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Newsletter No 15

17th June 2015

Week Nine, Term Two 2015

Kia Ora, welcome to this fortnights newsletter



Celebrating Achievement

Preparations for our Mother Earth production are well underway. Students are looking forward to sharing their learning with you when they perform on Wednesday 1st July starting at 12.30pm and Thursday 2nd July at 11.00am. Due to Health and Safety requirements along with other considerations an evening performance became problematic and it was therefore decided to hold both performances during the school day. We appreciate that this will not suit everyone and apologise for any inconvenience however, we hope that you will be able to attend this special one-off event.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in Book Week. The week has been a true celebration of books with a superb performance of Bad Jelly the Witch from Matthew Peart, a colourful character parade and visiting grandparents too (thanks for the morning tea PTA ☺)! In amongst all the festivities was a wonderful display of books that people so generously purchased, which in turn has raised valuable funds for our school. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Corlett, Mrs Noakes and Mrs Thorby without whom Book Week would not have happened – you are stars!

Professional Learning Communities

Having undertaken some professional learning in how best to manage and integrate e-tools into our learning environments, our new digital devices are now being implemented throughout the school. Teachers are finding purposeful and meaningful ways in which to use these e-tools to engage students in learning in order to meet learning goals. An integrated approach is taken and as teachers and students are becoming more familiar with the devices they are learning which tool is best suited for the learning at hand. Senior students are presently learning to manage their own google drive accounts and are enjoying creating, collaborating and sharing work using google docs.

Our Virtue for the fortnight is!

Herenga! Commitment

Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is the willingness to give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. It is the ability to make decisions and follow through on them. It is keeping your promises.!

Affirmation!
I practice commitment. I make good decisions and give my all to whatever I do. I keep my agreements. I am a faithful friend.

Our current virtue for the term is commitment. Two students from each class will be celebrated for displaying this virtue at our next assembly in week 10.



Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds

Principal@karakaka.school.nz



Hazard Register

All visitors to the office have access to the Hazard Register and if they identify any hazards are asked to please record in the register and notify the office.

Police Vetting

Due to new legislation effective from July 1st all volunteers working with children are required to be Police Vetted. This includes volunteers who put away books, help in classrooms, supervise groups on class trips, camps or transport children to and from events. There is at this stage no charge for this service for schools. If you do volunteer at our school or are thinking of volunteering in the next 12 months please contact the office to request an application form to complete admin@karaka.school.nz. Once you have completed the form please return and the school will lodge this on your behalf. Police Vetts are valid for 3 years.

Citizenship Award – Sponsored by Bayleys Real Estate

Congratulations to Jessica G from Room 8 who received the very first citizenship award. It has been proudly sponsored by Bayleys Real Estate. Our thanks to Lyn Penney for organising this. Our next citizenship award will be early next term.



Community Leader Notice

We are really keen to help the SPCA by collecting old blankets and sheets which will be used for bedding and making into toys for the animals. We have a collection bag in the foyer of the hall and would really appreciate it if you could donate to this worthy cause. Please put your blankets / sheets into a named plastic bag so we can ensure your child gets house points for donating.

Thank you for your support, Jonty & the Community Leaders Group.

East Counties Countries Schools Representative Rugby

Karaka School had nine boys selected for the ECCS Rugby rep under 45kg and under 55kg teams to play at the Counties Inter-Zone Tournament. The tournament took place on Tuesday 9th June and included teams from around the South Auckland and Franklin Districts. The boys had spent a number of weeks training with players from other schools on Wednesday nights and had managed to build some familiarity with them.

Our boys brought valuable skills and flare to both teams and played very well on the day. The competition was very tough and all teams demonstrated a very high level of skill. Both ECCS teams struggled in the opening games of the pool round with a couple of losses.

The last game of the round for the U45kg team was

spectacular; they just pulled off a win by two points. The U55kg team had one draw and a nail biting win for their last game.

Special thanks to Mr Scott Penney for his time and expertise in running practises and supporting the teams on the day.



Bus Behaviour

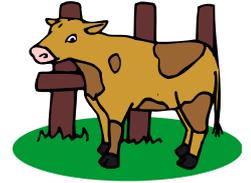
We have been advised by Rosehill College that some students that are catching the bus from the College in the mornings are not waiting safely for the bus. It would be appreciated if you could remind your child about waiting for the bus in a safe manner and being collected from outside the front doors of Rosehill College, where there is shelter, is a privilege not a right. This is a small group of children only, most wait patiently and safely so it would be a shame for this group to ruin it for others.



AG Day Trophies – Can all trophies from last year's Ag Day please be returned to the school office as soon as possible especially any that need repair. We need plenty of time to get the repairs completed and the trophies cleaned.

Supporting Agricultural Day Committee – Meeting Next Tuesday 23rd June

The next meeting of this year's committee is being held on **Tuesday 23rd June in the staff room at 7.00pm**. We have relied heavily in the past on several core people and it would be great to see some new faces at this meeting to assist in the planning to make their load a little lighter, so come along and join in. This is a great opportunity, especially for newer parents to our school to get involved. The Agricultural Day has a strong tradition in the school and we really want it to continue to be one of our most important days in the school year. If you are interested, call Steve on 021 566521 to discuss how you can contribute or just come along to the next meeting on the 23rd June.



AG Day - FARMLANDS – PUKEKOHE.

Calf Club specials are now available. They run till 30th September. As well as discounted prices on products, if you mention Karaka school – you go into a draw to win some prizes.

Ag Day Animals

- Calves **must** be born between 1 June and the end of August. All calves must have an ear tag and a TB Certificate. Lambs, goats and chickens do not have any set dates to be born by; however they must be this seasons.
- Please see community notices for lambs.



Grandparents Day & Book Fair

A huge thank you to all the wonderful Grandparents that visited our school last Friday. It was a great joy to meet you all and have you visit our classrooms. Your contribution was valued and the students were very proud to introduce you to their classes and share their learning. You were very generous in purchasing books for the school and your families.

Thank you to all the students and staff who dressed up as their favourite book character. We had fun! Mrs Noakes and Mrs Thorby - you are amazing! We would like to thank you for setting up and selling books for the book fair. It was a huge success. Our total was \$5,150.00. We are now able to add more than 200 NEW books to the School Library! What a wonderful achievement. We have added a great range; from classics to popular picture books. We all appreciate the time that both Mrs Noakes and Mrs Thorby have generously given to the school to make this a success. Thanks also to the PTA for making our morning tea on the day. You are a fantastic group of people. Suzanne Corlett



ANZ – Reward Points

A big thanks to those parents that had nominated Karaka School to receive reward points through the ANZ Olympic Schools Programme with the NZOC. It provides schools with resources and merchandise to inspire and motivate New Zealand's children, through the magic and celebration of achievement the Olympics delivers. We are happy to confirm that we have been able to use our reward points to receive a brand new Masport lawn mower for Mr Chitty the caretaker to keep our grounds looking nice and tidy.



What you can do to help the school - If you, your family or friends refer Home Loan business such as changing your home loan from your current provider to ANZ, purchasing a new Home using ANZ, or you are already an ANZ customer if you top up your Home lending by more than \$50k at the ANZ Bank, you will help the school. When a successful contact has drawn down a Home loan (over \$50k) the school will receive 800 points (\$400) to spend on items such as sports or computer equipment that the teachers can purchase from the ANZ awards centre. Therefore the more successful drawdowns we can get to the ANZ the more credits that our school gets to spend.

REMINDER DATES

17	June	PTA Meeting 7pm Staffroom
19	June	ECCS Hockey Fun Day
20	June	PTA Red Carpet Casino Night
23	June	AG Day Meeting 7pm Staffroom
26	June	Assembly
01	July	Production 12.30pm (afternoon matinee)
02	July	Production 11.00am (morning matinee)
03	July	Term 2 Ends
20	July	Term 3 Starts



PTA News

PTA Casino Night
HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR
TICKETS? (available from the Office)
This Saturday 20th June
COME AND MAKE YOUR
MILLIONS!!

Red Carpet Casino Night

Have you purchased your tickets yet for Casino Night this Saturday 20th June? If not, see the flyer that was sent home yesterday or our notice board with all the details. This fundraiser was brought back by popular demand so we need your support for it to be a success. All money raised goes back into the school. Come and make your millions!! The PTA would like to thank Eventz on Show for their wonderful support towards our fundraiser.

Uniform Shop – Clothes Sale

Second hand uniform clothes sale – every Monday until the end of term, 8.15 - 9am in the uniform room. Prices starting from a gold coin donation! Donations of fleece jerseys are needed (especially the small sizes), all profits of second hand uniforms go straight back into the classrooms so any donations are gratefully accepted!

Entertainment Books

These are available to order online. Please use Karaka School as your reference when you place your order. We will no longer be sending these home to you. www.entertainmentbook.co.nz

Just Good Lunches

It is with great sadness that we have been advised that Just Good Lunches will be closing down at the end of this term. We will however investigate further options re continuing with another supplier for sushi.



PTA MEETING TONIGHT

Wednesday 17th June – 7 pm
Karaka School Staffroom
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Karaka School Visit by "Science in a Van"

Our major topic of study in Term 3 is Science and Technology based on "Forces and Motion". To get this topic started and initiate the children's thinking and questions around forces and motion, we have booked a visit from the team at "Science in a Van" on Monday 20th July (1st day of the new term) The Science in a Van team will set up and work out of our school hall for the day.



Classes will visit the hall for their session:

11.30am - 12.15am - "Middle and Seniors" Rooms 1, 2, 3, 9, 7, & 8 - Presentation is 'Move It!'

1.30pm - 2.15pm - "Juniors" Rooms 4, 5, 6 & 10 - Presentation is 'Billy Goats Gruff'

As part of the school curriculum this is an exciting learning opportunity for all children and therefore all our students are expected to participate in this interactive learning experience. Parents are welcome to attend the sessions also.

The cost is being significantly subsidised by the school however a \$2 donation per child is appreciated.

For further information on Science in a Van please see the following website: www.scienceinavan.co.nz

Please complete and sign the form below and return to the class teacher.

Thank you.

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My child(ren) _____ (name/s) in room/s _____
will participate in the Science in a Van learning experience on Monday 20th July, 2015.

I have enclosed a \$2 donation towards this learning experience.

Signed: _____ (parent/caregiver)

AIMS Games Fundraiser

For the first time at Karaka School we are taking some of our talented sports people to the AIMS Games, which is being held in Tauranga in September. This week long event showcases 19 codes and involves over 2500 students from around New Zealand and Australia. The competition is open only to those in years 7 & 8. This year we will be competing in a rugby sevens tournament and in gymnastics. The team is looking to raise funds to help with the costs involved in participating. Below we have details of a fundraiser and we hope that you will be able to support our team.

Thank you.

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A smooth oil with a touch of zesty lemon. The perfect compliment to asparagus.

Garlic Infused
A smooth oil infused with a hint of garlic, crissis over pasta, meats or bread.

To place an order, please complete the form attached and return to the school office.

Delivery date is 14th August – orders can be collected from the school office.

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Village Press Olive Oil

Name: _____

Contact #: _____

Options	1L Bag in Box \$20	Varietal 3 bottle gift pack \$20	Infused 3 bottle gift pack \$20	Total
#Required				

Community Notices

Eventz on Show is in your local neighbourhood!!

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We also have wonderful waitresses, waiters and bartenders to hire out for any occasion! Please call us on 0800 ONSHOW or 09 529 1909 or www.eventzonshow.co.nz to talk to our lovely team!

Lambs available for Ag Day

Pre orders taken from 12th July for lambs starting approx. 1st August. Contact Puriri Heights Farm 0923 29875 or puririheights@gmail.com (see notice board for further details).

Flash Bang Science Club

Offers investigative science holiday workshops for children aged 7 years plus in Pukekohe and Papakura. For more information please check out <http://flashbangscienceclub.co.nz> or phone 0297712923 or email admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz

Maramarua Golf Club – School Holiday Golf Programme

Coaching and Playing with Kaye Maxwell – Wednesday 8th July 9.30 – 1.30 Age 7 -16 (see notice board flyer)

Join the Karaka School Waterpolo Team

We have a new programme starting in Term 3 for Year 6 students and any Year 5 students who are strong swimmers. The programme is run by The Waterpolo Institute in conjunction with the Mountford Park Waterpolo Club and Counties Manukau Sport (Kiwisport). Come and learn this great game on a Sunday afternoon at Mountford Park Waterpolo Club in Manurewa. The sessions start with essential skills then followed with a game. Please contact Trudi Goldsworthy 021 772003 or trudig@clear.net.nz

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