

Karamea Area School

Canary

22nd April 2010.

Week 1- Term 2.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is great to see everyone back at school safe and sound. I have caught up with most of the classes and have heard some interesting stories of what some students got up to during the break.

When clearing my inbox on Monday I was greeted with a pleasant surprise from the Ministry of Education. After the March roll return the MOE recalculates the staffing allocation that the school receives. Based on our March roll I now have a little more staffing to utilise. The first thing I have done is made Claire Jenkins' position full time for the remainder of this term. This means that room 5 will not be covered by Quentin and Melissa on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Because Claire is a first year teacher she is entitled to a 0.2 non contact provision. Brett Mawson will teach in Room 5 on Fridays so Claire can be released.

The Board of Trustee elections are fast approaching. If you or someone you know possesses skills that would help KAS continue moving forward please get your nomination forms in ASAP.

'A wise man once said that a community gets the school it deserves by the BOT it elects.'

Please remember that Tuesday May 4th is a teacher only day so the school will be closed for instruction. This day enables the whole staff to participate in the Assess to Learn (AtoL) contract that we have been on for the past 15 months.

FROM THE PRIMARY TEAM

Student of the Month.

The primary nominees for the month of March are **Room 1: Amber Roberts-** For solving particularly difficult maths problems and using what she knows to work things out and for dealing with new and difficult words and phrases in her reading and writing.

Room 2: Summer Manning. Summer is always working hard to achieve our goals, and is very good at managing her own learning by figuring out what she doesn't know, and asking questions when she needs help. Ka pai Summer!

Room 5: My nomination for student of the month is **Jacinta (Cinty) Crampton.** Cinty is always on task and performs the learning activities with her best effort. If she does not understand something she clarifies what she needs to do by asking questions. Cinty waits patiently while other people think about their answers even though she may know the answer herself. Cinty contributes to the class energetically, is friendly and

helpful to the teacher and other class members and brings a positive attitude with her to school each day.

Room 4: Nicola Jones

Nicola has been consistently working hard to achieve excellence in all curriculum areas. She demonstrates her commitment and dedication to completing her work daily through staying focused and on task in all activities. Nicola is showing the values of excellence, pride and community daily. Well done Nicola, you are role model for us all.

The student of the month assembly will be held this Thursday at 12 o'clock in the hall.

Term 2 Primary Update

This term promises to be a busy, productive and challenging time for the primary students. Our main focus is on machines and how they make life easier for us at home and at work. The science being based around forces and motion. To help illustrate the laws behind physics we will be doing a lot of challenges and constructing machines out of a variety of materials. Problem-solving and teamwork are essential skills being developed this term and at the end we will be having a Challenge Day where you will be invited to help children solve problems and challenges.

This term we have the cross country, a teacher only day on the 4th of May, a dance performance on the 19th of May and a theatre performance on the 16th of June. We welcome you to all these events and hope to see you throughout the term supporting the children in this challenging term.

National standards reporting is being trialled again this term and children who are receiving reports will also get a survey for their parents to complete. This will help us create a reporting system that best fits your needs, so please return the survey as soon as possible after you get a report. All year 4-8 children will receive a progress report at the end of term 2.

We are all looking forward to a great term.

Primary Team

FROM THE SECONDARY TEAM

All the best to the KAS students who impressed the selectors at the recent TOSI tournament. The students listed below are off to Amuri this weekend to trial for the South Island team in their respective sports.

Alix Bjerring Soccer
Alex Hatipov Soccer
Matthew James Rugby
Sam Jaccard Soccer

Brendon James was also selected in the TOSI Touch team.

A detailed report of the 2010 Tapawera Area School Tournament will be in the next Canary.

During the holidays Angela Roberts met up with another secondary English teacher to moderate some NCEA level 1 and 2 work.

All Karamea students gained the credits they entered with 3 students gaining a merit grad and one student gaining an excellence. Below is Tjavles piece of descriptive writing.

Washed Up On the Beach...

We sat opposite each other at the table. Our plates were piled high with potatoes and meat. It was always potatoes and meat in some form or another. His head nearly disappeared in between his shoulders as he arched over his plate, exposing the small bald patch he worked so hard to hide. The odour of salt clung to him. I wondered if he was born or if he had simply washed up on the beach. He was an ancient sea turtle.

After a few minutes he slowly raised his head. His long neck stuck out of his oversized sweater. He focussed his gaze upon me. "So are you going to ride the Tour de France then?" He asked. His grey eyes inquisitively scanned my sunburnt face.

He got up, his ancient body moved noiselessly. He glided upon unseen currents, covering the distance with calculated ease. He pulled his chair to his favourite spot. His head of hair shone proudly in the last rays of the dying sun. "Hard day today?" he queried, a wry smile spread across his leathery face. "Nar" I lied. Secretly I was dumbfounded. How could a retiree reduce me to such exhaustion with manual labour in the scorched paddocks?

He stared into the distance. Unblinking, he was stiller than a statue, basking in the evening sun. "Started training for the Wellington half?" he quipped.

I was in awe of his stamina.

"Do you remember that day we ran the half in the driving rain?"

I let my mind wander back to that icy day. I was wet through, my grandfather was fine. His sturdy woollen clothes and weather worn skin had become a shell that had protected him from the harsh elements.

"Off with the fairies are we?" he chuckled. Laughter washed over him. First in small ripples then great waves that rocked his body.

He had weathered worse storms, I reflected, as he moved his chair once more to capture the last of the dying suns rays.

Tjalve

Adventure Racing Champs.

On Saturday 27th March, the Karamea Area School team competed in the South Island Secondary Schools Adventure Racing Champs (SISSARC) in Cromwell. After holding the lead, narrowly missing a checkpoint,

having mechanical difficulties with a bike and battling 1m waves on Lake Dunstan the team came an impressive 6th overall.



Well done Ryan, Sam, Laban and Tjalve.

A huge thanks to Raoul, Stu and Kevin who gave up a huge amount of their time and resources over the weekend.



Teaching and Learning

To keep the school community informed as to what the students will be doing this term each secondary teacher has given a brief outline of the term for each year group.

Outline for Maths- Term 2 2010

Years 11 and 12

Last term was number and the internally assessed measurement unit for year 11. Following on from number this term will be Algebra and Trigonometry with the internally assessed construction unit for year 11.

Year 9 Maths a Number, Algebra and Measurement unit will be covered.

Year 10 Maths continues with the measurement unit, with an opportunity to gain credits in the achievement standard. The benefits here are that the students can have a lighter load next year or they can choose to redo the assessment in the hope of gaining merit or even excellence. After Measurement we will concentrate on Algebra, setting the base for the achievement standard next year.

Year 9 Maths overview will be included in the next Canary. *(Pat is away with the year 11/12 class today)*

Overview for Science

Year 11 Science will be covering the large physics achievement standard this term. This unit is important to these students because most of them will tackle the Physics level 2 course.

Year 10 Science will continue with the matter and mixtures unit which sets the basics for Chemistry next year. NCEA level 1 requires teachers to stick to a reasonably rigid timetable so practical work can be a casualty, especially in our school where students are offered such a fantastic outdoor education programme, so our year 10 chemistry is based around practical work.

Year 9 science. This term we will finish the work we have been doing on electricity and magnetism. The next unit of work will focus on the changing earth and we will use current events such as the Icelandic volcano as a context. The last unit of work this term will be a unit called Matter and Mixtures. Here the students will investigate familiar substances and describe, using the concept of the particle nature of matter, how they exist as solids, liquids and gasses.

Overview for Social Studies

Year 9

ANZAC celebrations (NZ at war)
Skills (Mapping and Geography)
Current events- Icelandic volcano etc.

Year 10

Football world cup, global events.
Skills- Photo and cartoon interpretation.
Current events (Icelandic volcano etc)
Research procedures

Year 11

Level 1 NCEA Geography- Extreme Natural Events
Natural Landscapes

Level 3 NCEA Geography- Examine a contemporary issue.

Select and apply skills and ideas in a geographic context.

Overview for English

Year 12

8825- 3 pieces of transactional writing- essay, review, personal response

12905- Wide reading

Novel – AS 90377 “Lord of the Flies”- responding to the text – writing essays- preparation for external exam

Year 11

AS90060- Research –New Zealand - internally assessed. 3 credits.

90059 Presenting- Web Design- 3 credits – internally assessed.

8808 – Wide reading – internally assessed – 3 credits internally assessed –

By end of term 2 12 credits completed

Year 10

Creative writing unit- Describe a place

Novel study – “The Fatman”

Language /Grammar rules

Year 9

Creative writing – Describe a pet

Novel study –“Once:

Language /Grammar rules

COMMUNITY NEWS

ANZAC Parade

This year KAS will be represented at the Karamea ANZAC service. 4 of our students will be laying a wreath. Thank you to Kaia for working with some of the students to create the wreath.

Karamea Fitness Club

A reminder that the Karamea Fitness Club operates out of the Karamea Domain (Rugby Clubrooms). The gym is open everyday. \$2 per visit.

Next week the club takes delivery of some new equipment so come in to check it out. Once the new gear is installed the club will organise training sessions to teach how to use the equipment correctly.

KAS PTA MEETING REMINDER

The PTA would LOVE to see all interested people come along to our meeting on the 3rd of May, in the KAS Staffroom at 7.30PM. Everyone who is interested in joining is more than welcome!

We look forward to seeing you then!

Fitness starts again!

Come along!

Improve and maintain your fitness level, by doing some:

- cardio
- low and high impact
- muscle strengthening
- and stretching exercises

Class starts next Monday, 26th April '10 from 6.30pm to 7.15pm

@ School Gym Hall

Cost: \$ 2.-

See you there!

Any questions? Then call Fabienne 7826 144

Lunch Orders

Friday lunch orders will start next week. A menu with prices will be sent home in the week.



COMING EVENTS

25/4-26/4	Amuri Trials
27/4	Nominations close for the BOT Elections
26/4-30/4	Year 10 Wangapeka Tramp
3/5-7/5	Year 9 Heaphy Tramp
4/5/2010	Teacher Only Day

If you have any dates or information you would like included in the Canary please get it to the office before 10.30am of the day prior to publication.

KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of 3 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice has been posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. **Nominations close at noon on 27/3/2010** and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during normal office hours.

There will also be a list of candidate's names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 11/5/2010