



Karakaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

Reminders & Updates Flyer
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Week 6 Term Four 2017

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Karakaka School is being showcased as a place of best practice in implementing Assessment for Learning pedagogy (theory and practice of teaching and learning) by Auckland University and the Education Hub, which is a not for profit organisation that fosters improvement and innovation in education by bringing together people, resources and ideas.

Dr Nina Hood has visited Mrs Corlett and the senior leadership team to discuss and record how assessment for learning (A4L) has been implemented so successfully into our place of learning. Mrs Corlett's practical teaching strategies have been recognised as 'expert' in this field and as such will be used to help others in education take the implementation of A4L from theory to practice. This recognition of excellence is a testament to the quality of professional learning undertaken by all our staff using evidence based research into what constitutes effective learning.

So what does this mean for your child? You can be assured that your child/ren are receiving a high quality of teaching and learning due to this shared pedagogical approach across the school regardless of year level, team or teacher. As educators we are committed to our own ongoing professional learning so that we remain relevant, reflective and up to date to ensure that we are delivering the NZ Curriculum to the highest quality.

Learning Enrichment Programme (LEO)

Only one week remains of our LEO programme and we would like to extend a HUGE thank you to those people who have volunteered their time and expertise to work alongside our Year 4-8 students in order to offer them diverse learning experiences. This year, the following programmes were offered to our students to opt into:

- Coding
- Masterchef
- Interschool Touch
- Mural Painting
- Canvas Art
- Kapa haka Uniform Design
- Wearable Arts
- Homemade Cosmetics (2 classes)
- Electronics
- Sports

Special Assembly

A special assembly will be held on December 13th to farewell Mrs West and McDonald. The assembly will begin at 9am and will be followed by morning tea. Parents are welcome to attend.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz



Parent Helper and Friends of the School Morning Tea

Tuesday 28th November at 10.00 in the School Hall

As a **thank you** to all of you who have helped out at school on a voluntary basis over the year, we would like to invite you to morning tea.

This especially applies to those who help in the BOT, PTA, Ag Day committee, library, Bible in Schools, uniform shop, lunchroom, Lucky Books, Reading Mileage, Early Words programme, magazine, sausage sizzles, school camps, book taping, Middle Team sleepover, school trips, choir rehearsals, our production, individual classroom teacher help, parents who have helped transport and any others who have assisted the staff during the year.

Ukelele Group 2018

Are you able to play the Ukelele and keen to work with eager musicians next year? We would like to start a lunchtime Ukelele group in 2018. If you are available please contact Mrs Cook.



Library Books and Junior Readers Stocktakes

We will be completing our annual stocktakes very shortly. Please check at home for any junior readers or journals. Library books that are overdue will be charged to the individual at the replacement rate.

School Council News

Gift Giving—Kids First Middlemore

Can you donate a small gift to brighten up a child's day? We would like to deliver some gifts to sick/injured children in hospital in the last week of school. Please drop your donated gift into the box in the office .

Thank you for your support.

Accounts

If you have any outstanding accounts due e.g. bus, camp, AIMS, athletics, technology, class consumables etc we would really appreciate payment before the end of Term. Thanks.



Kids 4 Kids Choir

Last Wednesday night our very talented Kids 4 Kids choir members joined about 450 children to form a massed choir at Vodafone Events Centre. Jackie Clark and Nathan King led the show which certainly entertained the audience and raised awareness of the work World Vision do for children in other countries. Our choir had been at rehearsal all that morning learning all the hand movements that accompanied each song. Mrs Corlett and Mrs West had front row seats and were so proud of all our singers especially William, Grace, Olivia and Caris who were dancing front of stage as part of the "Mod Squad".



Reminder Dates

- 24th November** Assembly
- 28th November** Parent Helper and Friends of the School Morning Tea 10.00
- 30th November** Farewell assembly 9.30am
- 30th November** Whanau Hui 9.00am in the staffroom
- 1st December** Middle Team Big Day Out
- 1st December** Junior Team Big Day In
- 4th December** Rainbows End trip, BOT meeting 5.00pm
- 6th December** Weet-Bix Triathlon, PTA meeting 7.00pm
- 7th December** Year 8 Graduation dinner
- 8th December** School assembly 1.45
- 11th December** Intermediates Big Day Out
- 12th December** Year 5 and 6 Big Day Out
- 13th December** Farewell assembly 9.00am, Prize giving 6.00pm
- 15th December** Last day—School finishes at **12.00**
- 30th January** Term 1, 2018
- 21-25 May** Year 5 and 6 camp—Camp Bentzon, Kawau Island
- 28 May-1 June** Year 7 and 8 camp—MERC, Long Bay



Community Notices



Young at Art are running a variety of exciting pre-Christmas Art workshops in the week prior to Christmas for 5-16 year olds in Pukekohe. We will also be back with after school Art classes for Term 1 in Pukekohe and Pokeno, as term 1 always books up fast so we recommend booking in early. For more information please check out: www.youngatart.co.nz/ / email: admin@youngatart.co.nz / Ph. 021 161 6412

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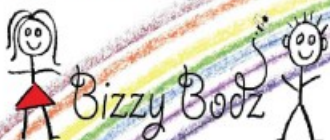
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