



Week Three, Term Two 2015

Celebrating Achievement

It was wonderful to see our students so excited to share their learning with their parents and whanau during our first 3 way conferences last Thursday. This opportunity provided a forum for our students to begin to develop their confidence and self-esteem when sharing their learning with others. As we continue with our journey into Visible Learning and the use of Assessment for Learning practices our children will continue to develop skills that will assist them in the future. Thank you to all those who attended and to the teachers for the work and preparation they put in. If you have not had an opportunity to hear your child share their learning with you, please make a time with your child's teacher.



Professional Learning Communities



Last night all of our staff completed an interactive and hands on First Aid Training Course. They have updated their skills and knowledge when dealing with a wide range of scenarios and all have current certificates in First Aid. In order to help us look after your child, could you please ensure that any Asthma Inhalers or Epi Pens we hold on school premises have not expired. It is also important that your contact details are correct and we have at least two people that are contactable during school hours.

Learning Opportunity

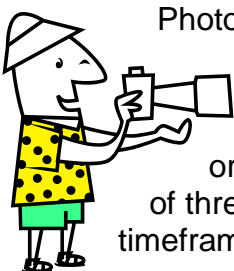
AUT University is holding a free Public Lecture Series titled '20,000 Adventures Under the Sea.' Professor Andrea Alfaro will lead a lecture in Marine Ecology and Aquaculture on Friday 15th May from 4:30-5:30pm. Although this is run through a University, it would be a wonderful opportunity for some of our senior students to experience this public lecture. It will also include interactive activities and links very well with our current Inquiry on Sustainability. If anyone is interested in attending please see Miss Thomas for more details.

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds

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PhotoLife Class and Individual Photos



PhotoLife will be coming on Friday 29th May. They will be taking both class and individual photos all on the one day this time. We will be using the online ordering system again. After photo day, each child will receive a unique "shoot key code" so you can view and order the photos online. The office will also have some ordering envelopes if you are unable to do this online. There is a free delivery period of three weeks to place orders and photos will be sent to the school. If you miss this timeframe then there is a \$5.00 charge and it will be delivered to your home address.



Scholastic Book Fair / Book Week

Please note that Book Week will be commencing in week 8 of this term. We will have a wonderful display of quality books in the school library. Families may wish to purchase a book for their home libraries or purchase a book to donate to the school. We plan to give our students an opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character and have a Grandparents' morning. More information will follow soon.

Fundraising for Nepal – Coin Trail & Raffle

Room 8 has been discussing ways we could possibly help the people affected by the earthquake in Nepal.

Coin Trail

On Friday we are holding a coin trail, anyone is welcome to come to Room 8 and tape a coin or two (silver or gold) on the mountain picture we have painted. Hopefully we can cover the whole mountain with coins.



Raffle

We will also be selling raffle tickets - the prize will be a basket of goodies like soap and hand cream (a great gift for Mum's). Tickets will be \$1 each. We will come round classes each morning. The raffle will be draw next Friday 15th at assembly.

East Counties Soccer Funday

East Counties Soccer fun day was held on the 28th of April. We took six teams (nearly 80 students) to the event. The weather wasn't that great, but everyone had a wonderful time competing against the other schools. Thanks to the parents that helped on the day – couldn't do it without you! Peter Clark

Hand washing can help reduce illness



Hand washing is the simplest and most effective means to prevent, control and reduce infection. This includes colds, influenza and stomach bugs.

Hands need to be washed and dried properly. Wet hands transfer bacteria more readily than dry hands which have not been washed at all.

Proper hand washing removes germs and helps prevent illness by preventing cross contamination to other objects and food. Hands should be washed especially after going to the toilet and before meals. Wash hands with soap and running water for 20 seconds, then dry well for 20 seconds.

Enrolments 2016

The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Karaka School next year.

If you have children who you wish to enrol in 2016, or have friends, family or neighbours who have children they would like to enrol, please bring this notice to their attention. We would like to encourage you to enrol your children as soon as possible.

Found

A Karaka School fleece jumper, size 6 has been found at Pukekohe Mitre 10. It looks almost brand new but has no name. If you have been to Pukekohe Mitre 10 and think this could be yours, please see Mrs Flett in room 5. Thanks to Serena Grey who saw this hanging up at Mitre 10 and brought it into the Office.

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PTA News

Our next PTA is scheduled for Wednesday, 20 May, 7pm in the Karaka School Staffroom. All welcome to attend. Mark this date on your calendar.

REMINDER DATES

12-13	May	Tread Lightly Caravan
15	May	Assembly
18	May	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
18	May	ICAS Digital Technology
20	May	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
20	May	Otago Maths Problem Solving
21	May	National Young Leaders Day
26	May	Middle Team Trip – Botanic Gardens
29	May	PhotoLife Photos – Portrait & Class



Community Notices

Hockey Skills – Wednesday Afternoons at School

I will be holding a hockey skills session after school on a Wednesday for the rest for the term depending on interest for anyone in the Junior or Middle Teams wanting to give hockey a try and learn some basic skills. Meet in the junior courtyard at 3pm for about 45mins – 1hr. So come along and give it a go or contact Kelly on 021646911 for more info.

Seasons Grief and Loss Programme Franklin

Programme for children aged 5-12yrs, their parents, teens and adults, experiencing loss from parental separation, divorce, death or major family changes. Recent or past. Our Seasons Afterschool Programme for Term 2, starts on Thurs May 7th from 4-5pm, in Pukekohe. Please contact Marisa for enquiries or enrolments on 021 142 5812, Deb on 238 7375 or seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz

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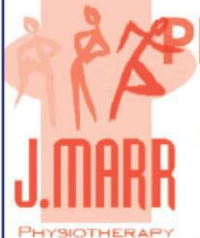
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