

Week 10 Term Two 2017

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What an exciting term of learning we have had! Yesterday the Year 0 to 6 students showcased their inquiry learning with a wonderful celebration in the hall. Students were able to share what they had learnt over the term with their whanau and this was well received by all those who attended. Thank you to all those who were able to join in this special sharing time. Meanwhile the Year 7 & 8 students are busy learning all about robotics! Our expert STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) teacher is in this week leading the learning in Mangopare. Keep an eye on school dojo for pics of the hands-on learning that is happening for our Intermediate students.

We are pleased to have been able to team up with a philanthropic organisation that sends unwanted school furniture and books to our neighbours in the Pacific Islands. Our old desks and chairs are due to be collected and prepared for shipping at the beginning of Term 3 and will furnish two classrooms.

Welcome to Miss Peters! With an increasing new entrant roll, the decision was made to move the opening of the new board funded class forward to the beginning of the term. We look forward to welcoming our new learners to Kapowai room.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our learning community this term we have appreciated your support! Have a well deserved break and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new term.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

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House challenge!

I could smell the fear of my friends in Hobson, as they quivered as we waited for our turn!

I could see the hall shake as we yelled our hearts out!

I could hear the booming voices of Hobson lifting the roof of our hall!

I could feel myself shake like crazy as my nerves got higher and higher!

I could taste the saliva building up in my mouth as I screamed the school haka!

By Chris (Mokomoko room)

The Haka Challenge

I could hear my house members yelling loudly, trying to show the judges we had mana.

I could feel my heart pound like a drum hitting strongly.

I could taste my fear as I boomed out my school's haka with pride.

I could smell nerve racking air that all the houses breathed while watching everyone present their haka.

I could see the jelly-wobble nerves of kids getting up to powerfully boom out the haka.

By Ella (Mokomoko room)



Last Friday morning we held our termly 'House Event'. This term's event was a cultural challenge which involved each house learning and performing our school haka. Our school haka was first taught to our Senior Kapa Haka group and they performed it at Papakura Intermediate School's renaming ceremony earlier in the year. This term our senior Kapa Haka members were leaders in teaching their house the haka and Friday's event was spine tingling and tear jerking. We encourage you to come along to assembly this Friday as we will be performing our school haka with pride.

Inquiry Sharing

Yesterday the hall was packed with parents and whanau who had come to see the Years 0-6 classes share their learning about a variety of Ancient Civilizations.

It was wonderful to see the variety of dances performed and to see the children so involved with learning about another culture.

The displays around the hall were a great sharing of all the aspects the children had been investigating, there were even some tasty food samples.

Thank you to Jenny Glover who had helped research and teach the various cultural dances.







ECCS Hockey

Karaka School came 5th= in the ECCS Hockey tournament coming away with 2 wins and 1 draw. Well done team.

Congratulations to Zane W, Brydon G, Jack C and Dylan M (goalie) who made the ECCS team who came 3rd in the Counties Tournament yesterday at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga.

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge



My Fun-Filled Muddy Adventure

I snatched my bag from the bus full of hurrying children, and walked down the shiny metal steps. I was beaming with excitement as I was about to participate in my first ever mud run! Swarms of children, teachers and parents were entering the venue, all seemingly as excited as I was. We laid out a bright blue tarpaulin and placed all of our belongings onto it. From the corner of my eye I noticed a huge black truck with speakers surrounding it. Children began to gather around and dance to the booming music. Our group of Karaka children joined in and began to dance. There was a prize for the school who could do the best singing and dancing, and our school won! The prize was popcorn for the entire school, which would soon be delivered directly to us. The man on the stage quickly discussed the briefing before we began the event.

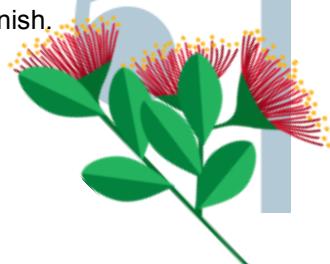
A few moments later, we were all directed towards a narrow pathway that would be the entrance for the run. The ground was covered in squelchy, squishy mud, and the mud run hadn't even begun yet! Martials were sending people off in groups so the track and obstacles wouldn't become congested. Eventually we were released, and off we went! We ran down a muddy track, surrounded with trees and bushes splattered with mud. I could hear a faint squealing and shrieking coming from the other side of the trees. As we came out the other side of the trees I realised why everyone was shrieking. A group of girls were sliding down a slippery mudslide, and plummeting into the dark, murky water. The water looked disgusting, but it also looked like fun so I slowly slid down and cautiously stepped into the water.

"Argh! I'm stuck!" I squealed, as I struggled to free myself from the hungry mud monster that was engulfing my shoe. I managed to free myself, and continued to trudge up the tiring hill. I had never seen this much mud in my entire life! Soon, I came across the first obstacle - a tall fence post which you had to climb over. The wood was covered in slimy mud, and it made it difficult to climb over. I swung my legs over the top and leapt down, landing in a mushy pile of mud. It was downhill from there, but I could see more tricky obstacles ahead. Next was a row of tunnels, very low tunnels! I hesitantly got to my hands and knees, but knew that I had to go through in order to get to the other side. The tunnel was very long and narrow, and filled with gooey mud. When I got to the end of the tunnel, a huge smile stretched across my face. I was covered head to toe in thick, swampy mud!

A while later, and after countless challenges the mud run was nearly complete! I could see the finish line, so my friends and I all joined hands to finish the race together. We all ran down the track towards the line, and we couldn't stop smiling. We had officially completed the mud run!

It was tough at times, but we managed to push through and finish.

By Sophie B



AG DAY

23rd September 2017

Ag Day Auction—please start thinking about goods or services you could donate for the auction. In the past we have had loads of firewood, bikes, sporting memorabilia, appliances, fishing trips and cash (to buy items). All items big or small gratefully accepted.

Animals— Calves must be born between 1 June and the end of August. All calves must have an ear tag and a TB Certificate. Lambs, goats and chickens do not have any set dates to be born by; however they must be this seasons.

Information Booklet—An Ag Day Information Booklet was emailed out last Friday. This booklet has all the information you need to help you prepare for Ag Day. Please note that **EVERY** child should be either entering an animal or completing one of the projects. **EVERY child must hand in an entry form.** The booklet, entry forms and chicken order forms are also found on our website.

Chickens— Order forms and money for chickens need to be back at school by **THIS FRIDAY**. Chickens will be available Friday 28th July—including is a small bag of chicken food.



PTA News

Lunchroom

Our cookie time cookies have passed their “best before” date. I have spoken to Cookie Time and they have assured me that they are still safe to be consumed.

This Friday they will be on sale for \$1.00 in the lunchroom.

Debbie Holmes

The PTA will be holding an end of term Sausage Sizzle on Friday 7 July. Sausages are \$2.00

Art Exhibition

A huge thank you to all the Art Exhibition supporters for supporting the PTA / Student fundraiser. Your art will be framed and sent home in Term 3.

Art Raffle—If your child is interested in purchasing tickets for the backpack full of wonderful art supplies and crafts (\$2 each or 3 or \$5) please buy them at the office. Winner will be drawn on FRIDAY at the end of term assembly.

Reminder Dates

5th July	PTA meeting 7.00pm
7th July	Assembly 1.45pm, Last day of term
24th July	Term 3 starts
12th August	PTA Quiz night
21st August	Heat 1: Years 0-2 Karaka's Got Talent
22nd August	Heat 2: Years 3-4 Karaka's Got Talent
23rd August	Heat 3: Years 5-6 Karaka's Got Talent
24th August	Heat 4: Years 7-8 Karaka's Got Talent
25th August	Grand Final Karaka's Got Talent
23rd September	AG Day



Community Notices



Hope Unlimited Trust—Building Awesome Whanau—A wonderful new Parenting Toolbox Programme for parents of children aged 0-12 years. Enrol now—30th July, 13th and 27th August. 14 Harrington Avenue, Pukekohe

Www.hopeunlimitedtrust.org.nz or phone 0923 91823

Sore Throats—Rheumatic Fever—Heart Damage

A sore throat can lead to rheumatic fever if it is left untreated. Rheumatic fever is very serious and can cause heart damage. Please see your doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked. Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 to find out more.

AG DAY - KID GOATS FOR SALE

Kid goats will be available from the 8th July and through August with collections on Saturday mornings at our farm in Patumahoe. There will be no collections on the 22nd and 29th July due to busy farm operations.

The cost is \$50 per kid and both sexes are available. Sorry no return kids.

Please place an order via txt to Sadie 0211822858 by Wednesday each week for Saturday collection.

Ankid milk powder (\$100) and kids starter meal (\$20) will be on sale at the farm. Bottles, teats and bedding also available.

For more information please view our Facebook page at Oete Goat Farm.

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KARAKA SCHOOL

Karate

DETAILS:

When: Tuesdays 3.00 to 4.00pm

First Class: Tuesday 25th July 2017

Cost: \$90 for 8 classes in Term 3 (**Sensei Laura is competing in the**

World Tournament in Romania in September so there will not be any classes on the 12th and 19th September. We are very proud of her and wish her success.

Additional: \$20 Annual Registration Fee if this has not yet been paid.

Grading date: 29th August. This is an exceptionally important test that grades karateka to Their next level. There is an additional \$5 cost for this test.

BENEFITS OF KARATE:

Co-ordination

Spatial Awareness

Balance

Memory

Confidence

Muscle Strength

Sequencing

Body Awareness

Concentration

Fitness

Social Skill Development



Your child will be met by Sensei Laura at the designated collection area, be given time to change and to have a snack. Parents are always welcome to come and watch the class. Please note that while this class is run at Karaka School, it is run independently of the school.

INSTRUCTOR: Sensei Laura Fourie

Laura specialises in teaching children. Laura is a member of the New Zealand Karate Team, winning a Silver Medal at the last Goju Ryu World Champs, and has been awarded her Black Belt and Karate Teaching Qualification under the guidance of Sensei Penny Cheketri who is a primary school teacher, and has been teaching karate to children for 34 years. Laura also has 15 years experience running Outdoor Education Programmes focusing on school age groups.



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THIS CLASS

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