurative language techniques.

A great day out enjoyed by students and teachers alike!





# SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

On Thursday 4 December we celebrated the success of our students at the senior prizegiving. The following **prestigious awards** were presented to:

Name	Award
Youna Murray	Year 11 Academic Excellence
Ngaio van Hooijdonk	Year 11 General Excellence
Zander Peterson	Year 12 Academic Excellence
Kennedy Lee	Year 12 General Excellence
Jemma Creighton	June Clark Trophy for vision and values of Karamū High School
Charlotte Lumb	Barker Cup for Sportsmanship
Elise Teddy	Lucas Cup for Senior Sportswoman of the Year
Tyrell Watene-Minogue	The Te Taonga Trophy for contribution to Māoritanga
Raiha O'Shaughnessy	Wi Rangi Wiremu Whaitiri Memorial Trophy
Kylah-Jay Garrett-Naera	Wooster Cup for Leadership
Shavaughn Zampese	Karamū High School Cup for Sporting Excellence
Ariel Sajan	Karamū High School Cup for Cultural Excellence
Flynn Langley	The Clark Cup for Proxime Accessit to Dux
Nina Paljk	Karamū High School Dux and Sir Paul Holmes Memorial Cup for Year 13 General Excellence
<i>Absent:</i> Xellma Sheardown	Tupu Toa Trophy for contribution and demonstrating Leadership in Pasifika across the School
<i>Absent:</i> Max Arcus	Roff Cup for Senior Sportsman of the Year
<i>Absent:</i> Shanika O'Leary	MacLeod Cup for Service to Extra-Curricular Activities

# SENIOR PRIZEGIVING



Youna Murray



Ngaio van Hooijdonk



Zander Peterson



Kennedy Lee



Jemma Creighton



Charlotte Lumb



Elise Teddy



Tyrell Watene-Minogue



Raiha O'Shaughnessy



Kylah-Jay Garrett-Naera



Shavaughn Zampese



Ariel Sajan



Flynn Langley



Nina Paljk

# JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

On Friday 12 December we celebrated with our junior prize winners. Congratulations to the following **prestigious winners**:

**Lucy Bristow-Smith**

Karamū High School Cup for Junior Sportswoman of the Year

**Alex Miguel Rabanal**

Karamū High School Cup for Junior Sportsman of the Year

**Zoe-Ella West**

Turner Family Trophy for General Excellence Outside the Classroom

**Jaimee Smith**

Karamū High School Cup for Year 9 General Excellence

**Hoang Nguyen**

Karamū High School Cup for Year 9 Academic Excellence

**Alethea Currie**

Karamū High School Cup for Year 10 General Excellence

**Kenzie Atkinson**

Karamū High School Cup for Year 10 General Excellence

**Tawa Mitchell**

Karamū High School Cup for Year 10 Academic Excellence



Mr Strickland, IT Manager, received the Jones Family Trophy. This is awarded to a staff member that has shown exceptional care, compassion or service in or out of the classroom.



Lucy Bristow-Smith



Alex Miguel Rabanal



Zoe-Ella West



Jaimee Smith



Hoang Nguyen



Alethea Currie



Kenzie Atkinson



Tawa Mitchell



# TIRA ORA 2001

In this issue of Karamū Kōrero we showcase Karamū's thirty ninth year, the Year 2001

**Principal:** Mr M J Lewis

**Deputy Principal:** Mr J M Lynex

**Assistant Principal:** Mrs J B Clark

**Head Boy:** Daniel Wilson

**Head Girl:** Sarah Clapperton

**Dux:** Philippa Collie

**General Excellence:** Melissa Beaumont

**Sportsman of the Year:** Joshua Neilson

**School:**

- The demise of B Block (only C & D Block functional as classroom space along with Tech. block)
- B Block moved off site in sections
- Area where B Block stood is made into a grassed with Cherry blossom trees
- Creation of the Outdoor Performance area
- Administration Block is demolished with plans to replace it with a modern functional building
- Research into plans for a new Technology block
- Strong focus on standards; Nurturing school pride in appearance and way students represent the school; and importance of relationships

**Students:**

- Final year for School Certificate
- Careers moves to the mezzanine area of the Library
- Library gets new computers with access to the Internet and different educational programmes, available for student use
- 33 International students, staying one term to a full year
- School Camps: Year 13 at Aramoana; Year 9 Moore Road – using Te Mata peak and Tuki Tuki River
- Music Camp - hours of rehearsals for choir, orchestra and performances
- Senior Film trip to Wellington
- Year 13 Geography trip to Ruapehu

**Sports:**

- Boys A Canoe Polo team (Krusaders) win gold at Nationals – a number of Karamu students selected to Hawke's Bay & NZ Rep teams
- 6 girls selected for Hawke's Bay Secondary School Rugby team
- Girls' 7's Rugby – played 6 games and won 6
- Thursday Sports period introduced for training for winter season

**Culture:**

- Ultimately Vocal recommended for the final of Bid Sing Choral Festival.
- FEM – audition female choir
- 7 groups enter Chamber Music competition
- Tripla Beats – Year 9 girls – regional finals of Smokefree Rockquest
- School field successful Senior and Junior Debating teams
- Cook Island Dance group formed

**HASTINGS**

Population: 61,100, Lawrence Yule elected as Mayor, Regional Sports Stadium built (Pettigrew Arena) opposite EIT, Closure of passenger rail to Hastings, Gimblett Gravel Wine development

**NEW ZEALAND**

NZ Population: 3,872,000, NZ Government: Labour, NZ Prime Minister: Helen Clark, Air NZ bail out - becomes 76.3% Government owned, German tourist smuggles geckos

**Deputy Head Boy:** Cleveland Kemp

**Deputy Head Girl:** Eloise Leach

**Proxime Accessit:** Melissa Beaumont & Peita Allen

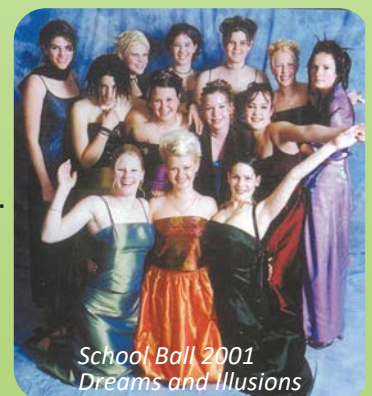
**Te Taonga Trophy for Maoritanga:** Crystall Edwards

**Sportswoman of the Year:** Sarah Clapperton

**MacLeod Service Cup:** Blair MacLeod

**Year 9 Intake:** 170, School Roll: 600

**Sporting Excellence:** Carley Woodham



# UNIFORM GUIDELINES REMINDER



## Year 9 - 12 Students

- Karamū High School tartan skirt, black shorts or trousers or grey shorts
- Karamū High School blouse/shirt
- Karamū High School green jersey
- Black pantyhose or Karamū High School white socks (with skirt)
- Karamū High School grey socks (with shorts)
- Black leather shoes from the approved list
- Karamū High School black trousers
- Plain black leather belt
- Karamū High School sports top
- Karamū High School sports shorts
- Karamū High School scarf (optional)
- Karamū High School regulation jacket (optional)
- Karamū High School cap (optional)
- Karamū High School blazer (optional for Year 12 and Year 13 only)



- **All Karamū High School uniform items with the exception of shoes must be purchased from the school's uniform shop. These items carry our school crest or are labelled as Karamū High School uniform.**
- **No jackets or scarves are to be worn other than those from the approved uniform lists below.**
- **Due to health and safety rules, covered footwear must be worn ie no sandals. Shoes should be black leather (or leather like) as per the approved list available at the office.**

- Only white T-shirts or white short sleeved poly-props are to be worn under the uniform.
- Undergarments should not hang below the blouse/shirt.
- Hair is to be tidy, of a natural colour and long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.
- Hair bands are to be black or blend with the hair colour.
- Facial hair should be tidy and groomed.
- Earrings: students may have no more than two studs or sleepers in each ear (the size being no bigger than a hole punch).
- Students may have one small nose stud. No other facial or visible body or tongue piercings are permitted.
- A watch can be worn, but may need to be removed for examinations.
- One neck taonga (pounamu, bone carvings, religious attire) are permitted.
- No other jewellery ie: bracelets, anklets, rings etc may be worn, however the principal will consider special requests.
- Only natural coloured make-up including nail polish, eye shadow, eye liner and foundation are permitted.
- Tattoos/Tāmoko are permitted unless deemed inappropriate or offensive.





# TERM DATES

## Start of Term 1 2026

<b>Tuesday 3 February</b>	<b>Years 9, 12 and 13 in</b>
8:35am	Year 9 assemble in hall, Year 12 & 13 assemble at the whare
9:30am	Powhiri - all welcome
11:30am	Year 12 & Year 13 dismissed
1:00pm	Year 9 dismissed
<b>Wednesday 4 February</b>	<b>Years 9, 10 and 11 in</b>
9:00am	Year 10 assemble in gym and Year 11 in hall with deans
	Year 9 to mentor class
12:55pm	All dismissed
<b>Thursday 5 February</b>	<b>Years 9 -13 in</b>
8:35am	Normal period times
<b>Friday 6 February</b>	<b>No School - Waitangi Day</b>
<b>Monday 9 February</b>	<b>Years 9 -13 in</b>
8:35am	Normal period times

## 2026 Term Dates

### TERM 1:

**Tuesday 3 February - Thursday 2 April**

Waitangi Friday 6 February, Good Friday 3 April  
9 Weeks

### TERM 2:

**Monday 20 April to Friday 03 July**

Anzac Day Monday 27 April, King's Birthday Monday 1 June  
Matariki - 10 July (In the holidays)  
11 Weeks

### TERM 3:

**Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September**

10 Weeks

### TERM 4:

**Monday 12 October to Tuesday 15 December (at the latest TBC)**

Hawke's Bay Anniversary Friday 23 October and Labour Day Monday 26 October  
10 Weeks



# 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 England Deputy Principal Student Management
<b>A pastoral issue</b> , eg. bullying, attendance	Your mentor teacher	Your dean	Mr England or Mr Rolls/Ms Jensen the Guidance Counsellors

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 England Deputy Principal Student Management	
<b>A pastoral issue</b> , eg. bullying, attendance	The dean	Mr England or Mr Rolls/ Ms Jensen the Guidance Counsellors	
<b>A financial issue</b> relating to any account or charge	Either Mrs Gray or Ms Brown in the office	Mrs Meiring Principal's EA	

## YEAR LEVEL DEANS 2025

At Karamū High School, our year level deans play an important role in the pastoral care of your child. Our year level deans for 2025 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



Tash Crawford  
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### Year 10 Deans



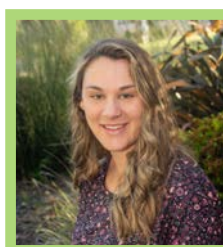
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### Year 11 Deans



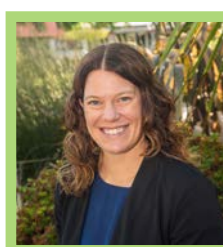
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### Year 12 Deans



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### Year 13 Deans



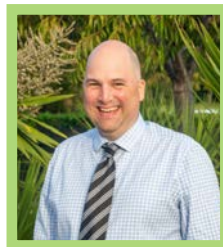
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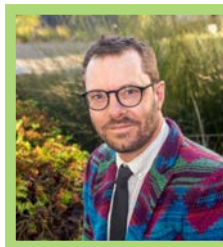
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## NGĀ POU KAIĀRAHI

### Year 9



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### Year 10



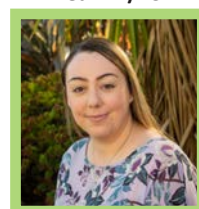
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### Year 11



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### Year 12/13



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