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EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 5, Term 1 2017

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What a wonderful week of learning outside the classroom our students enjoyed last week. Those lucky enough to be able to attend Friday's assembly will have witnessed the amazing images of the junior and middle school students enjoying their learning through authentic experience. By the looks of the smiling faces they had lots of fun too! Thank you to all the students who embraced the challenges, took risks and tried new things. It was wonderful to watch you working and learning alongside each other. Thank you also to our junior and middle school teachers who worked collaboratively to provide the diverse learning opportunities.

Meanwhile, the Intermediate students continued to take on new challenges at their camp at Kokako lodge. I understand that they too have prepared a slideshow for sharing at our next assembly - we can't wait to see your achievements!

Last year we asked for expressions of interest in the mindfulness programme. Thank you to those who responded. Unfortunately, since this time the person who was to facilitate this programme for our students has had to withdraw. As a result, we are unable to offer this programme at this time.

Recently, we have noticed a number of students arriving late for school. We acknowledge that some of these instances have been unavoidable due to delays with buses. However, we would like to remind people that being on time is important for our students as arriving late can unsettle their start to the day. Please remember to contact the school if you are going to be late or absent.

Recently on the news there have been a number of reports of students being approached by people not known to them. Although most of our students are picked up or on the bus, it would still be worthwhile speaking to your child about this.

Nga mihi nui,

Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz

Board News

BOT News

Please be aware that the BOT will be meeting on **Monday 13th March** at 6.30pm in the meeting room by the hall to discuss and make a decision in relation to the Boards constitution as a result of the resignation of two of our members.

Options Include:

- Replacement via a selection process
- Replacement via election
- Altering our constitution

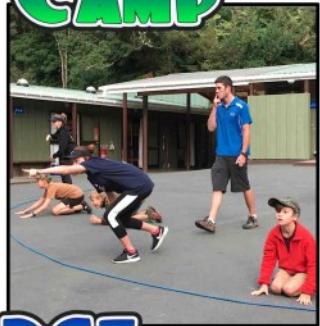
All public are welcome to attend this meeting, however we ask that any submissions be received in writing (one A4 page only) no later than 4pm on Thursday 9th March 2017. These can be sent to our new Board Secretary Nicky Swan at nickys@karaka.school.nz

If you wish to be present at 6pm when the Board is meeting to discuss the findings of the IET (Governance Internal Evaluation Tool) survey, please let the office know so that enough pizza is ordered for all!





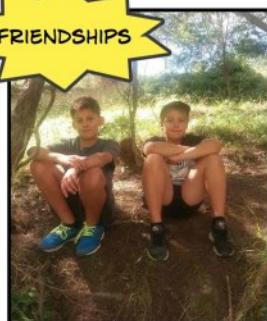
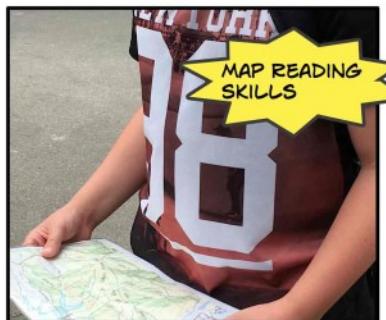
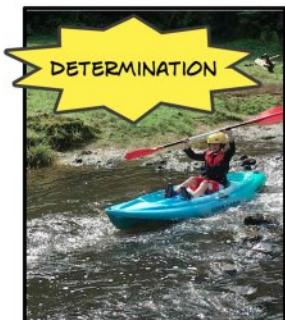
INTERMEDIATE CAMP



KOKAKO LODGE



20TH-24TH FEBRUARY 2017



Intermediate Camp—Kokako Lodge

Last week, the Intermediate students went to Kokako Lodge in the Hunua Ranges for their camp. We were incredibly proud of the students as they displayed Karaka School's values in everything they did. They supported and encouraged each other through the activities and showed perseverance, courage and determination when challenges arose.

The activities included were the Hunua Hunt (a 3 hour tramp), adventure based learning challenges, abseiling on a natural rock wall, rock climbing, archery, high beam, kayaking, The Flying Kiwi, trapeze, The Amazing Race, The Great Pancake Race and a glow worm walk.

We would like to say a special thank you to our parent helpers that helped to make our camp as successful as it was—Mrs Skilton, Mr Rosie, Mr Thompson, Mrs Mills, Mrs Murdoch, Mr Gower, Mr Nissen, Mr Williams, Mrs Slaughter and Mrs Burns.

Meagan Flett and Kim Sutton

Dear Diary

My hands were shaking, the pole was wobbling. My face showed I was confident but inside I was filled with fear.

One foot after the other, I stepped uncertainly onto the vibrating pole. My hands gripped tightly on to the steady rope. Suddenly I heard a booming noise 5.... 4.... 3.... 2.... 1!

I leapt high into the air. I felt a rush of adrenaline as I grabbed onto the slightly wet trapeze. It did it and it turned out to be my favourite activity.

As I let go of the trapeze, I changed the thought of fear in my head to confidence. I soared down to the bottom of the pole, and I felt so proud after that.

Bridget N

Junior and Middle Teams “Education Outside the Classroom” Event

Last Thursday all the junior and middle team children gathered excitedly in the junior courtyard in their six Tamariki Teams. During the day the teams rotated round six different outdoor focused activities—making scroggin and damper, pitching a tent, packing a pack, kayaking, cooking damper over an open fire and a burma trail. We all had a lot of fun learning new skills and trying out activities for the first time.

Then on Friday we packed our scroggin and set off across the road to Guy’s farm where Mrs McDonald led us through paddocks, along the race, up and down hills and back and forth across paddocks. We enjoyed our scroggin on the side of a hill under a large pine tree. Some of the teachers even had a turn on the tyre swing! We were all very hot after our walk so were pleased to be able to have a swim in the school pool once we were all safely back.

Thank you very much to the Guy family for allowing us to walk on their farm.

Thank you to the Stychinsky and Rosie families for the use of their kayaks which they delivered to and collected from our pool.

Thank you to Mr Rob for digging the fire pits for our open fire cooking

Thank you to Miss Yeardley, Mrs Cook, Mrs Glover and Ms Pretty for the use of their tents.

We appreciated all the help and support we received for our outdoor activities.

Judith West



Middle Team Swimming Demonstration

On Friday 10th March you are invited to come to the school pool to watch your child show you what they have been working on and achieving during class swimming lessons this season. Please check with your child what class and swimming group they are in so you come to the pool at the correct time.

- 10.30am—Sharks (from Pateke Room)
- 10.45am—Dolphins (from Pateke Room)
- 11.00am—Mako Sharks (from Kotare & Pukeko Rooms)
- 11.15am—Great White Sharks (from Kotare & Pukeko Rooms)
- 11.30am—Whales (from Kotare & Pukeko Rooms)
- 11.45am—Dolphins (from Kotare & Pukeko Rooms)

All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome.

IMPORTANT—School Updates

You will have recently received change of details update sheet for your child. As you will appreciate the school needs to be updated and informed of any contact and address changes to keep our records accurate. We are also requesting that you **please** check your e-mail address is correct. This will ensure that you receive the newsletter when it is e-mailed out. We also require your e-mail in case of an emergency when we may possibly have to evacuate or lock down the school we can e-mail out notification to parents. Updated custody arrangements are also very important and copies of any custody orders need to be on file at the school. Please check your details and have any changes back to the Office by **Friday 3rd March**.

Thank you to Mrs Noakes for her very generous donation of quality books for our school library. Karaka School is indeed very fortunate to have such wonderful support.

Please do not park in the bus bay and leave your car unattended. The buses need room to get into the School. This is a drop off and move on area only.

School Accounts

Bus fees (if applicable) must be received within the first two weeks of each term. These are now overdue and your prompt payment would be appreciated. Thanks

Please remember to sign in (and then out) when visiting the school, or helping out in the classrooms.

PTA News

The PTA are considering a new supplier for our school uniforms, so are asking for submissions for tender from anyone interested in this. Please contact Kelly Rosie at kell_douglas@hotmail.com for more information.

Samosas Due this Friday

These delicious freshly made samosas are great for entertaining and lunch boxes. Orders and full payment are due this **Friday, 3rd March. 2.45pm**. Delivery day will be Thursday, 16th March.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open Mondays 8.15-9.00. We stock the school uniform and house shirts. If you are interested in purchasing a house shirt, please do so before 31 March.

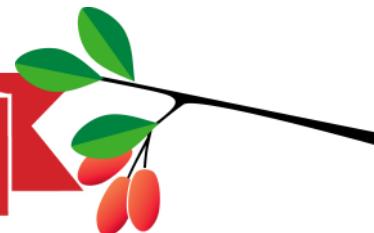
PTA AGM has been scheduled for Wednesday, 8th March in the meeting room in the hall, 7.30pm. All welcome to come hear the new year's plan and share ideas.

Nits—Just a reminder at this time of the year, to please check your child's hair regularly. Make sure you brush hair regularly and long hair is tied up. Also check everyone in the household. Lice die of old age at around 40 days, unless they are killed before that. A female may have laid **100** eggs by then!!! The office has Head Lice Information sheets if you require one.

Reminder Dates

- 3rd March** PTA Samosa orders and payment due back
- 8th March** PTA AGM 7.30pm
- 10th March** Assembly 1.50pm
- 13th March** BOT meeting 6.30pm (or 6.00pm for survey results)
- 16th March** PTA Samosa delivery

Community Notices



KARAKA NETBALL CLUB

Calling all Year 1-4 Netballers

The following options are available to play netball for Karaka Netball Club for the 2017 season

Papakura Netball Centre

ANZ Future Ferns
Saturday mornings
Starting 6th May
10 week programme

Cost \$71.00
including t-shirt

*Have a Go Day for this programme
Saturday 4th March
At Bruce Pulman Netball Courts*

Pukekohe Netball Centre

Future Ferns
Friday nights
Starting 12th May
Year 1&2: 8 week programme
Year 3&4: ends 25th August

Cost \$75.00
Includes uniform

Year 1&2 begins 4.30pm
Year 3&4 begins 5.30pm

To register or further enquiries:
[email karakanetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:karakanetballclub@gmail.com)

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