

From the Principals Desk

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Welcome back to another busy and exciting year. I hope that you have all enjoyed the holiday break.



A special welcome to all of the new students and families to Karaka School.

Please note that during the year, the school newsletter will come home with the eldest child on Wednesday afternoons. The newsletter will also be available on our website

www.karaka.school.nz

Staffing

We welcome back Miss Thomas from parental leave.

The Staffing for this year is:

Principal Mr Jon Johnson

Senior Team

Room 1	<u>Miss Kristie Thomas</u>	Year 8	(Deputy Principal)
Room 2	Mrs Kim Richardson	Year 6	
Room 3	Mrs Jean Mallinson	Year 5	
Room 9	Mr Peter Clark	Year 7	
	Mrs Paula Frearson	Several areas of school	

Middle Team

Room 8	<u>Mrs Judith West</u>	Year 4	(Assistant principal)
Room 7	Mrs Sue Corlett	Year 2/3	(Middle Team)
	Ms Ann Siriatt	Several areas of school	

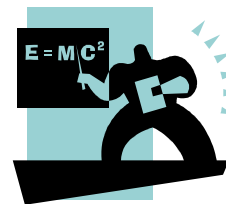
Junior Team

Room 6	<u>Mrs Diana McDonald</u>	Year 0/1	Senior Teacher,
Room 5	Ms Erena Pringle	Year 1/2	(Junior Team)
Room 4	Mrs Clare Aull	Year 2	(Junior Team)

Permanent Part Time Staff

Mrs Paula Frearson
School wide Music and Maori, class teacher release

Ms Ann Siriatt
Reading testing/monitoring, class teacher release



Note we will be starting a new Year 0 class in term 3. It is planned that Mrs Hargreaves will be teaching this class in room 10.

Officer Administrator	Mrs Mandy Winsor
Teacher Aide	Mrs Lyn Fell (Rainbow Reading and Reading Clinic, Admin)
Teacher Aide	Mrs Debbie Withers (Admin, Rainbow Reading, Classroom support)
Caretaker	Mr Alphonsus Nieuwendyk
Cleaner	Mrs Judy Nieuwendijk

Classes

Should any parent have any query about **class** placements please discuss these with the team leader in the first instance.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THIS

Helping keep our kids safe before and after school

This term, Karaka School is participating in Auckland Transport's, Safety at the School Gate programme. Safety at the School Gate is helping to improve safety as well as traffic flow around schools.

Parking officers are on patrol outside your child's school this term to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue infringement tickets to those who are not complying with the rules.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance'

Stopping even momentarily to drop off passengers can compromise children's safety. You will get a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway - as well as other vehicle safety offenses.

Please park appropriately to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.
Thank you for your cooperation.

School Stationery / Accounts

A letter detailing stationery and school related fees was given to each student today. Please send the stationery letter with money tomorrow and your child will receive their stationery pack during the day. Please note that there is a discount of \$25 for school donations that are paid by the end of Term 1. Receipts for donations and fees will be sent home next week.



Bus fees (if applicable) must be received within the first two weeks of each term and a reminder letter will be sent should these remain outstanding.



Sun Safe

Karaka School Safe Sun Policy states that during Term 1 & 4 children are required to have a suitable hat that gives protection to the face, ears and neck. We strongly suggest that our official school hat is the most suitable for this.

Swimming

Swimming is an important part of the school physical education programme. Please ensure that your children bring their togs and towels each day. If your child is unable to swim a note will be required on a day by day basis.



School Uniform

We do have an official school uniform and all children at all levels of the school are to wear school uniforms on a daily basis. Just a reminder, that specific footwear is included in the Karaka School uniform. For summer this is either **black or navy sandals with a back strap** – black or navy crocs are OK. For winter this will be either black or navy shoes with navy socks. All children representing the school at interschool sporting fixtures will also be expected to wear the official sports uniform which is available from the uniform shop. We look forward to our students looking smart from top to toe and believe this will further enhance our positive image and promote the school's identity throughout the community.

Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are named. The uniform shop is located in the hall meeting room. Please see Melanie Klinac for sales on Monday morning's 8.15am from next week onwards.

Absences

If for any reason on a given day, your child will not be attending school, please make a phone call to the school office before 9.30am so that we know your child will be not at school and is safe. Calls are made to the parent/guardian by 10.00am if there is an unexplained absence.



School Bus Travel

Parents are reminded that the school bus service runs under strict rules and regulations for health and safety reasons. If your child travelled by bus last year you should have already viewed and signed a bus transport contract with the school. If in doubt, please check with the office. If you are picking your child up after school and have not advised the office in advance please ensure that the teacher on bus duty is informed.

Finishing the Day

**Our bus bell goes at 2.40pm when bus children are released to go to bus lines.
For all other children the school day finishes at 2.45pm.**

Could parents please collect their child from the concrete area beside the hall and administration block. **Please take extra care when using our school car park and drop/pick up off bay.**



Important Dates

20	February	BOT Meeting, 7.00pm
28	February	Junior Team trip to Butterfly Creek
26 to 30	March	Year 7 & 8 Camp at Tui Ridge Park
5	April	Last Day of term one.



School Banking

Last year we are introduced ASB School Banking. Registration forms are available from the school office if you wish to start school banking.

If your child already has an account with the ASB they simply need to complete the top section (1) to register for school banking. All existing customers registering for school banking qualify for the ASB School Banking Pack. These children can collect deposit envelopes from the office to start their banking straight away once we have received their registration form.

All registration / application forms must be returned to the school office and we will forward them the bank. All children opening new accounts will receive a letter to their home address within about 2 weeks of completing the application form. They can then start regular banking at school. Children will receive an ASB School banking Pack which includes: deposit envelopes, savings diary, joining certificate, Cashin money box and calculator plus the bank also offers incentives and competitions this term.

School banking day is on Thursdays and a secure locked deposit box is located in the school office on the outside wall of the sickbay (students normally enter through the rear door of the office building and can post their deposit slip themselves. All deposits will be taken to the bank in secure bag bags on Friday mornings.



Guitar Lessons



Learn Guitar with experienced professional guitar teacher with Master of Music (University of Auckland) The benefits of learning to play a musical instrument are vast and rich. Research shows that learning to read and play music encourages higher thinking skills. It facilitates self-expression and creativity as well as mathematical thinking skills. Peter Doublinszki MMus perf. Guitar, phone; 09 6384077, mobile; 02102495838, email; dp.guitar@yahoo.co.nz Lessons start next week.

Before School Care Wanted

Before school care required for 8 year old boy. 5 days a week, 7.30am – 8.30am.

Happy to catch the bus. Anything considered in Karaka Area. Contact Richard 0275 505 453