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Reminders & Updates Flyer
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Week 8, Term One 2016

Celebrating Achievement

3 Way Conferences

A REMINDER that you will have the opportunity to share in your child's learning achievements at the scheduled 3 way conferences on **Wednesday 6th April and Thursday 7th April. 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.

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 (2 adults and 2 children).

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.



1st William Pike Outdoor Education Activity Orienteering



The 'William Pike Challenge Award' involves completing 8 outdoor education activities to be completed over the year. Each activity needs to be at least 3 hours in length. The 2 outdoor education activities that the Karaka School Year 7 & 8 students will be involved in Term 1 are:

- Orienteering
- Water Sports (Sailing, Windsurfing, Paddle Boarding & completing a Safeguard Boating Certificate)

Orienteering

The orienteering component was broken up into 3 lots of 1 hour blocks:

- 1st block: Orienteering Sprint Champs at Strathallan
- 2nd block: Orienteering at Karaka School
- 3rd block: Orienteering at Colin Lawrie Fields in Pukekohe

Orienteering Sprint Champs

On Monday the 14th of March at 4pm, 31 keen 'William Pike' students turned up ready to take part, for many in their first orienteering experience. Ident kits (devices placed on their finger) were quickly handed out for students to record their times at each station, by beeping each control. A quick briefing of mapping reading and orientation was provided by Mr Robinson who took good care of the Karaka School students, as this was our first time participating in an Orienteering Sprint Champs event.

The students organised themselves into pairs to work together to find the 22 control points dotted around the 14.5 hectares at Strathallan. Nerves plastered some of the students faces as they waited in anticipation to be given the instructions that their pair could start.

Map in hand and on the command of go, each pair tore off in the direction they thought was their first control. "It had been my first time at Strathallan so it made things more confusing, at first I didn't know how to read a map but after a little help I had got the hang of it. It was really good knowing that now I know that I can read an orienteering map," Rhianna M. Each control was marked with a bright orange and white flag and it took very good mapping reading skills to locate the exact position of each hidden control. Both excitement and disappointment could be heard as each group found the flag, then checked it against the numbers on their map to see if they had found the correct control. "Some of them were hidden like Easter eggs! It's good exercise and if you're ever thinking about it, definitely give orienteering a go!" Kaiya S. "Apart from getting lost the odd time we had a great experience and can't wait to complete the next activity," Serena R.

It took determination, perseverance, lots of running around and searching for every group to achieve the 2km course. Both Mrs Flett and I were proud of all the student's attitude, teamwork and hard work to ensure that everyone completed the course. The smiles, sense of achievement and positive comments made this experience so rewarding for both the students and the teachers.

The Karaka School would like to thank the following sponsors:

- **Dominion Constructors** for providing the start up cost of \$1,500
- **Brougham's Bus, Drury Rotary** and **Mrs Sutton's mum** for together covering the 32 students entry fee of \$30 each to be able to participate in the 'William Pike Challenge Award.'

"Brougham Buses celebrates 30 years of operating this year, and have been active supporters of local organisations over this time. They are proud to come on board with this new initiative at Karaka School and be able to continue to put back into their local community."

Look out for our next 'William Pike Challenge Award' article where a student will be bringing to you the adventures they've had during: sailing, windsurfing, paddle boarding and the completion of the 'Safeguard Boating' certificate.





FROM LEFT: George, Brydon, Scott, Lauren S, Lisa, Sophie, Ashleigh and Lauren M

ENVIRO GROUP NEWS

“Wow look at this”, “I can’t believe how many bottles are down here”, “This is gross”, shrieked the eight Enviro members as they climbed banks and searched through the thistles at Bottle Top Bay.

On Friday the 18th of March this great group of students participated in the ‘Love Your Coast Manukau’ beach clean up and we were very surprised how much rubbish we collected!

After a short presentation from Jodi based around keeping our oceans and shores litter free, we jumped into cars and headed to our local coastline. On arrival we stepped out of our cars and were met by trash.....not what we were expecting! We then spent an hour looking all around Bottle Top Bay area and doing our best to make it litter free. After about an hour we piled the rubbish into Jodi’s car and found it took up her whole boot!

While it was a dirty job, we all enjoyed doing a bit for our local community. If you are visiting the coastline please leave only footprints, leaving rubbish is not good!

Reminders

Much More Ice Blocks March—on sale Thursdays

Bus—Please let your child know in the morning before school whether they are on the bus or not. This especially applies to junior students—writing a “B” for bus on their hand sometimes helps.

End of Day— Please pick your children up on time. School finishes at 2.45pm and the office closes at 3.00pm. Teachers may have meetings after school and are therefore unable to supervise those children that have not been picked up on time.

ICAS Exams—Entry forms and fees are to be handed into the office TOMORROW!!

Signing in and out—Please remember to call into the office to sign in or out as the case may be i.e. picking children up for appointments and when they come back, dropping off late (where your child needs to get a late pass), visiting the school for any reason. Even if it is near the end of the day (and you have asked your child to come out on the bus bell) they MUST be signed out. This is a Health and Safety requirement.

Life Skills (Bible) - Life Skills (Bible) has started. 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 us of this decision. Please state your child/s name/s and room/s within the email.

BOT ELECTIONS COMING UP SOON

We are looking for trustees who are focused on supporting professional leadership, teaching and learning and the ongoing improvement of student achievement.

IS THIS YOU!

Contact Sarah Hynds or Dave Jamieson (current Board Chairperson) or visit the office to pick up A Parents' Guide to the Role of the Board of Trustees booklet.

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



PTA News



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\$1.00 per ice block

Reminder Dates



24 March	ICAS entry fees and notice due back, Ice Blocks sale
24 March	Assembly
25-29 March	Easter Break (Friday, Monday, 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 Term 1 (House Day)
02 May	Term 2 starts

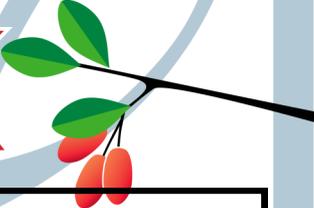


Community Notices



Karaka Rugby—Attention Girls!!

Currently we have fantastic numbers for our girls rugby team. If we get 4 more girls we will be able to form another team. We are looking for 5, 6 or 7 year old girls (as at January 1, 2016) to join our club. At this age you **don't** play tackle rugby, you play rippa. If you are interested you can call George on 0220431606 or register online at www.sporty.co.nz/karakarugby



Jennian Homes Franklin Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk: Get our school involved and win! – If you register for the fun run online, nominate Karaka school for the chance to win \$2500 of Rebel Sport Vouchers for our school. You can register at www.jennian.co.nz The event is on **8th May** starting at **10am** and is a 5km run/walk/stroll around Bledisloe park. There will be spot prizes, free Muffins and other goodies. Every entrant will receive a souvenir t-shirt designed by Dick Frizzell to wear on the day as part of their entry fee.

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