



# Karaka School

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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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17 February 2016

Newsletter

## Principal's Note

Week 3, Term 1 2016

*Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.*

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

#### **ERO**

Next week we will be hosting two people from the Education Review Office (ERO). As is fitting for special visitors, we will be holding a powhiri to welcome them. We would like to invite you to this official welcome. The **powhiri** will be held at **9.00am on Monday 22nd February**. Parents and whanau are very welcome to join us in the school hall. The powhiri will be followed by a morning tea for us prepared by our wonderful PTA.

#### **Boot Camp**

This morning our AIMS Academy students and a selection of (brave) staff and parents participated in our first Boot Camp training session. Held each Wednesday morning, Boot Camp will help to prepare our intermediate students for participation in the AIMS Games in September. Thank you to George Glover for organising this. I suspect there will be a few sore bodies in the morning!!

#### **Professional Learning Communities**

Munch, Mingle and Meet!

We look forward to sharing learning information with you at our "Munch, Mingle and Meet" evening tonight. Due to the poor weather, the picnic will be in the hall. Please bring a picnic blanket to sit on as well as your picnic meal. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new people, reacquaint with old friends and for us to share with you information about our learning community. More details of this event are included later in this newsletter.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

[Principal@karaka.school.nz](mailto:Principal@karaka.school.nz)

## Please join us for:

**Munch Mingle and Meet**—a welcome back to school picnic and information evening.

This is an opportunity to meet and mingle with the staff and BOT of Karaka School, mingle with other parents and whanau, find out how you can become actively involved in our school and learn about the exciting year ahead!

When: TONIGHT 17th February 5pm

Where: Top flat or in the Hall if raining

What: BYO picnic

Followed by....

6pm: Introductions—staff and BOT and an overview of the year ahead

6.20pm: Junior School meeting in tui (room y6)

6.40pm: Middle School meeting kotara (old library)

7.00pm: Senior School meeting kapowai (room 2)

Between 6.20pm and 7.30pm Youthtown instructors will be supervising children on the bottom flat or in the Hall if raining.

We look forward to welcoming you all!

## School Accounts

Please note that there is a discount of \$25.00 for school donations that are paid by the end of Term 1. **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

A big thank you to Adele and Mike Loveridge for the donation of two large boards that will be the base of our pool mural. Thank you also to the Stirling family for supplying the undercoat and to Shane Downey for his proactive organisational skills and painting assistance.

Ann Siriatt



## Frozen February

Every Friday in February the Year 7 and 8 students will be selling ice blocks for \$1.00 to fundraise for their school camp. Junior classes will hand their money to their teacher each Friday morning. Middle and senior children to line up for their purchase.

### **William Pike Launch— Thursday 3rd March 6.30-7.30pm**

#### **Karaka School Hall**

#### **Speaker: William Pike**

*William Pike is a living legend, popular inspirational speaker, a role model for NZ youth and a leader in the outdoor and education industries. He is a living, breathing example to people of all ages that can overcome adversity and challenges, leading to a more fulfilling life. He is the man behind the “William Pike Challenge Award”.*

Karaka School would like to invite both students and parents from Year 3 and up to come and listen to William Pike speak about the “William Pike Challenge Award”. This award is tailored towards the Year 7 and 8 students but we would like to provide this opportunity to any other interested parents. We will be taking part in the “William Pike Challenge Award” every second year so your children will have one opportunity in Year 7 and 8 to take part and experience this award.

Over the year the students will complete:

- 8 outdoor activities
- 20 hours of community service
- Personal development of a new sport or hobby.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the William Pike Launch night. Please see Kim Sutton if you have any questions.

#### **Taping Books**

The Senior school have purchased a number of readers for their class. Is there anyone available to help in taping the books? Please see Kylie in the office if you can help out.

Thank you.



## PTA AGM

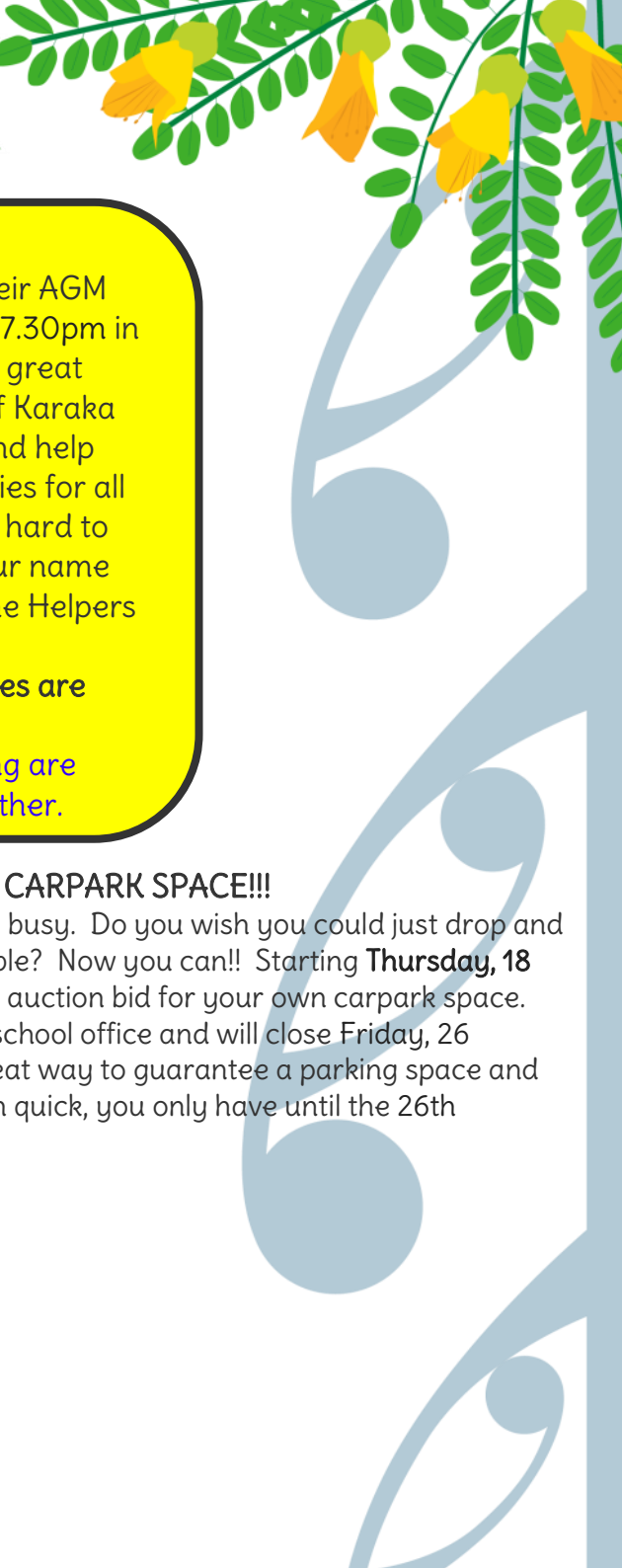
The PTA will be having their AGM on Wednesday 9 March, at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. This is a great opportunity for parents of Karaka School to get involved and help create learning opportunities for all children. If meetings are hard to attend, please give us your name and number to be put on the Helpers List.

**All Karaka School families are welcome.**

**Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.**

## SILENT AUCTION FOR YOUR CARPARK SPACE!!!

Some days our carpark is pretty busy. Do you wish you could just drop and go or always have a park available? Now you can!! Starting **Thursday, 18 February**, you can put in a silent auction bid for your own carpark space. The Bidding Sheet will be in the school office and will close Friday, 26 February at 2.55pm. What a great way to guarantee a parking space and fundraising for your school! Get in quick, you only have until the 26th February. Good luck!!



# Reminder Dates

<b>17 February</b>	Munch Mingle and Meet 5pm Hall, BYO picnic
<b>19-26 February</b>	PTA Silent Auction for car park space
<b>19 February</b>	2016 Head Student speeches 1.30pm in the Hall
<b>22-25 Feb</b>	ERO visiting, Powhiri 9.00am
<b>26 February</b>	Senior School swimming sports, Assembly
<b>02 March</b>	ECCS swimming
<b>03 March</b>	William Pike Launch
<b>09 March</b>	PTA meeting/AGM 7.30pm in the Staffroom
<b>10 March</b>	Middle team trip to Maritime Museum
<b>11 March</b>	Zone swimming, Assembly
<b>17 March</b>	Bible/Life Skills start 9.00am
<b>08 April</b>	Assembly

## Community Notices

**ACG Strathallan Open Day—Saturday 12th March 10.30—2.30pm. All Welcome.**

### Supporting success in your school.

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### Children's Day

\* **Bouncy Castle, Toy Library, Crafts, Prizes and competitions, Handmade Market**

**Sunday 6th March @**

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10.00—2.00pm**

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