



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 9, Term 1 2017

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Even on a wet and wild day the authentic learning opportunities remain uninterrupted here at Karaka School! Today the middle team students and teachers popped on their raincoats and put up their umbrellas so they could venture to the Botanic Gardens. Here they enjoyed all the exciting learning opportunities related to our Pest and Predator Inquiry. Meanwhile, a group of our creatively talented students departed for 'Eye on Nature'. This event also hosts the 'Wearable Arts' competition. The theme this year is 'garden to table'. With the help of Miss Yeardley and Mrs Maunder, some of our students have created wonderful wearable creations using upcycling and a range of natural materials. We wish them the best for the show this coming weekend! Over in the senior school, our Kapa Haka group travelled to Papakura Intermediate today to take part in the renaming ceremony. These students, along with about 20 other schools in our region, learnt and performed a haka telling their collective story of their coming together. Each school then presented their own school haka. Karaka was outstanding! We could not be more proud. A huge thankyou to Mr Glover for his expertise and to Mrs Flett and Miss Maihi for their commitment to this also. I would also like to acknowledge Jayden C and Leah T who led our haka with such passion and pride. This was an incredibly powerful and unique experience for our students to be a part of - one which they will remember for years to come I am certain! Watch out for us on ONE news!

A reminder to all parents that images of students (other than your own) are not to be uploaded to social media without the permission of the child's parent or guardian. This is for reasons of privacy. Thank you.



3 Way and Student Led Conferences – Booking Information

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Type in the Event number **jd8yn** and click Go.

Follow the three simple steps.

There are two days to choose from - Wednesday 5th April and Thursday 6th April

Time slots are 15 minutes in duration or senior team 30 minutes in duration.

It is recommended if you have more than one child that you do not do back to back bookings so you have to have time to get from one class to another.

If a time is already taken then it will be blocked out.

If you do not have access to a computer, please call into the office and we can help you arrange your appointment. Bookings close 3.00pm Tuesday 4th.

Community Working Bee

Just to let you know that given the very wet weather this week and a very generous offer of help from within the community to aerate and replace cushion fall under the Senior Playground, we will be cancelling the working bee this weekend. We will however be looking to have a working bee later in the year when the weather is more predictable. Enjoy your weekend!

Photolife

Friday 31st March

If you wish to have sibling photos on Friday, please call into the office to fill in the booking form. You will receive a special shoot key to be able to view and order online.

ANZAC Poppies will be on sale Tuesday next week—a gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated. Seniors will be coming to the classrooms every day to sell them.

Guitar Lessons are back Term 2

If your child would like to have guitar lessons please contact Erik Buys erikbuys118@gmail.com

Lessons will be 30 minutes on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am to 12.20pm (\$25.00 per lesson).

Red and Yellow Day—Supporting the Westpac helicopter.

Wear red or yellow Friday 5th May and bring a gold coin donation to support the Westpac Helicopter.

Junior Team Trip to Botanic Gardens

The sun was shining as the Junior team set off to the Botanic Gardens with a bus load of very excited Junior children.

The learning experiences at the Gardens were wonderful. The children loved going on a bug hunt and digging in the ground searching for different creatures. The children had lots of hands on experiences and enjoyed dressing up and acting out the pollination process with bees and butterflies.

We had a close look at the worm farm and how food scraps can be recycled into compost.

Using the microscope and constructing life cycles were also great hands on opportunities for the children.

The children are to be complimented on their behaviour not only at the gardens but travelling to and from on the bus. Well done Junior Team, the teachers were very proud of you.

A huge thank you to all the parents who came with us. We can't take part in these rich learning experiences without your support.



Reminder Dates

- 30th March** Wearable Arts dress rehearsal 5-8pm
- 31st March** Photolife, Tough Guy and Gal challenge entries close
- 1st April** Multi-cultural festival and Turbo Touch 12.00-4.00 Puke Intermediate
- 1st April** Wearable Arts Botanic Gardens 6.00-8.00pm
- 4th April** Conference bookings close 3.00pm
- 5th/6th April** 3 way and student led conferences
- 5th April** Year 5/6 Tee Ball day
- 7th April** Assembly 1.45pm
- 13th April** House Challenge, Last day of Term 1
- 1st May** Term 2 starts



Community Notices

Annie

Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students
aged 5 – 15 years

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes,
concluding the week with a performance!

18 - 21 April 2017, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Howick College

View our website: www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 0800 667 469

ARTZONSHOW.

Everyday Heroes—Botany Town Centre on 1st April

It's a South Auckland event and we would love children and their families from all areas to come and enjoy the day. It's an awesome opportunity for the public to interact with their emergency services.

THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB Holiday Workshops for children aged 7yrs+ are open for bookings in Pukekohe. Bring science to life with fun filled, action packed science and technology sessions. Term 2 After School Classes are also available. For more information and bookings please check out www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz

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