



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 7, Term 1 2016

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

3 Way Conferences

This term you will have the opportunity to share in your child's learning achievements at the scheduled 3 way conferences on **Wednesday April 6th and Thursday April 7th**. **School will close at lunchtime (12.20pm) on the Wednesday** to ensure that we are able to accommodate all our families. Please collect your child from school at **12.20pm**. The bus will depart at the normal time – any bus children who are unable to be picked up will be supervised in the Library by Mrs Thorby. After School care will be operating from 12.20pm.

Children, with the support of their teachers, will share their recent learning, celebrate their achievements and share their next steps. This is an opportunity for parents to be genuinely involved in their child's learning by celebrating alongside your child and being able to identify how you are able to support learning at home in ways that will make a real difference to achieving identified goals.

3 way conferences are focused on the development of the learner. This means that the conversations will be learning focused and will include dialogue around academic achievements and next learning steps as well the development of the key competencies as described in the New Zealand Curriculum. Should you wish to discuss anything that does not fit in this brief; an alternative time to meet can be scheduled. Please email the teacher directly to initiate this. Remember, we are always available to meet with you at any time of the year should you have questions or concerns.

These opportunities to celebrate learning alongside your child are highly valuable and through your attendance you are showing your support for their learning journey. We are therefore aiming for **100%** attendance. The first class in each of the 3 teams that achieves 100% booked will receive a prize and all those who attend will go into a lucky prize draw for a family pass to the movies (2adults and 2 children).



Bookings can be made online and they are OPEN NOW. Bookings will close at 3.00pm on Tuesday 5th April

3 Way Conferences – Booking Information

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

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

Follow the three simple steps.

There are two days to choose from - Wednesday 6th April and Thursday 7th April

Time slots are 15 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.

Reminder:

Life Skills (Bible) will recommence this Thursday. The classes look closely at the focus virtue and uses stories from the bible to illustrate these. This programme runs between 9 and 9.30am each Thursday morning. Should you wish that your child not attend these Life Skills (Bible) classes, an alternative programme is in place. To opt in to the alternative programme you will need to email the office admin@karaka.school.nz and inform of us of this decision. Please state your child/s name/s and room/s within the email.

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz

**Easter Break—School is closed
25th, 28th and 29th March.**



Counties Swimming Sports

A big congratulations to the 5 Karaka School students: **Jacob K, Josh P, James S, Jaime S** and **Georgia W** who made it in the E.C.C.S. Swimming Team. You all swam with determination and pride against some of the best swimmers in Counties, well done!

Placings:

Jacob K 50m Freestyle Year 8 Boys 1st

Jacob K 100m Freestyle Year 8 Boys 3rd

Jacob K 50m Backstroke Year 8 Boys 3rd

Jaime S 50m Freestyle Year 7 Girls 3rd

Jaime S 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Year 7 Girls 2nd

Jacob K, Joshua P, James S 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Year 8 Boys 2nd

Jacob K (butterfly), **Joshua P** (backstroke) 4 x 50m Medley Relay Year 8 Boys 2nd

Congratulations to **Jacob K** and **Jaime S** for making it into the Counties Swimming team for the inter-zone swimming championships at Diocesan School Aquatic Centre, Epsom.

Karaka Playcentre Visit

Last Friday Tui room was visited by the children from Karaka Playcentre. We shared stories and songs and spent time making and creating. We read the big book "Grandpa, Grandpa" and from that made fish and decorated them as well as fished for fish in our pretend ponds. It was a great opportunity for the children to interact together as well as strengthen links between school and the community.



MIDDLE TEAM UPDATE:

Thank you very much to all the parents who made the effort to come and watch the children demonstrate what they could do in the swimming pool last week. The children appreciated the opportunity to share the skills they have developed over the summer swimming season.

A very BIG THANK YOU to all those parents who accompanied us on our very successful trip to the Maritime Museum last Thursday. We all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the opportunity to sail on a vintage ketch out on the harbour. For some children it was a first time experience to put on a life jacket and go on a boat. It was hard work pulling the ropes and hoisting up the sails. We learnt a lot about early Auckland from the pictures we were shown during our educational talk. It was interesting to see Point Britomart an important headland in early Auckland and to discover that it was dug away to fill in the beaches in order to create a wharf for large ships to berth at. Here is the recount Reagan from Pateke room wrote about the trip:



Maritime Museum

The bus flew like a shooting star across the weaving road. We were on the way to the Maritime Museum. There was a school bus behind us. The bus stopped suddenly, I was scared. I saw the Maritime Museum. I screamed with excitement. Then we went in. I was apprehensive. Karen shouted "come in". We sat, I was jubilant, amazed and ecstatic all at once. Then we split up into groups. My group was going to the olden day movies. It was ecstatic, I was dumbfounded. Then we sat with excitement. Meanwhile the other group named group two "one of the best names ever right!" was on the extreme and extraordinary boat. Eventually it was our turn to go on the boat, off we went. Me and Cohen were thrilled when we saw a military base. Finally we ate lunch, I was starving at that point. Unfortunately we had to go. We hopped on the bus as the golden sun's ray beamed at us. That was fabulous, I was drained then. I learnt that the bigger the boat the more pollution and we also had to build out more into the harbour for the bigger boats. Also we are endangering snapper. Now the choice is yours - what are you going to do about it?
By Reagan (Pateke Room).



Bubble Day

We had a wonderful time at Bubble Day last Friday, the weather was kind to us as we emptied 6 litres of bubble bath into the pool and then kicked and splashed to make as many bubbles as we could. It was a fitting farewell and celebration to the end of the summer swimming season. **J. West** (Middle Team Leader)



Help Required for Karaka Vintage Day 20th March

Once again the Karaka School PTA have been approached to volunteer their time at Karaka Vintage Day which is being held **this Sunday (20th) at Karaka Sports Ground**.

There are a number of roles in which we can help, but we are namely required to run the Information Tent (2 shifts), surveys (1-3pm) and other customer services roles.

The PTA have put volunteers forward but we would appreciate more help. You don't pay entry to Vintage day if you volunteer.

The more volunteers the School provide, the more money we get for the PTA kitty, which helps all our kids!

Could you let Donna Thompson know ASAP if you are available to help out.

Thanks – PTA Committee

stuartanddonna@nettel.net.nz

Much More Ice Blocks March

On sale Thursdays—\$1.00 per ice block



Found two necklaces– if they belong to you please call into the office.

Reminder Dates

16 March	Orienteering (Senior school)
17 March	Bible/Life Skills start 9.00am
21 March	Franklin School Triathlon
24 March	ICAS entry fees and notice due back, Assembly
25-29 March	Easter break (Friday, Monday and Tuesday)
06 April	3 Way Conferences—School closes 12.20pm
07 April	3 Way Conferences— Normal school day
08 April	Assembly
11 April	BOT meeting 6.30pm in Professional Learning Room
13 April	PTA meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
15 April	Last day of Term 1
02 May	Term 2 starts

Community Notices

Join us on Tuesday 12th April at Te Puru Park for the

BEACHLANDS KIDS TRIATHLON

Year 4–8 students represent your school as an individual or in a 2 person team

Enter online at www.bsgevents.co.nz

Foot Golf Fundraiser

Franklin Family Support

Sunday 17th April 2pm at Maxwell's Golf Retreat, 205B Ingram Road, Ramarama

See notice board for further information.

Counties Manukau Rugby School Holiday Programme

Year 5 to Year 8 students - 8.30am - 3pm
\$38 a session

Papakura Rugby Club 18th April

Bring boots, mouthguard, lunch & water bottle

Registration forms are at your school office or

visit Junior Rugby on our website

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