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Week Eleven, Term Two 2015

Kia ora, welcome to the final newsletter of term 2.

We have had a very busy, exciting and successful term and we would like to thank you all for your support.



Celebrating Achievement

We have much to celebrate this term with the introduction of new ipads and chromebooks as tools to support learning, 3 way conferencing that involves students more in understanding and communicating their learning pathways and we have integrated our curriculum so that new learning can be transferred between curriculum areas culminating in a production to showcase the learning. Our Performing Arts Specialist teacher Jessica Sweeney has worked tirelessly with all our students on this performance and they are looking forward to sharing this with you. Thanks Jessica! Thanks also to students and teachers for the adaptability they have shown over the past weeks to cater for required rehearsals to ensure that the showcase of learning is ready to perform. Our talented sports people have continued to shine this term and we congratulate everyone on their achievements.

Our community and environmental leaders have continued to explore ways in which they can raise awareness of community and environmental issues. They have some new and exciting initiatives ready for us all in term 3!

It is always worth celebrating when people take on new learning challenges and this term we would like to acknowledge Ms Siriett and Mrs Birchall for being role models for this. Both took on new learning in the roles that they stepped into and we have been not only grateful for this, but also very impressed with how they embraced the learning opportunity. A huge thank you to you both!

Professional Learning Communities

This week we welcome a new member to our learning community. Mrs Kim Sutton has joined us in room 3 and is the new team leader for the senior school. We look forward to learning alongside Kim and I am sure we shall benefit from the new ideas that she will bring with her to our school.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for new learning in term 3!



Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds

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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 – Volunteers / Parent Helpers

From today, new legislation comes into effect that means **ALL** volunteers / parent helpers 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 Vets are valid for 3 years.

Photolife

Last week your unique shoot keys for ordering online class and individual photos were handed out. If you have ordered a sibling photo these too were handed out. The free delivery period expires on **20th July 2015**. The free delivery deadline date is clearly displayed when you go online and view the photos. The office also has Order Envelopes for those we do not have access to the Internet or do not wish to use the online ordering system.

Community Leader Notice



The SPCA needs old blankets and sheets to make bedding and toys for the animals and we would like to help them. Please place your blankets / sheets into a named plastic bag in the collection bag in the hall foyer. Your child will receive 10 house points for every donation so please make sure you get them to us before the end of week 2, term 3.

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

Year Six and Seven parents

Please remember to return your intentions form for 2016 classes by tomorrow 02 July to help with our forward planning. Thanks to those parents that have already returned their intention forms.

Junior Team Trip to the Botanic Gardens

A couple of weeks ago the Junior team visited the Auckland Botanic Gardens at Manurewa. The children had a wonderful experience working with the education officers and were actively involved with learning about the tui and kereru and the trees these birds visit. The process of seed to flower to berry and the spreading of seeds was acted out by the children and they had a wonderful time hunting for seeds and flowers and berries on the ground. A little bit of rain didn't daunt the children when they used magnifying glasses to hunt for insects and mirrors to try to see through the tree canopy.

A big thank you goes to all the parent helpers who came with us. Your support is much appreciated.



AGRICULTURAL DAY 2015

Agricultural Day

Coming home before the end of term via email is the Entry Form and Information Booklet. Please read this booklet as it contains all the information you require to prepare for Ag Day on the 17th October. Order forms for chickens and ducklings are found near the end of the book along with the entry forms for entering your animal, growing project or 3D Papier Mache Native Bird Mask. These must be returned by the dates indicated on the forms. One entry form per child please.

Extra entry forms will be available at the office.

AG Day Auction

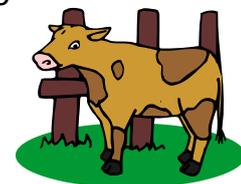
Please start thinking about goods or services you can donate that we can auction on Ag Day. Items we have received in the past include loads of firewood, paintings, quad bike, sporting memorabilia, truck loads of water, home appliances, trampolines, wooden gates, fishing trips, golf games, cash (to buy items at wholesale prices). Use your imagination, think of any contacts you may have, remember, it's for the kids! All items big or small gratefully accepted.



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 28th July

The next meeting of this year's committee is being held on **Tuesday 28th July 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 28th July.



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 and goats.

Ag Day Programme Cover Competition

A great holiday activity for a wet day!

Design and draw a cover for the 2015 Ag Day Programme.

Two categories – 5-8yrs and 9-13yrs, Two winners! Two prizes!

Make sure you include details like the date 17th Oct, animals from 9am, stalls, food, rides, games from 10am, quick fire raffles, auction after midday and some lovely rural pictures.

Also include the school name and location.

Create your programme cover on an A4 piece of paper (portrait).

You may use coloured pencils, jovis or complete your design on the computer.

Make sure your entry has your name and age printed clearly in pencil on the back.

Entries close Monday 3rd August – place completed entries in the box at the school office.

Junior and Middle Teams taking action on Sustainability



On a fine but very windy Monday afternoon all the junior and middle team classes gathered under our native tree garden opposite the coal shed. Mrs West and Mrs McDonald had used a spade to dig five holes at lunchtime. The holes needed to be a least two paces apart. Mrs Corlett had brought in three flax plants and two very healthy looking kowhai trees plus a supply of fertilizer tablets and mulch. A big thank you to Mr Nick Corlett who donated the plants



form his nursery. Children helped to put fertilizer in the holes, then we put in the plants with water, before filling in the holes with the dirt that had been dug out. Finally we surrounded each plant with mulch to keep in the moisture and give the plants a good start. We hope that by planting flaxes and kowhai we will encourage more tui to visit our school grounds. We will now watch with interest as our plants grow.

Hockey Fun Day

Last week we sent two teams off to the East Counties Hockey Fun Day at Lloyd Elsmore Park in Pakuranga. The teams consisted of both boys and girls from Year 7 and 8, all keen to compete against the eight other teams from our zone. The two teams played some fantastic hockey and it was great to see confidence and skills build as the day went on. It was a "mixed bag" of results with both having loses, draws and wins in their pools. Throughout the course of the day we had spotters observing players for selection into the East Counties representative girls and boys hockey teams. Congratulations goes to the two students who were selected for these teams, they are:

Mackenzie S Yr7

William C Yr8

Thanks to the parents that helped on the day with supervision and transport.

Mathex

Last Wednesday we took three teams to the Mathex competition at Ardmore School. They all performed well. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport for the children.



Thank you from Rooms 1 and 2

Thank you to Ana Young who has generously given up her time over the last two terms to come in and teach Spanish to the students of Room 1 and 2. We really appreciate your valuable knowledge.

Reminder – Starship Mobile Appeal

As per our Newsletter 3rd June notice could you please send along to Room 2 before the end of term any old mobile phones for the Starship Appeal. Thanks.

REMINDER DATES

02	July	Production 11.00am (morning matinee)
03	July	PTA Sausage Sizzle and Mufti Day
03	July	Term 2 Ends
20	July	Term 3 Starts
20	July	BOT Meeting 7.00pm
20	July	Science in a Van
22	July	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
28	July	AG Day Meeting 7.00pm Staffroom
30-31	July	Bad Jelly the Witch Show at Rosehill College



PTA News



1. Last Day of Term Sausage Sizzle and Mufti Day!!!! This Friday is sausage sizzle and Mufti day. Gold coin donation for mufti please and \$1.50 per sausage.

2. A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the PTA Casino Night on the 20th of June. A great night was had by all with \$1500 being raised on the night for the School Swimming Pool. The PTA would like to say a very special thank you to the Goldfinch, Burn and Bolton Families for their extra donations on the evening.

PS If you lost a black tie on the night please call into the office to collect.

3. **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

4. **The Fotoman** is coming to Karaka School on Sunday 23 August. David has been taking family photos for Karaka Playcentre for years and we want to extend this amazing offer to families of Karaka School. David is an amazing photographer who can capture your family in 10 mins. David offers 10 min time slots, no sitting fee, proof sheet, and a range of photo offers - no obligation to buy. For more information, visit his website www.fotoman.co.nz To make your booking, contact Lin 021 061 6531 ortonylinn@response-eng.net

5. Next PTA meeting is Wednesday, 22 July at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

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!



SAVE THE DATE – September 5th 9.30am – 1.30pm
Come for a fun morning of shwopping, hot drinks & treats in the café. Gold coin entry. Clothing prices will vary. All profits will go to Karaka School.

The Big Spring Clothing Shwop

WE NEED YOUR quality, freshly laundered, women's & children's **CLOTHING YOU NO LONGER WANT.**

Drop off every Friday in the hall foyer between 8.30-9am and 2.30 – 3pm. Your donation will give you a free entry to the The Big Spring Clothing Shwop event on September 5th.

The more clothes donated the more fun the shwopping will be for everybody!!

All unsold clothing will be donated to Women's Refuge.

Community Notices

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).

Kid Goats for AG Day

Wanting a kid goat for Calf Club this year? Kid goats are a wonderful animal to raise for Calf Club and really bond with your children. Males and females available this year.

Toggenburgs, British Alpines, Saanen and some Boer crosses. Please phone Amber on 0212553643 if interested.

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

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

Home & Animal Care

Home and animal care while you are away. Farm experienced with farm animals, dogs, horses and birds. Can move stock and feed animals. Contact Vicky 09 232 9905

GROOVIT Mid-Year Dance Show

Saturday 4th July, Pukekohe High School Hall

Two Shows – 1:30pm and 6:30pm

Tickets on sale at the Groovit Dance Studio 6A Crosbie Road Pukekohe after 3pm

Some door sales available

\$12 Adults \$8 Children \$32 Family pass

Under five free if you can sit them on your knee

Contact Georgie for further details – 021 1848556

Pukekohe Golf Club School Holiday Programme

Register at snaggolf.co.nz – Visit the website for dates, times and venues. Info on notice board.

Kaye Maxwell Holiday Golf Programme

Holiday Programme: Wednesday 15th July 9am -12pm includes morning tea and equipment \$75pp. Term 3: Wednesday after school 3.30pm-5.00pm & Saturday 9am-10.30am equipment supplied buy 4 sessions for \$100. You can choose which session or you can come to both. We have 2 coaches available with 8 children per group. Coaching will be in the Indoor Driving Range and on the Golf Course. Please phone to book 092360911 or 021850924

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