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Reminders & Updates Flyer

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11th May 2016

Week 2 Term Two 2016



We need your help!

Our busy teachers are seeking your help with some of the everyday tasks that takes their time away working with, or planning for, their students learning. Volunteers are sought to help with:

- Photocopying
- Laminating
- Making new resources

If you are able to volunteer an hour or two during the week to help with this it would be very much appreciated. Please contact me by emailing sarahh@karaka.school.nz

Thank you

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds



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.



**Agricultural Day Meeting
Tuesday 31st May 7.00pm
in the staffroom.**

Photolife Class and Individual Photos

Photolife will be coming on **Tuesday 17th May**. They will be taking both class and individual photos all on the same day. 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 charge and it will be delivered to your home address.

Sibling Photos—You will need to pick up a Sibling Photo booking form from the office BEFORE photo day. Fill it out and return to the office so that your children can be photographed together. You will then receive a special shoot key and be able to view and order online.

Account Statements

These are being sent home today. Camp fees, bus fees (Term 2), technology fees and mathletics are all paid to outside providers. These are all due and we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Please call into the office if you would like to make arrangements for paying these off. Thank you.

Karaka School at the Counties Orienteering Champs

This is the first year that Karaka School has participated in orienteering and has entered into the Counties Orienteering Championships. Mr and Mrs Robinson came to school prior to this event to teach the students the valuable skills of navigation and map reading. They then set up an orienteering course around the school for students to compete against each other in year groups.

On Thursday the 5th of May, we took 35 Karaka School orienteers' to Totara Park to navigate themselves around 21-24 markers depending on their year group. Little did the parents or myself know that we would need to use our own orienteering skills to navigate the students to the start line in time for their event!

The looks of anxious faces filled the start line as they knew they were on their own now, as their peers had different maps and were heading off in different directions. With an ident stick strapped to their finger, to scan in at each point, a quick map reading briefing and the call of 'Go' from Mr Robinson and they were off! Tearing off as quickly as they could, disappearing into the Totara Park forest to find their first point on the map.

Then all was silent. No Karaka School uniforms were to be seen. 20 minutes later (to the relief of some parents), Karaka School uniforms starting appearing in the distance, heading back to the finish line as quickly as they had left for their final marker.

Smiles and joy filled the students faces, with their sense of achievement and accomplishment of navigating themselves with a map around Totara Park by themselves. The Karaka School students should be extremely proud of their efforts with everyone completing their year groups course. Just seeing the looks and hearing the positive comments about what a great day they had all had, made the organisation all worthwhile. Karaka School will definitely be back next year to compete at Totara Park, with an extra year's experience under our belts.

I would like to thank all the parents that helped out with transporting and supervising on the day. Without your help, events like this for the students would not be able to go ahead.

Mrs Sutton



PTA News

To promote the competitive spirit between houses the PTA has sourced red, yellow, blue and green t-shirts to wear on House Day, Tabloid Sports Days and other school wide events. They are good quality cotton shirts with the house name printed on them, selling for only \$15.00 each.

Order forms are now due back in the office with payment. Our final day for ordering will be **Friday 13th May**.

It's Oxford Pie time again. Order forms will be coming out shortly so families can stock up freezers with their favourite winter comfort meals.

**Next PTA meeting is
Wednesday 18th May at
7.30pm in the staff room.
All welcome.**

Reminder Dates

13 May

Assembly

16 May

BOT meeting 6.30pm in Professional Learning Room

17 May

PhotoLife class and individual photos

18 May

PTA meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom

23-27 May

Senior camps

31 May

Ag Day meeting 7.00pm

Community Notices

- **Manukau Kids Scooter Duathlon**—Monday 6th June. Years 4-8, represent your school as an individual or in a two person team.
- **Auckland Girls Grammar School**—Open Day tours—Thursday 2nd June 9.30am to 2.30pm. Phone 307 4180 or email enrol@aggs.school.nz
- **Lego at Glenbrook Railway**—Sunday 22nd May. A Trains Big and Small day—featuring displays of trains and other models. See flyer on the noticeboard for more details.
- **NZ Warbirds D Day Open Day**—Sunday 5th June 10am—4pm at Ardmore Airport. Entry \$20.00, children under 14 free. See flyer on the noticeboard for more details.

Zumba

New Class at Karaka School

Started 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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