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Newsletter

## Principal's Note

Week 11, Term 1 2016

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

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to our students who shared their learning, celebrated their successes and set goals for themselves at the **3 Way Conferences** last week. We aspired to 100% attendance at these important meetings and we are very pleased to announce that we achieved 95.7% attendance! While short of our aspirational target, this is a huge improvement on what we achieved last year. Five of our classes did achieve 100% attendance and the first classes to do so in the Junior, Middle and Senior school received a reward for this. All families who attended went into a lucky prize draw - a family pass to the movies - and the winner was Avani T. Thank you to all those who supported their children by sharing in their learning. We will hold a second round of 3 Way Conferences in term 3 and again we shall aspire to 100% attendance!

The **Wearable Arts** show was held on Saturday evening. Our talented artists were well supported by staff, parents and students. Their designs were showcased on the runway and were among 80 entries. Thank you to those who supported our students and again to Miss Yeardley and Mrs Maunder for ensuring our students were afforded this opportunity.

**Breaking News.. James S and Joshua P are winners of the Year 8 Beachlands Triathlon Team event! Congratulations boys, a superb effort.**

Term One 2016 has flown by! On behalf of the staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our community, for your support of our school and our students. Your contributions - whatever form they may take - are valued and appreciated. I would also like to thank the teaching staff who have worked incredibly hard - often above and beyond! - to ensure that our students are afforded the very best opportunities for a well rounded, holistic education that is firmly aligned to our values and vision. Our office and support staff and our caretaker are valuable members of our team and without them, much of what we do would not be possible - thank you for your support and dedication to our school.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday!

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds

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## Whole School House Event

On **Friday 15th April at 10.30am**

The whole school will work in their House groups and take part in a tabloid style sports event.

To promote house identity we encourage the whole school not to wear their school uniforms but to wear their house colours or a costume in their house colours. This is not a mufti day—house colours must be worn instead of the school uniform.

Grey House— **Blue**

Hobson House— **Green**

Marsden House— **Yellow**

Seddon House— **Red**

The **PTA** will be selling **sausages and ice blocks** for lunch during House Tabloids Sports day. Ice blocks are \$1.00, sausages are \$2.00. Please order with your teacher before school.



## Old Fashioned Day

On Monday the junior and middle teams looked like they had stepped back in time. The children and teachers were all dressed in costumes depicting 100 years ago. The children were placed into six teams and rotated round six activities, spending half an hour at each activity. The activities were games, weaving, cooking, washing, folk dancing and an old fashioned school lesson. The children developed an appreciation for how different and how difficult life was for the early settlers.

We would like to thank all the parents who helped their children find suitable old fashioned clothes for the day. We would also like to thank Mrs Glover and Mrs Monteith for being tireless helpers with cooking and weaving. Thank you to Mrs Thompson for the use of a washing board and butter churn and the Skilton family for the use of their stilts. Also thanks to Miss Davis who arranged all the costumes for the teachers and for classroom displays.



## Junior Team trip to Karaka Museum

The Junior Team had a wonderful trip to the Karaka Museum. The children had some terrific hands on experiences such as washing clothes on a wash board, pushing an old lawn mower along some carpet and dressing in clothes from the past. Thank you to the museum staff who provided these great experiences and a big thank you to the Parent helpers who accompanied us. Also thank you to the PTA who helped fund the cost of the bus.

*"We went to the Karaka Museum last week. We saw cool stuff like the army stuff and the tree cutters. We went on the bus to school to have lunch. I loved the museum" by Daniel from ruru*

*"I was turning a wheel to wash the clothes. It was a really hard job. It was fun. The machine was called a mangle" by Kobe from tui*

*"To the Museum—Thank you for showing the incredible olden day saddles and a jeep and clothes. Those were all amazing" by Phoebe from weta*



## William Pike—Water Activities

The White sailboat with blue speckles rolled smoothly behind me as I pushed it down the slippery boat ramp and into the murky water of the Orakei Basin. I jumped in ecstatic with excitement. I took up the position of steering the boat using the worn wooden tiller. As the wind whipped at our sail I glanced back and could clearly see the Sea Scout Hall towering above the gloomy water. The wind died down and was soon replaced with numbing rain that lashed down on us from above and I kept my eyes on the target, a yellow buoy that floated awaiting our arrival. We circled around the bright buoy and headed back toward the distant shore. It was hard to believe an hour was almost up! An inflatable dinghy was our next form of transport. As we clambered in we quickly discovered the only motor on this boat was us! After a flurry of hands, everyone had a paddle and we set out on the tiring journey of boat safety. While paddling hard we were quizzed on our knowledge about boat safety. We anchored and continued talking. I suddenly felt a firm but unexpected push on my shoulder as I toppled back into the salty water. I resurfaced to echoing laughter unable to keep the grin from crossing my face, I joined in seeing the funny side of my tumble. Our next stop was in the shallows by the shore. I felt the mud oozing under my feet as I helped my group tip the boat. Once we finally reached the boat ramp I heard the someone say “time for lunch!” Lunch was brief. As we ate we swapped stories of our adventures out on the water so far. Soon we re-grouped and we readied ourselves for the next activity. It was no secret that my group was excited to do stand up paddle boarding. We anxiously waited until we climbed onto the rocky paddle boards and set off. The wind had picked up and we were drifting further and further away from the weathered hall. Braving the odds I stood up on wobbly legs and paddled, surprised that I was still on top of my board and not swimming beside it. The next hour was quickly over and we all agreed on one thing, it was an hour not wasted. Our 4th and final activity seemed full of promise. Without much instruction we hopped onto a windsurfing board and paddled out. Since falling off seemed inevitable I kept a close eye on water looking out for the dreaded brown jellyfish that had been spotted a few hours earlier. As the wind picked up I took up my position and for the next hour windsurfed across the Orakei Basin. An hour was up too soon and we reluctantly paddled back towards the shore. After a hose down and clean up we thanked Youthtown for helping make the day possible before walking back toward the shore. One thing was certain we had had a fantastic day!

By Bethany S

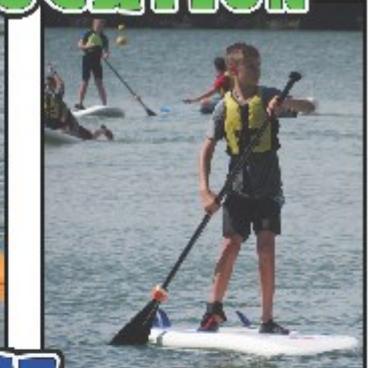
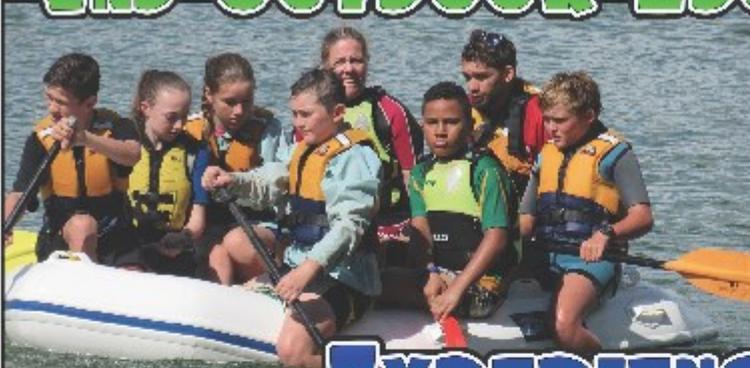




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## BOT ELECTIONS COMING SOON

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.

Nomination forms will be coming out in  
Term 2, Week 1

### Accounts Due

Please note that there is a discount of \$25.00 for school donations that are paid before the end of Term 1. There are also a number of items that we have had to pay outside providers for—camp, athletics, technology and bus. It is important that these are paid as soon as possible.

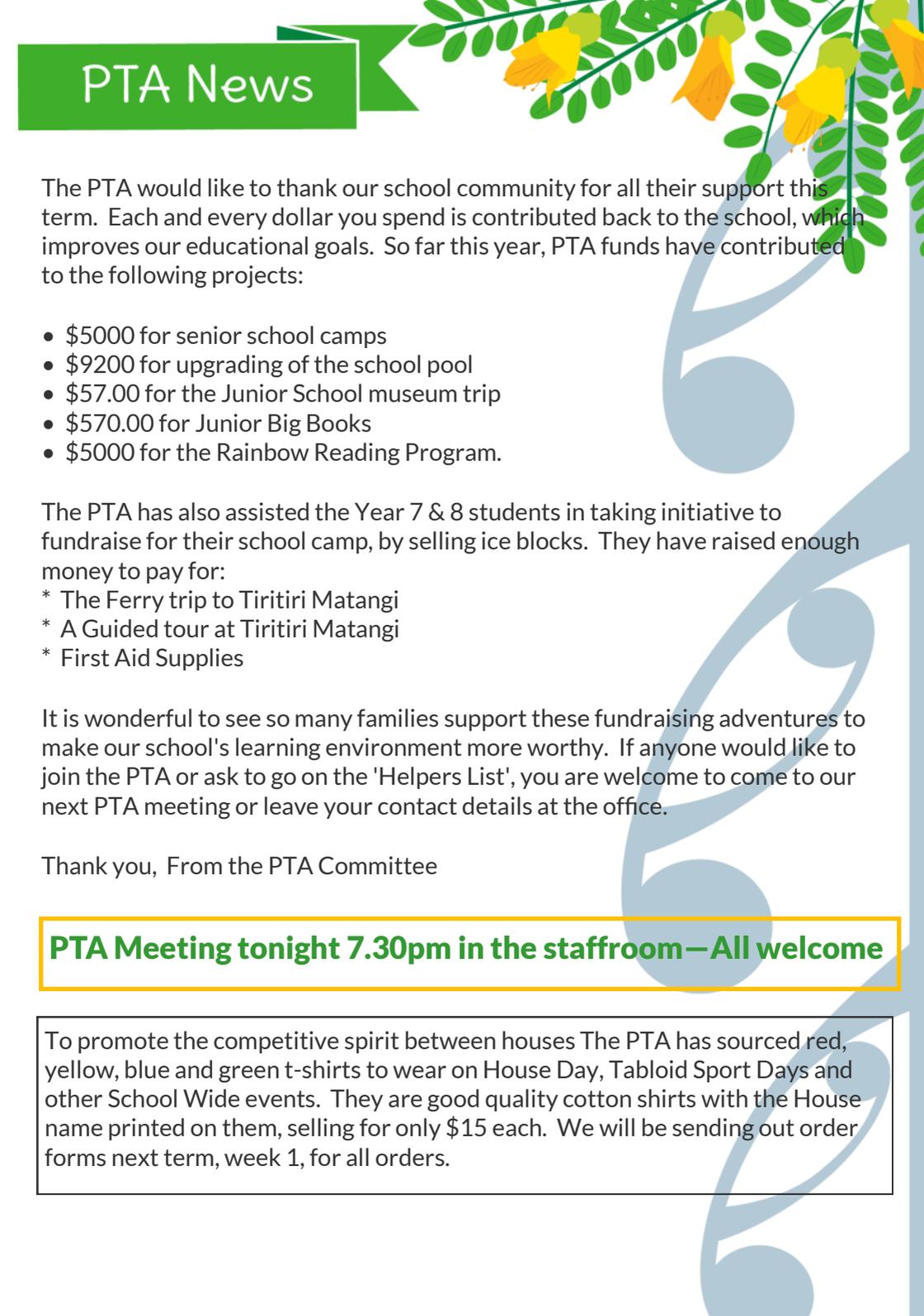
Thank you

### AG Day Meeting

Yes, it's that time of year again. It's time to start thinking about our annual major fundraiser - Agricultural Day. The **first meeting** for the Agricultural Day Committee and helpers is set for **Tuesday 31st May, 7.00pm** in the staffroom. Please come along and hear what the day is all about. This is a major fundraising day for the school with the showing of animals, stalls, auctions, quick fire raffles etc. We would love to see some new faces, especially from the new families to the school. If you have some ideas, skills or contacts, don't be shy, please come along. If you have any queries please contact the school office on 2948166



# PTA News



The PTA would like to thank our school community for all their support this term. Each and every dollar you spend is contributed back to the school, which improves our educational goals. So far this year, PTA funds have contributed to the following projects:

- \$5000 for senior school camps
- \$9200 for upgrading of the school pool
- \$57.00 for the Junior School museum trip
- \$570.00 for Junior Big Books
- \$5000 for the Rainbow Reading Program.

The PTA has also assisted the Year 7 & 8 students in taking initiative to fundraise for their school camp, by selling ice blocks. They have raised enough money to pay for:

- \* The Ferry trip to Tiritiri Matangi
- \* A Guided tour at Tiritiri Matangi
- \* First Aid Supplies

It is wonderful to see so many families support these fundraising adventures to make our school's learning environment more worthy. If anyone would like to join the PTA or ask to go on the 'Helpers List', you are welcome to come to our next PTA meeting or leave your contact details at the office.

Thank you, From the PTA Committee

**PTA Meeting tonight 7.30pm in the staffroom – All welcome**

To promote the competitive spirit between houses The PTA has sourced red, yellow, blue and green t-shirts to wear on House Day, Tabloid Sport Days and other School Wide events. They are good quality cotton shirts with the House name printed on them, selling for only \$15 each. We will be sending out order forms next term, week 1, for all orders.

# Reminder Dates

<b>13 April</b>	PTA meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
<b>15 April</b>	Last day of Term 1, House Tabloids Day (wear house colours)
<b>02 May</b>	Term 2 starts, Zumba starts 6.15pm in the hall
<b>13 May</b>	Assembly
<b>16 May</b>	BOT meeting 6.30pm in the hall meeting room
<b>17 May</b>	Photolife class and individual photos
<b>23-27 May</b>	Senior camps
<b>31 May</b>	Ag Day meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom
<b>03 June</b>	BOT election day

## Community Notices

**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](http://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.

### New Class at Karaka School

**Starts 2nd May**

**Mondays 6.15pm-7.15pm Karaka School Hall**

**Public class \$5.00**

**Also Thursdays at Rosehill College 6.15pm-7.15pm**

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