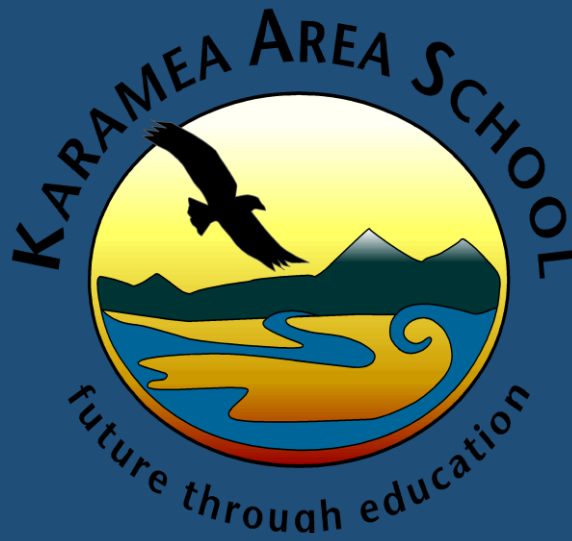


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From the Principal

The year is certainly flying by and our learners here at KAS are working hard and engaging in many learning opportunities, both in class and further afield. There has been a flurry of activity both in and out of the classroom, and we are seeing some pleasing progress and achievement as a result.

We have had some staffing changes this term as we looked at creating small class sizes in the Primary Area and brought in Teacher Aid support in two of the classrooms. We welcomed Mrs Sylvia Raikes to the team to teach Nikau class this Term (Years 1-2) Mrs Tina Wylie who is working with the newly formed Rata class (Years 3-4) and we welcomed Whaea Pene, Pene Berry who is working with Kowhai (Years 5-6.) We also welcomed Stephanie Walton and Jill Waines as our Teacher Aides.

The transition has gone very well and students are focused and making very pleasing progress. Reports are coming out for the whole school at the end of term, where you will be able to see the progress of your child more formally, however I hope you are noticing the engagement and enthusiasm for learning from your child that we are seeing.

The Primary Team have created a learning programme this term that develops the core skills through focussed teaching, and interesting thematic studies. Our learning focus has been on New Zealand's history, to coincide with the 250 years since Cook circumnavigated Aotearoa. We have

been exploring the questions around what life was like in the past.

We have also been working on using EOTC events (education outside the classroom) to provide authentic learning opportunities for the learners, and link that specifically to developing writing skills in the classroom. We are aware of how writing can improve if students have agency and links to real experience to write about. Imagination and empathy are important skills developed through the writing process, and linking that to experiences outside the classroom can result in some rich writing as a result. I hope you enjoy the writing samples at the Student Work section of the newsletter. I know I have!

The Secondary learners have been continuing to develop their subject specialist skills and enduring understandings. Cross curricular links have been forged through students themselves and their teachers. Its been exciting to hear of students taking what they learned in English and applying some testing about it in Science, then creating their own EOTC experiences in the weekend that related to their learning in class. Now that's keen! You would have hopefully received class newsletters in week two that had more detailed information from their subject specialists.

We were also lucky to have an additional staff member for the term who supported students in their independent study through Te Kura and Mandarin and facilitated some learning around NZ History in the Secondary Area as well. Sadly we will

be farewelling Mr Chris Ralph at the end of the Term but wish him all the best in his further endeavours and thank him for the work he has done with our learners.

We are once again taking our secondary students to the local natural environment to enhance our in class learning with an exciting Secondary EOTC event a Secondary Survival Day. This will happen on Monday 17th June. (This Monday! I hope you all have your permission slips in!)

There is a wide variety of unique student interests being catered for in our learning programmes, and where we can, we develop learning programmes based on individual student need. Through this we are seeing improved engagement and some pleasing achievement results already in the NCEA programmes.

Check out some snapshots of the exciting activities our students have been engaged in since our last newsletter!!

Duffy Books Performers

An engaging play with messages about coding, problem solving, friendship and responsible gaming.



Big Rimu Tree Nikau EOTC trip

Students used measurement, art and science to learn about our local history and explore the local environment.



Playhouse Theatre

Another fabulous professional theatre experience, The Tortoise and the Hare. Focussed on understanding our unique traits and ways of being.



Amuri Sports Exchange



KAS Cheerleaders



KAS Football Players

Domain Plant Out

Every student planted at least one tree. How wonderful it was to see our whole school community working with our wider community.

Heartwarming community connections!



School Cross Country

The weather threatened but the runners were the winners on the day. Great teamwork to make it happen and fantastic event with pleasing participation.



The smiles say it all, its great to move!

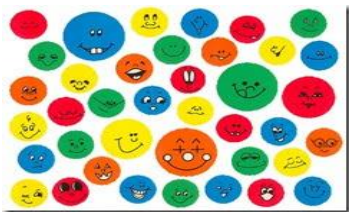
St Johns Training for Years 1-10



Secondary students learning CPR. It didn't take long for the first aid training to be put to good use in one students home!

Sticking to Learning

Great to see learners in Years 1 – 6 proudly sharing their sticker worthy work with their loved ones! When we stick with them they stick to their learning!



Museum Visits

Primary students have visited the museum and been visited by Barry Chalmers who shared information about Karamaea's past.



Events still to come:

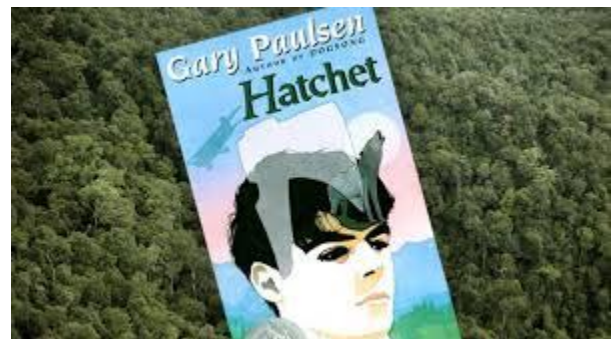
Shantytown – Nikau and Kowhai will be travelling to Paroa for an overnight stay at Shantytown on 24th June. As real an experience of the past they have been exploring in class as we can give them! We look forward to hearing all about their learning on their return.

West Coast Pathways Careers Roadshow

The annual careers event is happening next Wednesday in Westport at the Pulse Energy Event Centre. All Year 11 - 13 students are invited to attend. The times are just being finalised and a **letter will be sent home in a letter on Friday.** There are at least 30 providers attending including polytechnics, universities, industry training organisations, local businesses and other organisations related to tertiary training and future careers. A great opportunity for our senior students to consider their future pathways.

Secondary Survival Day

Monday 17th June, an exciting "survival" event where students learn about orienteering, shelter building, our local flora, what is food and what is not, fire starting for survival and working together as a team. An exciting cross curricular event using our local environment. Who will win our Survival Challenge when they put their learning to the test?



NCEA Update

NCEA CHANGE PACKAGE 2019

Mid-May the Minister of Education announced the NCEA Change Package which includes the IMMEDIATE removal of NCEA and NZ Scholarship fees – this change removes financial barriers and ensures all the credits received towards NCEA will be visible in a student's Record of Achievement. This means NCEA and NZ Scholarship are FREE to all students.

As well, there were a range of improvements to NCEA announced and that the Government will fund the continued roll out of the NCEA Online programme (students being able to complete NCEA exams digitally). There are 7 changes to be made to NCEA:

1. Make NCEA more accessible
2. Mana orite mo te mātauranga Māori
3. Strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements
4. Have fewer, larger standards
5. Simplify NCEA's structure
6. Show clearer pathways to further education and employment
7. Keep NCEA Level 1 as an optional level

Further information about the improvements can be found here:

<http://www.conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-review/change-package/>

There has been a lot of lively debate, confusion and misinformation about the proposed NCEA changes, which has led to the Ministry releasing a "Myth busting Guide" which can be found here:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-review/change-package/clearing-up-some-inaccuracies/>

The Ministry will now work with key stakeholders on the detailed design of these changes as well as to understand the implementations implications. From the beginning of 2020, the strengthened NCEA will start to come into effect – though many changes will take much longer. Potentially the timeline may look like this:



As per the initial review, community hui meetings to hold group conversations on the NCEA Change Package. Once we have received our "toolbox" of information and resources on the changes, we will advertise our parent/community meeting.

For further information, please check out this website: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-review/>

Michelle Maiava, NZQA Principal's Nominee

Update from the Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Tom Murton, Levi Leckey and David Fry who have all joined the BoT as parent trustees. There were three vacancies and three nominations so there was no need for an election. Congratulations also to Michelle Maiava who has joined the BoT as the staff trustee. Many thanks to Lena, Matt and Jan for their contributions to the school and BoT over the last couple of years.

In April this year the Board of Trustees was informed by the Ministry of Education that they had decided against refurbishing the school as originally planned and instead would demolish it and replace it with a new build. We have been told that the new school will be large enough to accommodate a roll of 110 students, 40 more than our present roll, and it will be approximately half the size of current one. The Ministry's rationale behind this decision is that they believe a new build, although potentially more expensive than a refurbishment, will offer better value for money in the long term.

Earlier this month the BoT voted to oppose the new build and look at options to try and save some of the buildings, in particular the old blocks along the front, the hall and

the tech block. It turns out that as the ministry own the buildings we don't have too many options at all. We haven't given up hope though and are open to suggestions. In the mean time the Ministry is continuing with the design process.

The latest news on that front is that the new school hall may be significantly larger than the existing one. Understandably there has been a lot of information and misinformation doing the rounds so the BoT will be holding a community information night on Tuesday the 18th at 7:00pm in the school library. We will do our best to answer any questions on the night but we would like to request that if you intend coming to the meeting and you have some specific questions please email them in advance to property@karamea.school.nz so we can make sure we have the answers.

Tom Volckman

Board Chair

Important Dates

17 JuneSecondary Survival Day
18 June.....BoT Community Meeting (the Rebuild)
19 JuneCanopy Careers Pathways – Westport
24 -25 JuneShanty town trip (Kowhai and Rata)
June 26thBOT Meeting
July 1-2ndLife Education
July 3rdSchool Speech Competition
July 1 – 5Literacy Week
July 5thReports to Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
July 5thLast Day Term Two
July 22ndFirst Day Term Three
July 29thAugust 1st Year 7-13 Ski Trip
August 2ndClass Newsletters

Notices

Pool Key

Could all pool key holders please send me their bank account number for their bond refund to jeag@xtra.co.nz

If I don't receive account number by the 1st July **no** refund will be given and the amount will **not** be credited over to the next swim season.

Thanks

Allwyn




Years 5/6 & 7/8

BULLER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WHEN: FRIDAY 12TH JULY, TIME: 1:00PM - 3:00PM, WHERE: PULSE ENERGY RECREATION CENTRE

Registrations:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/netballmainland/HolidayDevelopment-Programmes/Buller-2019?em=1>



MOI July Holiday Programmes:

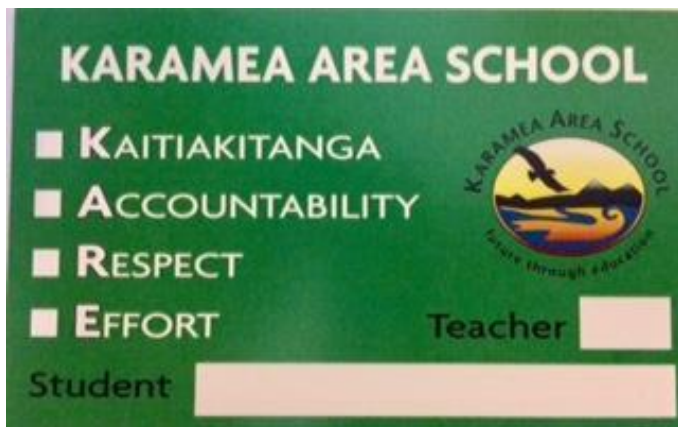
Richmond: Art/Engineering and Magic the Gathering

Motueka: Cooking.

All courses are 17-19 July from 9 am to 3 pm. Ages for Magic the Gathering is 10+ and the others 6+.

For costs and registration, go to Eventbrite or MOI Facebook page and look under the events tab.

PTA are continuing to provide the option of a Friday bought lunch. All proceeds go to the PTA to support our learners and school. Lunches are handmade and delicious! Be sure to get your orders in by Thursday each week. Big thanks to the PTA for providing this for our students and the work you do to support us.



PB4L Positive Behaviour for Learning has continued to be the framework for our behaviour focus this year. Students have been awarded KARE cards when they are caught showing Kaitiakitanga, Accountability, Respect and Effort. They are awarded these when showing this behaviour during lessons and in the playground at breaks. We were recently audited on our programme and it is pleasing to note that most of our students can talk about our values as represented on the KARE cards, and many are receiving cards when they display this behaviour.

A big thank you to The Last Resort for sponsoring the prize for the five students who win the KARE card draws at our Celebration Assemblies. The winners have been enjoying yummy milkshakes!

Celebrating Student Work

Please check out some of the writing that our Primary students have been working on. We also have some action shots of Kahikatea Scientists hard at work testing their hypothesis for their Science Fair Projects.

Again the learning that is going on here at Karamaea School is exciting and we continue to be impressed with the hard work, enthusiasm and progress of our Learners.

We thank you for your continued support.

Nga Mihi Nui,

Karlene Rainham, Donna Donnelly and the Team at KAS.

Science Fair Inquiry



TOM GATES

Title: Tom Gates

Author: L. P. Chen

Setting: His home and his school.

Plot: This book is about a young boy that gets annoyed at his family and mostly his sister. He escapes his family drama by shutting his door and drawing comics.

Character: Tom Gates / Tom gates likes making comics. he's kind but doesn't like his sister.

Here are the three reasons why Tom Gates is a good book.

1. It's fun because there's a drawing on almost every page and makes it enjoyable.
2. because it's funny and makes jokes now and then.
3. It inspires you to be creative and makes me happy.

Harry Ralph

Story Study Poppo

Title: The Witches

Author: Roald Dahl

Setting: an Evil england witch wants to take over the world.

Plot: a young boy is visiting his grandma suddenly bad things start to happen. He meets a witch and plans a holiday with his grandma. but has to postpone it because she gets sick. So some pears flying around. She they go to a hotel where they get there. She gives him mice so he goes to work and then lots of women books. I think this is one of my favrat to read now!

Start drawing in. at first hes not scared until he finds out there all witches! and planning to turn all the children in the world to mice. Then hes scared.

Opinion: I liked this book because... at first I didnt really like it but then it was getting really exiting!

I Love it because it was Like a bowl of cereal with bits of good and bad

and it was heally cool!

WINNER!

GOOD WORK

SUPER EFFORT

I like the piece of wood it is a good piece of wood.

We can use the wood for making toys and furniture.

We can use the wood for making toys and furniture.

We can use the wood for making toys and furniture.

To tell the age of the tree you have to count the rings.

GOOD WORK

SUPER EFFORT

I like the mushrooms because they have a cool colour.

Mushrooms can grow overnight.

Maybe the moss is poisonous.

I like the moss because it is so soft and nice.

The moss is very soft and it has a nice texture.

WINNER!

Monday 13th May 2019

Dear Diary,

My name is Jenny I'm so happy that I am going to explode.

School was the best because we learned about James cook On the way home I rode my brown horse named Spot. I was allowed to buy whatever I want to buy because I am rich. My little sister is ungrateful. She demanded her breakfast I bought so much candy! When I got home I shared with my family. My dad hates me. He threw the candy on the ground! He said "Go to your room! I went to my room. I fell asleep. Next day my dad is at work teaching the poor kids, not the rich kids because they are rich kids. I want to have breakfast. My sister was being demanding! I told mum, she said, "Just leave her alone she is only two."

WINNER!

SPORTS CORNER

Term 2

KAS students have had quite a bit going on in and out of the classroom this term. There has been a lot on offer to keep kids active with team and individual sports and it has been great to see such high numbers with participation.

Cross Country

KAS had its school cross country on May 15th at the Karamea Golf Course. All went smoothly and was followed by a sausage sizzle which the PTA put on back at school. For those of you who couldn't make it down on the day here are the placings from the different races.

NOVICE (NIKAU)

Girls - Maria Luckman 1st, Amy Lowe 2nd, Emilee Hansen-Higgs 3rd

Boys - Elias Walker 1st, James McGrath 2nd

NOVICE (RATA)

Girls - Ella Turner 1st, Eliza Doherty 2nd, Diva Murray 3rd

Boys - Odin O'Dwyer 1st, Shea Chalmers-Mawson 2nd, Oliver Hansen-Higgs 3rd

INTERMEDIATE

Girls - Lara Exton 1st, Keira Hansen-Higgs 2nd, Meg Exton and Jen Galway 3rd

Boys - Archie Volckman 1st, Kyran Guppy 2nd, River Chalmers-Mawson 3rd

SENIOR

Girls - Rebecca Galway 1st

Boys - William Galway 1st, Julian Guppy 2nd, Billy Volckman and Jack Newman 3rd

Our Cross Country representatives then travelled to compete in the **Buller Primary District Cross Country** in Reefton on May the 20th. Karamea kids never do things by halves and this year they truly stood out as tough competition!

Louis Volckman 2nd, Year 5 Boys

Archie Volckman 1st, Year 7 Boys

Kyran Guppy 2nd, Year 8 Boys

Keira Hansen-Higgs Year 8 Girls

All our Primary Karamea students had qualified for the West Coast Cross Country!

The **West Coast Cross Country** was held in Kumara on June the 5th. This was the first time they held not only a primary competition but a secondary competition as well. West Coast Schools were all represented. Karamea had a team of 7 who participated in the event ranging from Years 5-13. Parents were there to cheer the kids on and Karamea again proved themselves to be tough competition. Here were the results from the day....

Louis Volckman, 2nd place - Year 5 Boys

Archie Volckman, 1st place - Year 7 Boys

Kyran Guppy, 5th place - Year 8 Boys

Billy Volckman, 7th place - U14 Boys

Jack Newman, 4th place - U14 Boys

Julian Guppy, 1st place - U14 Boys

Will Galway, 2nd place - U19 Boys

What an achievement for KAS. Keep up with the awesome effort folks, with all that you do!

NETBALL

In Netball School News.....

I would like to say congratulations to Keira Hansen-Higgs for making the U13's Buller Reps Team. I would also like to wish the following Year 7&8 students all the best for trials in Westport next week. Keira, Lara, May, Libby, and Ebony are all trialling for the Year 7&8 Buller Reps team. Good Luck girls!

In Netball Club News.....

The Karamea Panthers have netball in Westport every second week with two games and usually on the second week we verse the adults up here in Karamea. It's lucky that we managed to scrape together a team at all. Our team is made up of 9 girls, years 7-13, even though we compete against adults and high school kids. Even though we verse people who are pretty good players, we still learn more and more every game, gaining new skills. On Sunday Keira, Allizay, Ngaire and I went down to Westport to try out for REPS, which is basically representing as a Buller netball team, we will find out the results soon, so fingers crossed. But besides that our coach Toni, who has told us about REPS in the first place, she has gotten us so far and done so much for us, so I

would like to just say a big thanks to Toni for being such a great person and coach.

By: Elly Newman

Best of luck to the Karamea Panthers for a great season! Thanks again to Toni McCleery for coaching and supporting the team.

SOCCER

In Soccer Club News....

I recently took a group of senior students down to Reefton for a WCSS Soccer Tournament. Reefton Area School, Buller High School, Karamea Area School, Grey High, and South Westland Area School all headed down for a day of soccer. This was the first time Karamea has participated in this event and it was well worth the day out. While we didn't have enough to form a team we were allowed to borrow players from other schools to help us with our numbers. Sean, Julian, Jack, Billy, Kyran and Archie played really well. I am always amazed at how well our kids do when considering their size and ages compared to the other schools. They always hold their own and are always recognized for their positive attitudes, good sportsmanship, and team work. KAS came 4th in the tournament and are hoping to go again next year.

Jack Newman and Julian Guppy will be heading to Rotorua at the start of the school holidays to compete in this year's National Area Schools Tournament. They were both selected into the Top of the South Islands soccer team. We wish them lots of luck and look forward to hearing all about their experience.

In Soccer Club News.....

This soccer season has been a fun and exciting time for both senior and junior teams. We have had practises every week and have played every day at lunch times and it is paying off because both teams are playing together and using each other on the field, staying confident and striving for goals. We have recently had two new players move up from the junior team; ,Louis Volckman and Odin O'Dwyer .I hope more players will

get into soccer and hopefully we will be able to get some teams up to Karamea.

By Jack Newman.

For the last few weeks a group of keen soccer players have been traveling down to westport to compete in a winter league. Every sunday the two teams (senior and junior) will play two games. Both teams have been doing exceptionally well and I would just like to say that it has been awesome watching everyone play and grow to be an amazing cooperative team.

I would also like to mention our coach Deborah Wagner. She has brought us all to where we are today coaching both the senior and junior teams and she has done an awesome job.

By Julian Guppy

The Karamea Rangers (seniors) and the Karamea Coyotes (juniors) are having a great season! We travel to Westport most Sundays to play games against the Westport teams. The growth I have seen in all our players has been amazing. Sunday soccer will be back here in Karamea for Term 3. Adults and kids are all welcome. At the Domain 10am. Hope to see you there..... Sweating!

SWIMMING

This year we had the opportunity to participate in the WCSS Swimming Competition which was held in Westport at the PERC Centre. This event has not happened for the past few years so was a new experience for us as a secondary school. Will Galway went down and represented KAS on the day. The competition was tough but familiar faces from TOSI made the trip worthwhile. Thank you Will for representing Karamea at this event. It is great for our keen swimmers to have these options for further achievement!