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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 9, Term 2 2016

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Quiz Night

Congratulations to our wonderful PTA who put on a fantastic Quiz night for us all to enjoy last Friday evening. The hall was completely transformed into a Christmas wonderland thanks to Mr G and his many helpers! The food was delicious thanks to Mrs Wilcox and the costumes worn by the teams on the night showed creativity and humour. Congratulations to the teachers team who took out best dressed table. Thanks also to Mr Glover for being a very able quiz master who kept the festivities moving and to his helpers Mrs Glover and Mrs McDonald who collated the answers and added up the points. Of course there needs to be a winner at these events and this year the title went to "Christmas Karaka's". Congratulations once again to all those involved. Well done PTA, another superb fundraiser!

ECCS Sport

Our talented sports people continue to be noticed for their skills at our local inter-school events. In the past week we have had our under 55kg rugby boys selected to represent East Counties at the Auckland Schools event, three students were chosen to represent ECCS in Hockey and yesterday four of our Netball girls have been selected to do the same. We wish you all the best of luck and congratulate you on your achievements.

Enrolments

The BOT has reviewed our roll and decided to open up a limited number of places in years 0,1,2,3,4,and 7 for 2016. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol, please ask them to contact the school office.

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds Principal@karaka.school.nz

Intermediate Information Evening

On 26th July we are inviting parents of our senior students (years 5-8) to an evening dedicated to discussing the transition to Intermediate - year 7 & 8. Karaka is a full primary meaning that we offer a traditional primary and an Intermediate education. We appreciate that decisions about your children's future schooling can be complex at times and we wish to provide you with an opportunity to gather the information you require in order to make an informed decision. We believe that the Intermediate education we provide to our students is high quality, exciting and prepares our students for a successful transition to high school - come along to find out why!

More details will follow. In the meantime, mark the date in your calendar - we look forward to seeing you there!

Friday 1st July Roll Return Day

If your child is absent on this day, can the office be provided with a written note. This happens twice a year and is a Ministry requirement.

Thanks.

Photolife

Last week shoot Keys were given out to the children.

Online ordering must be done by 8.00am Monday 18th July to receive free delivery. If you do not have access to the Internet please call into the office to pick up an envelope (they accept cash, credit cards or cheque payments—cheques made payable to PhotoLife).

Reminder Junior Discovery next week Wednesday 1.30-2.30. Parent help appreciated.

Absentees

Thank you to all those who email and/or tell the teachers that their child is going to be away. We also ask that you also copy in the office (admin@karaka.school.nz) to your emails or verbally let us know too. Thanks very much.

AIMs Games Fundraising

An opportunity has presented itself for another fundraising opportunity to support our 32 AIMs Academy students to get to the tournament in Tauranga in September. Attached to this newsletter is an order form for cleaning products through Waiwhetu Distributors. 30% of all sales will be donated back to the school. Simply complete the form and return to the school office with cash or cheque payment only. The AIMs Academy students appreciate your support!

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Next week we have an outside expert teacher coming into Karaka School to facilitate STEM with the Intermediate students.

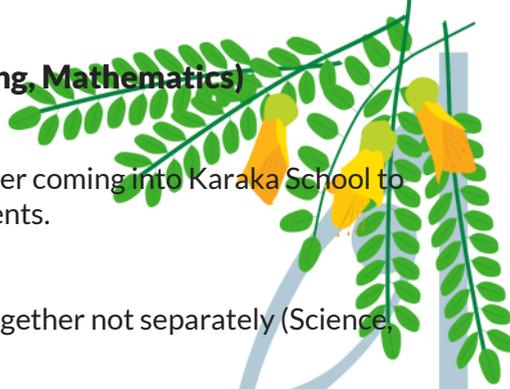
What is STEM?

- Focuses on teaching these disciplines together not separately (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- Uses real world problem based learning to connect the STEM subjects together
- Is based around the 5 E's:
 - Engagement
 - Exploration
 - Explanation
 - Extension
 - Evaluation
 - Units involve hands on activities

Includes NCEA style assessment aspects

Term 3 STEM focus will be on Marine Ecology (Save the Penguins). Some of the key activities over the week are:

- Understanding Ecology and what it is
- Anatomy of a Penguin
- Conduction, convection and radiation of heat experiment
- Bird and fish gills dissections
- Writing up scientific experiments
- Design, build and test a thermally efficient house



Inter-Zone Rugby Day

The ECCS Under 55kg team qualified for the Inter-Zone Rugby Tournament against 8 other zones across the Auckland area. From Karaka we had: Taine S, Cody J, James S, George H and Dylan M all competing for this team. Josh P and Watson T who were also part of this team weren't available to play at this tournament on the day.

The boys all played with pride and determination to compete to the high level required.

We came out of our pool with 2 wins and 1 draw, then lost in the semis by one try and then in the last game for 3rd and 4th ECCS lost by one try. Coming 4th place doesn't reflect how well they played together and the support they had for one another.

Well done boys! You did Karaka School, ECCS and Counties proud.



Karaka School Hockey Team

On Friday the 24th of June our Karaka School team competed in the ECCS hockey fun day held at Lloyd Elsmore Park. We came away from the day winning 2 out of our 5 games.

The team had lots of fun and continued to improve throughout the day with a team we lost to 4-1 earlier in the day to our Karaka School team winning 5-1 against the same team in our last game.

A big congratulations goes to the following students: Serena R, Monty S and Brydon G who made it into the ECCS hockey team. We wish them all the best at their tournaments next week. Thank you to the parents who provided transport.

Karaka School Netball Team

Yesterday we had four girls go to the ECCS Netball trials at Drury School. They all played exceptionally well. Congratulations to Bridget N who made the Year 7A team and to Olivia B, Jaime S and Leah T who made the Year 7B team. All four girls will be playing at the Counties Netball Tournament on Tuesday 9th August. We wish them good luck for this tournament. Thank you to Mrs Thorby for supervising and transporting the girls.



A message from our Community Leaders Group

The Community Leaders would like to raise your awareness of a new initiative that we think is a really worthy cause. It is called Eat my Lunch.

Eat My Lunch was started to make it easy for Kiwis to help other Kiwis. With the help of award-winning chef Michael Meredith, it is hoped that this will alleviate a nationwide issue by creating a change through something as routine as eating lunch. Buy one lunch for yourself, and another one will be sent to a child right here in New Zealand who can't afford their own. Everyday you have the choice to make a difference. You're also guaranteed a healthy fresh lunch!

Buy one. Give one.

We would like to challenge you to help those children who are less fortunate by purchasing a lunch once per week during term 3 from Eat my Lunch. We encourage you to spread the message too and challenge your work colleagues to do the same!

To find out more visit... <https://www.eatmylunch.nz/>

HOUSE T-SHIRTS

Many parents have asked for a second order request. If you wish to order a house shirt, please go to the office to pick up an order form. Return your form and money to the office by the end of week 2, Term 3 - Friday 5 August.

AG DAY



- The Ag Day committee have requested that all 2015 Ag Day trophies be returned as soon as possible. They are wanting to check them all to see if repairs or replacements need to be done.
- 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, chickens and ducks do not have any set dates to be born by; however they must be this seasons.
- An Ag Day Information booklet is being prepared at present. This will be sent out next week.



Reminder Dates

01 July	William Pike White Water Rafting
01 July	Roll Return Day—notes required if absent
06 July	Junior Discovery
08 July	Assembly
08 July	Term 2 Ends
25 July	Term 3 Starts
25 July	BOT Meeting 6.30pm Staffroom
26 July	Intermediate Information evening 6.30pm in the Hall

Community Notices

Desperately seeking help getting **Karaka School Year 7 student** to and from school from home in Pukekohe next term for approximately 5 weeks while I'm unable to drive after surgery from the 1st of August. Currently booked into after school care so pickup could be from when school finishes or later in the afternoon. If you're able to assist, please contact Rebecca on 2387138 or 021 105 8564.

The Flash Bang Science Club are running children's science holiday workshops in the following areas: Ponsonby, Manukau, Pakuranga, Papakura, Pukekohe and Beachlands. We will also be running term time classes in Pukekohe and Waiuku for term 3. For more details please see: www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz, email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or phone 0297 712 923

Ophan Lambs for Sale—Available now, colostrum fed, 4-7 days old, mixed sex, Coopworth and Suffolk X, docked and vaccinated, pick up Bombay, \$60.00. Phone Lynne 0923 33166

Mountfort Park Water Polo School Holiday Intensive—Enquiries Sheryl at treasurer@mountfortparkwaterpolo.nz or phone 021 519054

Would you like to learn trampoline skills from the experts? Icon Trampoline Club has spaces available in the Tuesday 4-5pm class for term 3. Contact Stuart by emailing icontrampoline@gmail.com

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