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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 5, Term 3 2017

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What an incredibly busy and exciting week of learning we have had!

Last Thursday all our students enjoyed a highly informative and interactive experience performed by the Science in a Van team that supports their current inquiry learning "What's the Matter?" Our learners were treated to an array of science experiments and participated with enthusiasm. Thank you once again to the PTA who funded this wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

Meanwhile, we have been enjoying listening to the speeches (Year 5-8) and poetry recitals (Year 1-4). Selecting the finalists from each class (Year 3 & up) was a challenging task due to the quality of public speaking we have been treated to. Congratulations to each and every one of you who presented a poem or speech - we are proud of you all! The finals were held Tuesday and the judging didn't get any easier! You can see the final results below. A BIG thank you to Mrs Cook for her superb organisation of this event.

Year 7 and 8	Year 5 and 6	Year 3 and 4
1st Bridget N	1st Jay-el J	1st Ryan D
2nd William R	2nd Kyra M	2nd Alex K
3rd Lauren N	3rd James O	3rd Emma B

Karaka School is full of talent! The student council with the support of Rainbow Robin organised a talent quest this week for our students to enjoy. So far we have been entertained by some talented Junior and Middle school children. The Senior school will have an opportunity to show off their talents on Thursday before the finalists from each category perform at the grand final on Friday. Good luck to all the contestants!

PAPAKURA PRINCIPALS APPRECIATE OUR STAFF

On Friday 1 September, the Papakura Principals' Association will hold their first Papakura wide School Staff Appreciation Day. We will be encouraging each school to embrace this as a day for both Boards of Trustees and the wider parent community to show their appreciation for the work of our teachers, teacher aides and school staff.

Our staff are dedicated, hardworking and committed to their students learning and wellbeing. They work endless hours of unpaid overtime, spend their personal money on resources and treats for their students and constantly put the needs of their students first. They teach, encourage, mentor, praise, coach, influence, share, guide and inspire on a daily basis.

Parents and students can get behind this day by showing their appreciation of the school staff that they value. One kind word can change someone's day and the power of a thank you or a smile for all that they do will last a long time.

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds

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READING MILEAGE PROGRAMME

Our Reading Mileage Programme is going really well however we still need a few more helpers. Can you spare an hour on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning (8.45am-9.45am) to read with some of our junior students. Please contact Carla Cook in the office.



ECCS Cross Country at Te Puru Park

A big thank you to Elizabeth Cornish who was our marshal for the day and Adele Lamb who was our recorder—we appreciate your time and availability to help.

Top Ten Placings:

Year 4/5 girls: Gemma M 3rd; Alice R 4th; Jasmine V 5th; Maddison Y 7th

Year 4/5 boys: Declan L 8th

Year 6 girls: Kyra M 4th

Year 6 boys: Hayden D 7th

Year 7 boys: Zane W 3rd; William R 6th

Year 8 boys: Dylan M 8th

Congratulations to Zane, William and Dylan who have made the ECCS Cross Country team to run in the Zone Cross Country competition at the A & P Showgrounds on Friday 25th August. We wish these boys good luck and all the best.

Science In A Van

On Thursday the whole school went to Science in a Van. First Allan made bubbles bounce in a bubble and it went in the bubble. Then he made a cloud. It felt like air. Next me and Emma got to hold a bubble. I said "WOW, I didn't know I could hold a bubble!"

Harry M

Science In A Van

On Thursday the whole school went to Science in a Van in the Hall. Emily pulled the table cloth, none of the coffee mugs fell off. Then Allan did a big bubble. We blew on it. I went up on the stage. I held a bubble. It was incredible.

Emma D



Years 0-6 Science Rotation

Next Tuesday and Wednesday all the children in Years 0-6 will be placed into 10 teams to take part in a two day Science Rotation based on our current Inquiry focus all about matter.



The children will move with their team round 10 different science activities, each activity will be led by a teacher. The children will begin and end each day in their home room.

Remember to ask your child next week to explain or share some of the science activities with you. The Science rotation will replace our usual class programmes for Tuesday and Wednesday.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

The following students have received a principal's award recently in relation to our virtue of 'COMMITMENT'



<i>Awarded at assembly on the 18th August 2017</i>		TUI: Ella H Cooper R	RURU: Mikayla C
WETA: Daniel G	KOTARE: Hunter Y	PUKEKO: Tara A	PATEKE: Piper H
PEPEKETUA: Joshua B	MOKOMOKO: Jay-el J	MANGOPARE: Hamish T Jack C	KAPOWAI: Charlie T

Video & Editing Skills Required

Can you help? We are seeking someone who has skills (amateur or otherwise!) in the area of recording and editing a short video clip for our website. A group of talented students will participate in this project and require the guidance of a passionate person willing to volunteer their time and expertise. The end result will be a feature clip on our website and students will have benefited greatly from the experience. If you are interested, please let me know by Emailing: sarahh@karaka.school.nz

Police Vetting

We have been informed by the Police Vetting Agency that effective from 1st July 2017 there will be a charge for this. This will be \$10.00. If you wish to volunteer at our school, we suggest you call in to the office to complete the application form. Two forms of ID are required—e.g. birth certificate, passport, drivers licence.

Ice Cream Containers

Mrs McDonald is looking for ice cream containers. If you have any spare could you drop them off at Tui Room. Thanks!





23rd September 2017

Celebrating 85 years of Ag Day

RAFFLE

Please support Agricultural Day by sending to school (*at least one item per family per week please*). These go towards the raffles on Agricultural Day and we greatly appreciate your support.

21 August – 25 August	Tins (e.g. fruit, baked beans, spaghetti)
28 August – 1 September	Bottles (e.g. cooking oil, wine, vinegar, mayonnaise, sauces)
4 September – 8 September	Packets (e.g. tea, coffee, paper towels, cereal, pasta)
11 September – 15 September	Garden Items/Pet Supplies (e.g. trowels, gloves, toys, pet food)

Please check expiry dates on items before sending them to school

LUCKY DIPS—The Ag Day committee have asked that each child bring in a \$2.00 item towards the lucky dip stall. House points will be given!

BOOKS / DVDs—Please start bringing in books and DVDs for our book stall. Please drop off in the hall foyer.

CITRUS / PLANTS / VEGETABLES / PRODUCE—We will be having a produce stall on the day. If you have access to any product that we could sell on the stall please let us know.

PLASTIC BAGS—Please drop plastic bags off in the hall foyer.

AG DAY AUCTION

ITEMS NEEDED !!!!!

As many of you may or may not be aware the Ag Day Auction is a major fundraiser for the school. Each year it raises between \$10,000—\$15,000 for our kids.

With many long-standing, supportive families moving on to High Schools we need more existing and new families to step up and help find donations to go towards the auction so that it continues to be a success.

We welcome donations of all types big or small. 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.

Please be aware that organising the auction is a mammoth task - it would be really helpful if items could be pledged before the week of Ag Day even if not ready for delivery to school. But we will of course happily take items right up to Ag day!!

Please call Gaylene (021965911) if you have any queries.



VOLUNTEERS FOR STALLS ON AG DAY

The online system for volunteers is now **OPEN**

Go to
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Type in event number **x2g3j**

Follow the simple steps to choose the stall (there are three drop down boxes for stalls) you would like to help on and the times you would prefer.

Feel free to spend more than one hour helping out, and you can choose more than one stall too. Be aware that if your child/children are bringing an animal then you should choose a later time.

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
7PM IN THE STAFFROOM**

TROPHIES

**All 2016 AG Day Trophies need
to be returned cleaned and
polished to the school office
NOW please!**

PTA News

The next PTA meeting is **TONIGHT at 7pm** in the meeting room.

All welcome to come and contribute to our PTA projects.

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David is coming to
Karaka School on
Sunday 27th August



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Reminder Dates

24th August	Heat 4: Years 7-8 Karaka's Got Talent
25th August	Grand Final Karaka's Got Talent
27th August	David the Fotoman
28th – 1st Sept	STEM week seniors
1st September	Middle team sleepover
4th September	BOT meeting 5.00pm
5th September	Ag Day meeting 7.00pm
7th September	Whanau Hui 9.00am
11th-15th Sept	AIMS games tournament
23rd September	Ag Day (compulsory school day)
24th October	Day in Lieu of Ag Day

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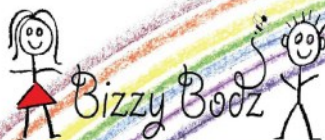
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